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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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Aligning Legislative, Spending Decisions with Climate Action Key to Recovering from COVID-19 Pandemic, Secretary-General Tells Speakers of Parliament

19 August 2020 SG/SM/20213

Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks at the opening of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) World Conference of Speakers of Parliament on the theme: "Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet", in New York:

[Editor's text bolding]

...First, of course, is the COVID-19 pandemic. We face an unprecedented disaster, from economic wreckage to an education deficit imperiling an entire generation, from the aggravation of humanitarian crises to the deepening of already troubling infringements of human rights. We have surpassed 21 million cases and 770,000 deaths — and the toll continues to grow and even accelerate in some places.

The United Nations family is working across many fronts to save lives, control transmission of the virus, ease the fallout and recover better. We have shipped personal protective equipment and other medical supplies to more than 130 countries. We continue to press for a global ceasefire and to fight the plague of misinformation.

Across the weeks, we have issued analysis and policy recommendations spanning the full range of affected countries, sectors, issues and populations. From the beginning, the United Nations has been calling for massive global support for the most vulnerable people and countries — a rescue package amounting to at least 10 per cent of the global economy. We are also supporting work to accelerate research and development for a people's vaccine, affordable and accessible to all.

As we address the emergency today, we must learn its many lessons for tomorrow. Even before the virus, our societies were on shaky footing, with rising inequalities, worsening degradation of the environment, shrinking civic space, inadequate public health and untenable social frictions rooted in governance failures and a lack of opportunities.

The pandemic has spotlighted these injustices in especially stark terms. It has also exposed the world's fragilities in general. And so, we cannot go back to what was, but rather must turn the recovery into a real opportunity to do things right for the future...

Nowhere will that be more important than in responding to the climate crisis. As bad as COVID-19 is, climate disruption has the potential to cause even greater damage and upheaval. Despite some

progress in raising awareness and forging coalitions, we continue to face two overarching realities: first, climate-related destruction continues to intensify. Second, climate ambition is still falling short of what science tells is necessary and what the Paris Agreement is meant to achieve.

Political leaders are rightly focused on responding to the pandemic. But, while COVID-19 has forced the postponement of the COP26 [twenty-sixth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change] until 2021, a climate emergency is already upon us. We must achieve net-zero emissions before 2050, and 45 per cent cuts by 2030.

As we strive to overcome one crisis, we have an opening to address another — and steer our world onto a more sustainable path. We have the policies, the technology and know-how. In that spirit, **I** am asking all countries to consider six climate positive actions as they rescue, rebuild and reset their economies.

First, we need to make our societies more resilient and ensure a just transition.

Second, we need green jobs and sustainable growth.

Third, bailouts of industry, aviation and shipping should be conditional on aligning with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Fourth, we need to stop wasting money on fossil fuel subsidies and the funding of coal. Coal should have no place in any rational recovery plan.

Fifth, we need to consider climate risk in all decision-making. This is more important than ever in the coming months as companies, investors and countries make far-reaching financial decisions about the future. Sixth, we need to work together. Quite simply, how the world recovers from COVID-19 is a "make-or-break moment" for the health of our planet.

The recovery must also get at the other sources of instability and drivers of discontent — including severe and systemic inequalities both within and between countries and communities. From racism and gender discrimination to income disparities, these deeply entrenched violations of human rights threaten our well-being and our future.

Moreover, inequality damages not just its immediate targets, but everyone, including its very perpetrators. It is a brake on human development. It is associated with economic instability, corruption, financial crises, increased crime and poor physical and mental health. And today, new dimensions of inequality are taking shape. For example, the digital divide threatens to exacerbate long-standing inequalities.

That is why I have been calling for a new social contract at the national level. This should feature a new generation of social protection policies and safety nets, including universal health coverage and the possibility of a universal basic income. Education and digital technology can be two great enablers and equalizers, by providing new skills and lifelong opportunities.

And at the international level, we need a new global deal to ensure that power, wealth and opportunities are shared more broadly and equitably. We need a fair globalization and a stronger voice for developing countries.

Parliamentarians have a central role to play in helping the world respond to the pandemic wake-up call. We need you to align your legislation and spending decisions with climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals.

As I said earlier this year in my Call to Action for Human Rights, we need you to protect civic space, which is under assault in many places. We need legislatures to push back against efforts to use the pandemic to repress people and restrict human rights. Human rights — including freedom of expression and assembly — are essential at any time, but especially important to ensure the free flow of information on the pandemic.

We look to parliaments to advance gender equality — in general and within your own ranks. Most parliaments remain overwhelmingly male. This must change — including through the use of special temporary measures. And we need you to show that multilateralism delivers real, added value. COVID-19 has highlighted both the life-saving importance of multilateralism and its many deficits in its current form.

How fast we emerge from this crisis will depend not only on the solidarity we show within our communities and our countries, but also on the degree to which Governments, scientists, businesses and of course parliaments can cooperate together across borders and continents.

This is the meaning of multilateralism. It is not an ideology; it is simply a methodology, the best one we have, to deal with truly global challenges. Today's challenges demand a networked multilateralism, in which the United Nations and its agencies, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, regional organizations, trade organizations and others work together more closely.

We also need an inclusive multilateralism. Governments and executive branches today are far from the only players. Civil society, the business community, local authorities, cities and regional governments are assuming more and more leadership roles in today's world. This, in turn, can help lead to an effective multilateralism with power and mechanisms to make global governance work where it is needed.

I am hopeful. In the space of just months, billions of people have had to change how they work, consume, move around and interact. Trillions of dollars have been mobilized to save lives and livelihoods. Ideas that were deemed impossible or impractical are suddenly on the table or in the pipeline. This shows what can be done in the face of an emergency and with a spirit of common cause. I attach the highest importance to our partnership.

This year, as we mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, we have been working closely with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and national parliaments to talk about our future — and I am very grateful for your efforts to bring the debate into your parliamentary halls and your constituencies.

I look forward to	continuing t	his global	conversation	with you	in the cr	ucial peri	od ahead,	and to
realizing our aspirations for the future we want and the United Nations we need.								

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Featured Journal Content

Conflict and Health

http://www.conflictandhealth.com/

[Accessed 22 Aug 2020]

<u>Systematic human rights violations, traumatic events, daily stressors and mental health of</u>
Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

Almost 900,000 Rohingya refugees currently reside in refugee camps in Southeastern Bangladesh. Prior to fleeing Myanmar, Rohingya experienced years of systematic human rights violations, in addition to other historical and more recent traumatic events such as the burning of their villages and murder of family members, friends and neighbors. Currently, many Rohingya struggle to meet basic needs in refugee camps in Bangladesh and face mental health-related concerns that appear linked to such challenges. The purpose of this study is to describe systematic human rights violations, traumatic events, daily stressors, and mental health symptoms and to examine relationships between these factors.

Authors: Andrew Riley, Yasmin Akther, Mohammed Noor, Rahmat Ali and Courtney Welton-Mitchell

Content type: Research

20 August 2020

Assessing the capacity for conflict and health research in Lebanon: a qualitative study

Conflicts pose new challenges for health systems, requiring rapid and practical approaches to meet emerging needs on the ground. Lebanon has been highly influenced by surrounding conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, especially the Syrian crisis. Strengthening research capacity to collect evidence on conflict in the MENA region and beyond is crucial to inform healthcare policy and practice. For targeted capacity strengthening interventions, the main objective of this paper is to present key findings of a needs assessment of conflict and health research in Lebanon. This will support recent efforts to scale up context-specific policies, interventions to strengthen the country's health system, and research capacity.

Authors: Nassim El Achi, Gladys Honein-Abouhaidar, Anthony Rizk, Elsa Kobeissi, Andreas Papamichail, Kristen Meagher, Abdulkarim Ekzayez, Ghassan S. Abu-Sittah and Preeti Patel

Content type: Research

18 August 2020

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Beirut

<u>Lebanon Humanitarian Fund Gives \$8.5 Million to Support Communities Affected by Beirut Blast - OCHA</u>

20 August 2020

<u>Children affected by Beirut explosions in need of psychological support as 50 per cent show signs of trauma- UNICEF</u>

08/21/2020

<u>UN High Commissioner for Refugees affirms immediate support to 100,000 individuals affected by devastating Beirut blast and additional funding for COVID-19 response</u>

21 Aug 2020

IOM Appeals to International Community to Fund Relief Efforts for Migrant Workers in Lebanon

2020-08-14 12:59

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is launching an appeal today (14/08) to raise urgent funds for its response to the emergency in Lebanon – triggered by the explosion last week at the Port of Beirut and further exacerbated by the ongoing economic and...

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COVID-19 – Children/Protection

<u>COVID-19 causes disruptions to child protection services in more than 100 countries, UNICEF survey finds</u>

[Editor's text bolding]

NEW YORK, 18 August 2020 – Violence prevention and response services have been severely disrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving children at increased risk of violence, exploitation and abuse, according to a global survey by UNICEF.

Of 136 countries that responded to UNICEF's Socio-economic Impact Survey of COVID-19 Response, 104 countries reported a disruption in services related to violence against children. Around two thirds of countries reported that at least one service had been severely affected, including South Africa, Malaysia, Nigeria and Pakistan. South Asia, and Eastern Europe and Central Asia have the highest proportion of countries reporting disruptions in the availability of services.

"We are just beginning to fully understand the damage done to children because of their increased exposure to violence during pandemic lockdowns," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. "Ongoing school closures and movement restrictions have left some children stuck at home with increasingly stressed abusers. The subsequent impact on protection services and social workers means children have nowhere to turn for help."

As countries adopted prevention and control measures to contain COVID-19, many vital violence prevention and response services were suspended or interrupted as a result. More than half of the countries reported disruptions in case management, referral services and home visits by child welfare and social workers to children and women at risk of abuse. Violence prevention programmes, children's access to child welfare authorities, and national helpline services have also been affected in many countries, according to the responses.

Even before the pandemic, children's exposure to violence was widespread, with about half of the world's children experiencing corporal punishment at home; roughly 3 in 4 children aged 2 to 4 years

regularly subjected to forms of violent discipline; and 1 in 3 adolescent girls aged 15 to 19 having been victimised by their intimate partner at some point in their lives...

In response, UNICEF is supporting governments and partner organisations to maintain and adapt critical prevention and response services for children affected by violence during COVID-19. For example, in Bangladesh, UNICEF has provided personal hygiene items including masks, hand sanitizers and eye protectors for social service workers to safely support children living on the streets, in slums, and in climate-affected and hard-to-reach areas, as well as recruiting and training additional social workers for the national Child Helpline 1098.

"Child protection systems were already struggling to prevent and respond to violence against children, and now a global pandemic has both made the problem worse and tied the hands of those meant to protect those at risk," added Fore. "Too many children rely on child protection systems to keep them safe. In times of crisis, governments must have immediate and long-term measures that protect children from violence, including designating and investing in social service workers as essential, strengthening child helplines and making positive parenting resources available."

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Editor's Note:

The most recent COVID-19 Situation Report posted is dated 16 August 2020. These daily reports seem to have been replaced with Weekly Epidemiological Updates, the first issue of which is dated 17 August 2020 as just below.

Weekly Epidemiological Update - 1

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) 17 August 2020

Confirmed cases :: 22 812 491 [week ago: 21 026 758] Confirmed deaths :: 795 132 [week ago: 755 786]

"There are two essential elements to addressing the pandemic effectively: leaders must step up to take action and citizens need to embrace new measures...My message is crystal clear: suppress, suppress, suppress the virus."

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros, at his regular media briefing on Monday, 10 August

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<u>WHO Emergencies Press Conference on coronavirus disease outbreak - 18 August 2020</u>

Streamed live on Aug 18, 2020 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWTnMdwUkDw

WHO Director Geeneral - Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

[Excerpts] [Editor's text bolding] ...00:09:24

Sharing finite supplies strategically and globally is actually in each country's national interest. No-one is safe until everyone is safe. No one country has access to research and development, manufacturing and all the supply chain for all essential medicines and materials and if we can work together we can ensure that all essential workers are protected and proven treatments like dexamethasone are available to those who need them.

With PPE and tests a collaboration between the public and private sectors meant supply was increased in order to support fair and equitable use of scarce products.

As new diagnostics, medicines and vaccines come through the pipeline it's critical that countries don't repeat the same mistakes. We need to prevent vaccine nationalism and for this reason WHO is working with governments and the private sector to both accelerate the science through the ACT accelerator and ensure that new innovations are available to everyone everywhere, starting with those at highest risk.

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Since May WHO has been in extensive consultations to develop a new framework to guide fair and equitable access to diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines for COVID-19 across all countries. These cross-cutting principles are key to the promotion of equitable access and fair allocation of these essential health products for the greatest impact globally.

For example once a successful vaccine has been identified WHO's strategic advisory group will provide recommendations for their [sic] appropriate and fair use. The allocation of vaccines is proposed to be rolled out in two phases. In phase one dose will be allocated proportionally to all participating countries simultaneously to reduce overall risk. In phase two consideration will be given to countries in relation to threat and vulnerability. Front-line workers in health and social care settings are prioritised as they are essential to treat and protect the population and come in close contact with high mortality-risk groups.

Initial data has shown that adults over 65 years old and those with certain comorbidities are at the highest risk of dying from COVID-19. For most countries a phase-one allocation that builds up to 20% of the population would cover most of the at-risk groups.

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If we don't protect these highest-risk people from the virus everywhere and at the same time we can't stabilise health systems and rebuild the global economy... This is what the first crucial phase of the vaccine allocation mechanism aims to do.

We are all so interconnected. As a small example vaccine developed in one country may need to be filled in vials with stoppers that are produced in another using materials for the high-grade glass that are only available from yet another country.

We will need to quickly manufacture billions of doses to reach all those who need the vaccine, which means hundreds of millions of glass vials and ways to transport them effectively. All this means elite planning at the highest level is needed right now to prepare to vaccinate and treat the world as new technologies come down the pipeline.

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As we accelerate the science solidarity is needed to provide a joint solution to the pandemic. **The COVAX global vaccines facility is the critical mechanism for joint procurement and pooling risk across multiple vaccines, which is why today I sent a letter to every member state encouraging them to join the COVAX facility.**

Like an orchestra we need all instruments to be played in harmony to create music that everyone enjoys. One or two instruments playing by themselves just wouldn't suffice when the world is waiting and listening intently.

We will work to bring the band together, to promote science, solutions and solidarity because we believe to our core that we do it best when we do it together. I thank you...

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POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 19 August 2020

- :: A cVDPV1 outbreak has been detected in Yemen. WHO and UNICEF are supporting local health authorities to plan and launch an effective outbreak response to limit virus spread.
- :: Next week the African Regional Certification Committee is anticipated to announce that the African Region has met the required standard to be certified as wild polio free. To mark the occasion, a live stream to the virtual ceremony will be publicly accessible via WHO channels and a dedicated website.
- :: The <u>18th report of the Independent Monitoring Board</u> has been published on the GPEI website. The report presents an analysis of the current status of eradication efforts and makes recommendations to help accelerate progress toward interruption of wild poliovirus and the absence of all circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPVs). The GPEI welcomes the IMB's recommendations, scrutiny and shared commitment to polio eradication, and will continue to work closely with the IMB, polio-affected countries and partners to optimize the polio. [See excerpts below]
- :: Dr Ana Elena Chevez has dedicated over twenty years of her life to protecting children from vaccine preventable diseases. In the <u>latest story</u> in our '<u>Women Leaders</u>' series, she shares advice for the next generation of women leaders.

Summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and environmental samples):

- **:: Afghanistan:** three WPV1 cases, one WPV1 positive environmental sample and five cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- **:: Pakistan:** two WPV1 cases, two WPV1 positive environmental samples and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- **:: Cote d'Ivoire:** four cVDPV2 cases
- :: Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case
- :: Somalia: two cVDPV2 cases and four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: Sudan: two cVDPV2 cases

:: Yemen: 15 cVDPV1 cases

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18th report of the Independent Monitoring Board

THE NEW NORMAL. FINDING THE PATH BACK TO ERADICATION IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS
July 2020 :: 60 pages

CONCLUSIONS. [excerpts] [Editor's text bolding]

It remains deeply inspiring to have a global vision of a world free of polio. It is a noble cause. It is important to many dedicated individuals currently working in the Polio Programme, and to others who have given a major part of their professional careers to the endeavour. It is a solemn reminder of front-line workers who lost their lives, and those who still do, to blind hatred for their personification of a humanitarian ideal. Ultimately, it will be a public good for all people of the world.

That vision currently seems a distant pinpoint of light. The Polio Programme is in dire straits. With a worsening epidemiological position, during 2019, for both wild and vaccine-derived poliovirus cases, the world was hit by a devastating pandemic of coronavirus. A yawning funding gap is opening up.

The Polio Programme stands in the middle of 2020 confronted by twin challenges that stand in the way of eradication. The first is the challenge of facing up to the real reasons that it went off track in 2019 into a jaw-dropping slump of performance at a time that the "almost there" narrative was believed by too many people. The phrase now being used to encourage everyone is: "The last mile is always the most difficult". The Polio Programme is too forgiving of itself.

The second is the challenge of making the right choice of paths, emerging from the coronavirus crisis. An oft-repeated phrase at the IMB meeting was that the COVID-19 pandemic has a "silver lining" for the polio eradication programme. What that meant to those at the meeting who referred to it, or what it should mean for everyone involved in the future delivery is less clear.

What is overwhelmingly clear, though, for the Polio Programme at country level, at regional level, and at global level is that to "keep calm and carry on" through this complex situation would be inexcusable.

The criticality of developments over the next several months for polio eradication cannot be overstated. The opportunity of COVID-19 to finally determine innovative and integrated delivery strategies provides a lifeline for polio eradication. The risk of a Polio Programme going back into the field tired and half-hearted about needing new ideas could be the death knell of the programme. The GPEI Strategy Committee, in particular, needs to understand the gravity of the times and treat them as such..

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Ebola - DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

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WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19

21 August 2020

...I would like to begin today's briefing with an update on the Ebola outbreak in the Equateur province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The outbreak continues to increase and to spread geographically. **Yesterday, the 100th case was reported, with 43 deaths in 11 health zones across the province.**

There is currently a delay of about 5 days from the onset of symptoms to when an alert about a suspected case is raised.

This is concerning, because the longer a patient goes without treatment, the lower their chances of survival, and the longer the virus can spread unseen in communities.

The situation has been further complicated by a strike by health workers, which is affecting activities including vaccination and safe burials.

DRC has the best-trained workforce in the world for Ebola. This situation needs to be resolved as quickly as possible.

WHO and our partners are working intensively in communities to find cases and shorten the delay. We're also supporting the government of DRC to take a stronger role in the response, and to prepare areas that have not been affected so far.

There continues to be an urgent need for increased human resources and logistics capacity to support an effective response across an ever-expanding geographical area, and to help health officials identify cases earlier.

The government of DRC has developed a plan that needs about US\$40 million. We urge partners to support this plan...

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 22 Aug 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo - No new digest announcements identified

Mozambique floods - No new digest announcements identified

Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified

Somalia - No new digest announcements identified

South Sudan - No new digest announcements identified

Syrian Arab Republic - No new digest announcements identified

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 22 Aug 2020]

Iraa

:: WHO concludes COVID-19 awareness-raising campaign in the south 19 August 2020

<u>Afghanistan</u> - No new digest announcements identified <u>Angola</u> - 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

<u>Iran floods 2019</u> - 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

HIV in Pakistan - No new digest announcements identified

Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - No new digest announcements identified

Sudan - No new digest announcements identified

Ukraine - No new digest announcements identified

Zimbabwe - No new digest announcements identified

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 22 Aug 2020]

Chad - No new digest announcements identified

<u>Djibouti</u> – Page not responding at inquiry

Kenya - No new digest announcements identified

Mali - No new digest announcements identified

Namibia - viral hepatitis - No new digest announcements identified

Tanzania - No new digest announcements identified

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

- :: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria Situation Report No. 19 As of 21 August 2020
- :: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Response Update No. 09 21 August 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.

COVID-19 - 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 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

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SG/SM/20216

<u>As Enforced Disappearances Remain Unchecked, Secretary-General Calls on States to Ratify International Convention as Crucial First Step for Ending Crime, in Observance Message</u>

19 August 2020 SG/SM/20213

Aligning Legislative, Spending Decisions with Climate Action Key to Recovering from COVID-19 Pandemic, Secretary-General Tells Speakers of Parliament

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19 August 2020 SG/SM/20212

<u>Secretary-General Hails 'Unsung Heroes' Risking Their Lives to Help Others during COVID-19 Pandemic, in World Humanitarian Day Message</u>

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 22 Aug 2020] http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true

Top News

Press briefing notes on Philippines

21 August 2020

We are saddened and appalled by the ongoing violence and threats against human rights defenders in the Philippines, including the killing of two human rights defenders over the past two weeks.

We welcome the statement from the Presidential Palace denouncing "any form of violence perpetuated against citizens, including activists" and note that investigations into both cases are underway...

Press briefing notes on Belarus

<u>Libya: Bachelet appoints Independent Fact-Finding Mission experts</u>

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

<u>Libya: Bachelet appoints Independent Fact-Finding Mission experts</u> 19/08/2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

General Comment on children's rights in relation to the digital environment

The Committee on the Rights of the Child is currently drafting a general comment on children's rights in relation to the digital environment.

In March 2019, the Committee invited all interested parties to comment on the concept note of the general comment. Submissions on the concept note can be found here.

The Committee now invites all interested stakeholders to comment on its draft general comment. After due consideration of inputs provided, the Committee will decide on the contents of the final version of the general comment.

The deadline for submissions is 15 November 2020. No submissions received after this deadline will be considered or posted on the webpage.

The current version of the draft general comment can be found <u>here</u>.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

<u>Full, Safe & Unhindered Humanitarian Access Must be Safeguarded to Ensure Protection of Conflict-Affected Children</u>

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

"Full, safe and unhindered access for the timely delivery of humanitarian assistance is fundamental for the protection of boys and girls in armed conflict and even more so as this year's *World Humanitarian Day* is being marked against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic," said the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Virginia Gamba...

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

18 August, 2020

13th Virtual Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament Inter-Parliamentary Union; Remarks by Ms. Pramila Patten, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 22 Aug 2020]

 $\underline{\text{https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextremepovertyindex.aspx}}$

Latest News

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Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx Latest News

<u>Chile must prioritise water and health rights over economic interests, says UN expert</u> 20 August 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 22 Aug 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 22 Aug 2020]

 $\underline{\text{https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx}}$

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.unocha.org/

Selected Press Releases

20 August 2020

<u>Lebanon Humanitarian Fund Gives \$8.5 Million to Support Communities Affected by Beirut</u>
Blast

19 August 2020

<u>World Humanitarian Day: A day to recognise the dedication of humanitarian workers in Venezuela</u>

19 August 2020

<u>Federal Government of Somalia and UN call for the protection of aid workers in</u> commemoration of World Humanitarian Day [EN/SO]

19 August 2020

World Humanitarian Day 2020: A tribute to aid workers on the front lines [EN/AR]

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://centre.humdata.org/

Impact Story

Anticipatory action in Bangladesh before peak monsoon flooding

By Centre Team [undated]

Partners:

CERF, FAO, UNFPA, WFP

Summary:

Humanitarian response usually takes place after the impact of a crisis is visible. But in July 2020, with monsoon rains descending on Bangladesh, the Centre supported OCHA and partner organizations to act before disaster hit. Our predictive analytics team worked with colleagues from OCHA's Humanitarian Financing Strategy and Analysis Unit (HFSAU), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) to develop and validate triggers to release funds for those likely to be worst affected by the floods.

UNICEF [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases Selected Press releases/Announcements News note 08/21/2020

<u>Children affected by Beirut explosions in need of psychological support as 50 per cent show signs of trauma</u>

This is a summary of what was said by Marixie Mercado, UNICEF spokesperson in Geneva – to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Press release 08/17/2020

<u>COVID-19 causes disruptions to child protection services in more than 100 countries, UNICEF survey finds</u>

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 22 Aug 2020] http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html
Selected Announcements

UN High Commissioner for Refugees affirms immediate support to 100,000 individuals affected by devastating Beirut blast and additional funding for COVID-19 response 21 Aug 2020

UNHCR: Rohingya crisis needs lasting solutions

21 Aug 2020

300,000 people lose homes, incomes, food supplies and belongings due to catastrophic flooding in Yemen

21 Aug 2020

IOM, UNHCR call for urgent action after 45 die in largest recorded shipwreck off Libya coast in 2020

19 Aug 2020

Mounting violence forces one million to flee homes in Burkina Faso

18 Aug 2020

UN High Commissioner for Refugees visits Lebanon, as UNHCR ramps up support to Lebanese and refugees alike

18 Aug 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

<u>First IOM Libya Voluntary Return Charter in Five Months Assists Over 100 Ghanaian</u> Migrants

2020-08-21 13:00

Tripoli – One hundred and eighteen Ghanaian migrants stranded in Libya due to COVID-19 restrictions boarded a flight home yesterday, IOM's first Voluntary Humanitarian Return Programme movement since a temporary hold began five months ago.

<u>IOM Survey Illuminates COVID-19's Impact on Migrant Population in Central America,</u> Mexico

2020-08-21 12:59

San José – Almost 60 per cent of those intending to migrate decided to postpone or cancel their plans due to the pandemic. Over 20 per cent of those already living as migrants are considering returning to their country of origin as soon as their economic conditions or the health...

IOM, UNHCR Call for Urgent Action after 45 Die in Largest Recorded Shipwreck off Libya Coast in 2020

2020-08-19 19:42

Geneva— The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, are deeply saddened by the tragic deaths of at least 45 migrants and refugees on 17 August, in the largest recorded shipwreck off the Libyan coast this year.

IOM Appeals to International Community to Fund Relief Efforts for Migrant Workers in Lebanon

2020-08-14 12:59

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is launching an appeal today (14/08) to raise urgent funds for its response to the emergency in Lebanon – triggered by the explosion last week at the Port of Beirut and further exacerbated by the ongoing economic and...

UNAIDS [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.unaids.org/en

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

19 August 2020

On World Humanitarian Day, UNAIDS celebrates the work of #RealLifeHeroes

WHO & Regional Offices [to 22 Aug 2020]

19 August 2020 News release

World Humanitarian Day 2020: A tribute to aid workers on the front lines

- :: Amid a global pandemic, unprecedented needs and growing insecurity, aid workers and health-care responders are staying and delivering to the world's most vulnerable people.
- :: Last year was the most violent on record for humanitarians, with 483 attacked, 125 killed, 234 wounded and 124 kidnapped. The UN condemns all attacks on humanitarians.
- :: OCHA and partners present the inspiring stories of humanitarian #RealLifeHeroes who are stepping up to meet the challenges.

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: Zambia's COVID-19 home-based care relieves health facilities 20 August 2020

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified

WHO European Region EURO

- :: WHO-trained young epidemiologists help fight COVID-19 in the Republic of Moldova 20-08-2020
- :: Risk of #COVID19 resurgence is never far away, but now we know how to target the virus instead of targeting society 20-08-2020
- :: Against the backdrop of a humanitarian crisis, COVID-19 responders carry out heroic work in northwest Syria 19-08-2020
- :: Tailoring health interventions: behavioural and cultural insights for health 19-08-2020
- :: COVID-19 and conflict, a double battle for humanitarian workers 19-08-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Exceptional bravery of Beirut health care workers following blast 19 August 2020

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: <u>Virtual press conference on COVID-19 in the Western Pacific</u> Remarks by Dr Takeshi Kasai 18 August 2020

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2020/18/08/20

Required competences of Veterinary Services for international trade

Veterinary Services play a critical role in facilitating the international trade of animals and animal products by preventing the spread of diseases. In the current changing world, they face numerous challenges. To better identify and address them, the OIE Technical Item for 2020 provides an evaluation of current challenges and demonstrates how the OIE's diverse programmes are instrumental in building targeted capacities amongst national Veterinary Services.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest from News Centre

UNDP and FAO hold first virtual dialogue on youth digital innovation solutions for food and agriculture

The UNDP Global Centre in Singapore and FAO recently co-hosted the first virtual Digital Innovation Dialogue on Youth Digital Innovation Solutions for Food and Agriculture. Posted on August 19, 2020

In Afghanistan, COVID-19 demands warring sides unite against a common enemy, UNDP report says

The COVID-19 pandemic so gravely threatens already impoverished Afghanistan that warring factions should do "whatever it takes" to defuse conflict and transparently redirect resources to invest in... Posted on August 18, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/

Publications

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 22 Aug 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 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.unenvironment.org/

News

20 Aug 2020 Press release

UNEP and The Ocean Agency join forces with Adobe on new campaign for ocean protection

New York, 20 August 2020 – The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and The Ocean Agency, in collaboration with creativity partner Adobe, today launched Ocean League, a new campaign that showcases the power...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.undrr.org/

Statements and messages

18 August 2020

<u>Private sector experience in Japan: Supporting disaster preparedness for evacuations under COVID-19</u>

The shared trauma and experiences of disasters over the decades have helped shape Japan's unique disaster culture, where all segments of society contribute to disaster prevention and mitigation. The current COVID-19 pandemic has been no exception, and

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 22 Aug 2020] https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/

News

A collective and coordinated solution for older persons in Africa

21 August 2020, New York

As the saying goes according to a Congolese proverb, "a single bracelet does not jingle". To orchestrate the conversation on older persons and COVID-19, and to arrange efforts for their rights and protection, experts convened virtually on 20 August to create an effective plan of action to support older persons communities in Africa.

"More than ever, now is the time to make evidence-based decisions," said Amal Abou Rafeh, Chief of the Programme on Ageing Unit in UN DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development, as she addressed the event "United and Coordinated Africa for the Inclusion of Older Persons in COVID-19 Policy Response and Development Agendas."

While the number of older persons is increasing in Africa, more efforts are needed to protect and support them. Ms. Abou Rafeh expressed the hope that this event would help form alliances "to influence policymakers in the region, ensuring that issues of relevance to older Africans" are addressed...

Pandemic poses long-term threat to labour markets in developed economies 20 August 2020, New York

UNESCO [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://en.unesco.org/news

Latest News

The 1970 Convention at the center of the international virtual Conference on the Fight against Illicit Traffic in Cultural Property and its Restitution of ICESCO 28/07/2020

UNESCO with its heritage protection mandate and as a partner of the Islamic World Organization for Education, Science and Culture (ICESCO) participated in an international virtual conference on the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property and its restitution, organized by ICESCO on 28 July 2020.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

29/07/2020 -

The 2019 UNODC monitoring report shows an increase in coca cultivation in Bolivia

29/07/2020 -

Message UNODC Executive Director on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 30 July 2020

17/07/2020 -

Executive Director Statement on Nelson Mandela Day, 18 July 2020

15/07/2020 -

UNODC Study sheds light on hidden crime of firearms trafficking

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://unhabitat.org/

News and Stories

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Blog

Put gender equality at the heart of the post-COVID-19 economic recovery

20 August 2020

The pandemic is disproportionately affecting women workers. Governments should prioritize policies that offset the effects the COVID-19 crisis is having on their jobs.

Blog

C182: Time to get our hands dirty

19 August 2020

On World Humanitarian Day, the ILO's Francesco D'Ovidio looks back at his experiences working to end child labour, and some of the inspiring people he has met.

Blog

On Mexico's farms, COVID-19 highlights need for fair recruitment

17 August 2020

Farmers and workers on the Mexico-Guatemala border have long relied on informal cross-border migrant labour, although these practices open the way to exploitation and abuse, and in the era of COVID-19, increase health and safety risks. Now, an ILO project is working with local organizations to promote fairer and safer recruitment practices.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.icao.int/

Latest News and Highlights

<u>Implementation of ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce recommendations supported by new ACI and IATA initiatives</u>

17/8/20

...Developed in cooperation with the WHO, the CART recommendations provide wide-ranging recommendations to States and industry stakeholders and are underpinning the coordinated and safe re-opening of commercial air services. The implementation of "Public Health Corridors" (PHC) is particularly salient among these. The PHC concept calls for the implementation of measures to ensure as far as possible the "COVID-19 free" status of crew, aircraft, airport facilities, and passengers...

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

2021 World Maritime theme – "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future"

21/08/2020 World Maritime theme for 2021 reflects a clear need to raise awareness of seafarers' vital role in world trade and increase their visibility.

IMO helping to mitigate the impacts of MV Wakashio oil spill in Mauritius

17/08/2020 IMO continues to support international efforts to respond to the oil spill in Mauritius, following the break up of the MV Wakashio.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.upu.int/en/News-Media/Press/Press-Releases

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 20 August 2020

Swimming between the flags

In our globetrotting society, beach safety signs and flags need to be understood in a language that everyone can speak. Internationally agreed illustrations and protocols are key, and the International Standard for that has just been updated.

<u>ISO 20712-3:2020</u>, Water safety signs and beach safety flags – Part 3: Guidance for use, assists with the selection and use of water safety signs outlined in <u>ISO 7010</u>, Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs, and beach safety flags as specified in <u>ISO 20712-2</u>, Water safety signs and beach safety flags – Part 2: Specifications for beach safety flags – Colour, shape, meaning and performance.

By Clare Naden on 19 August 2020

Thrills without the spills in adventure tourism

Adventure is the spice of life and, when it comes to tourism, it can make for a memorable, rewarding experience. But it is not without its risks, so minimizing those risks is at the heart of several specific ISO standards. The latest one for leaders has just been updated to ensure you are in safe hands ...

ISO 21102, Adventure tourism – Leaders – Personnel competence, details the requirements and recommendations for the necessary competencies of adventure tourism leaders...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.unwto.org/news

News

All Regions Statements, COVID-19

No Time for Timid Leadership - The Safe Restart of Tourism is Possible

18 Aug 2020 UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.cbd.int/

Announcements

24.08.2020 // 2020-064 Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols

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USAID [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

World Humanitarian Day 2020 Foreign Press Center Briefing

August 19, 2020

Seventeen years ago today, 22 humanitarians died in a bombing in Baghdad. World Humanitarian Day commemorates their sacrifice and recognizes the courage of all humanitarians who risk their lives every day to help others. Unfortunately, attacks on humanitarians have only increased since last – since then. Last year was the most violent year on record with at least 483 aid workers that were killed, injured, or kidnapped. And in the last month alone, humanitarian staff working with USAID partners in Niger, South Sudan, Cameroon, and Nigeria lost their lives while helping people in need.

Statement by USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa on the Second Review of the Implementation of the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy

August 18, 2020

Today, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) joined the U.S. Departments of State, Defense, and Health and Human Services to release the second Review of the Implementation of the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance (PLGHA) Policy. The Policy aims to ensure that U.S. taxpayer funding does not support foreign non-governmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.

DFID [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

Second team of UK medics sent to support hospitals in blast-hit Beirut

The team will help tackle the coronavirus outbreak in Lebanon, which has been made significantly more challenging by the explosion.

Updated: 21 August 2020

British experts help Mauritius protect coral reefs from oil spill

UK sends British ecology and marine experts at the request of the Mauritian government.

Updated: 20 August 2020

UK helps reduce more than 30 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions globally

31 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions were reduced globally in the last nine years as a result of UK intervention according to new climate finance data.

Updated: 19 August 2020

ECHO [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

<u>Statement by the High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell and Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič on World Humanitarian Day 2020</u>

18/08/2020

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African Union [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.au.int/

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

Africa Urged to Avoid Prevention Fatigue as Countries Begin to Ease Lockdowns

August 22, 2020

The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AfricaCDC has urged the continent to avoid coronavirus "prevention fatigue".

At a media conference on Thursday 20th August, Director of the AfricaCDC, Dr John Nkengasong noted "a slight decrease" in infection rates on the continent, and said this "gives some signs of hope that we are beginning to bend the curve slowly".

He however cautioned the continent to maintain and increase the use of masks, social distancing, and to ramp up testing, even as countries begin to ease lockdown measures. "We do not want the population to show prevention fatigue", he said, adding that "We are dealing with a delicate virus" that can easily flare up again very quickly, as has been witnessed in other parts of the world...

Saving lives, economies and livelihoods campaign launches in Africa

August 21, 2020

COVID-19 threatens to reverse progress in birth registrations

August 17, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest

Press release 22 August 2020

Coronavirus Global Response: EU Humanitarian Air Bridge supports Venezuela

Statement21 August 2020

<u>Statement by Vice-President Jourová and Commissioner Reynders on the Europe-Wide Day</u> of Remembrance for the victims of all totalitarian and authoritarian regimes

OECD [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.oecd.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

OAS and the Government of the United Kingdom Present Report on the Maturity of Cybersecurity in Brazil

August 21, 2020

<u>United Arab Emirates (UAE) Donates Personal Protection Equipment to the OAS</u>

August 17, 2020

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC Secretary General: "Organization for Women Development starts its activity following Statute ratification by 15 States"

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, announced that the ratification quorum of the Statute of the Organization for Women Development in the OIC Member States has been attained following the ratification by the Republic of Cameroon, the fifteenth (15th) State to ratify the Statute. The Secretary General said that, with the ratification by the Republic of Cameroon, the Statute enters into force, in accordance with Article 12 of the same Statute. This paves the way for this nascent specialized organization to start its activity and play a central role in promoting the OIC's role in empowering women and advancing their status by implementing programmes to provide care, training and education to women in OIC Member States, as equal partners to men, thus contributing to the progress and prosperity of the Islamic Ummah.... 18/08/2020

The OIC provides assistance for educational and social projects in Yemen

Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has approved aid for educational and social projects in the Republic of Yemen through the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), one of the OIC's subsidiary organs.... 15/08/2020

Group of 77 [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.g77.org/

Latest Statements and Speeches No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://unctad.org/en/Pages/AllPressRelease.aspx
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No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.wcoomd.org/ Latest News

18 August 2020

WCO Congratulates the African Union and the Government of Ghana for the Official Commissioning and Handover of the AfCFTA Secretariat

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

Goods barometer confirms steep drop in trade but hints at nascent recovery

19 August 2020

World merchandise trade likely registered a historic fall in the second quarter of 2020, according to the latest reading of the WTO's Goods Trade Barometer, a real-time gauge of trends in global trade. Additional indicators point to partial upticks in world trade and output in the third quarter, but the strength of any such recovery remains highly uncertain: an L-shaped, rather than V-shaped, trajectory cannot be ruled out.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press releases 20/08/2020

Speakers of parliament join forces to tackle health, economic and climate crises

Over 115 of the world's top legislators took part in the virtual <u>Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament</u> on 19 and 20 August 2020, under the overall theme of Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet...

International Court of Justice [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases
Latest Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 22 Aug 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity https://www.icc-cpi.int/

News

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

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<u>Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative Invests In Over 15,000 Women-Led Businesses</u> Amidst COVID-19 Crisis

WASHINGTON, August 20, 2020—The Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi) announced today its third funding allocation comprising \$49.3 Million - expected to benefit over 15,000 women-led businesses and mobilize about \$350 million of additional public and private sector resources. We-Fi's latest round of allocations addresses the needs of women entrepreneurs created by the COVID-19 crisis, and encourages innovation and digital development, partnership development and the use of results-based mechanisms to facilitate greater access to financing for women entrepreneurs. Date: August 20, 2020 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.imf.org/en/News/Search?type=News+Article News, Announcements No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.afdb.org/en

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Asian Development Bank [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

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ADB Supports Philippines' Financial Inclusion Reforms with \$300 Million Loan

ADB has approved a \$300 million policy-based loan to support the Philippine government's efforts to boost inclusive growth by implementing reforms to expand Filipinos' access to financial services, especially in unserved...

15 Aug 2020

ADB President, ICRC President Discuss Collaboration in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States

ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa and ICRC President Peter Maurer discussed areas of potential collaboration given the increasing overlap of development issues with the humanitarian and peace issues.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

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News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

20 AUG

A call for proposals to support post-COVID-19 food security and resilience through South-South and Triangular Cooperation to be launched on 28 August

17 AUG

Mobile phones to help 1.7 million small-scale farmers increase production during COVID-19 economic slowdown

Languages: Arabic, English, French, Spanish

Islamic Development Bank [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.isdb.org/

News

<u>UNDP, UNOPS, UNICEF, Islamic Development Bank and the Government of Cameroon join</u> forces to fight the COVID-19 pandemic

13 August 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 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org

Communiqués de presse

#NotaTarget

NOT A TARGET: STOP AUX CRIMES CONTRE LES HUMANITAIRES

Posté le 21 août 2020

Suite à LA JOURNÉE MONDIALE DE L'AIDE HUMANITAIRE, JOURNÉE D'HOMMAGE AUX TRAVAILLEURS HUMANITAIRES QUI RISQUENT LEUR VIE SUR LE TERRAIN, POUR AIDER CEUX DANS LE BESOIN, IL EST PLUS QUE JAMAIS NÉCESSAIRE D'ALERTER SUR L'AUGMENTATION DES ATTAQUES CONTRE LES HUMANITAIRES.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.alima-ngo.org/en/press-room PRESS RELEASES No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/ Selected Press Releases No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://aravind.org/ Aravind News No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 22 Aug 2020]
http://www.brac.net/#news
Latest
No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html
News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.drc.dk/news

NEWS

World must urgently assist Lebanon to avert a further deepening of the humanitarian crisis

Lebanon, a country already on the verge of collapse, now finds itself at the epicenter of yet another crisis following a massive explosion that flattened large parts of the capital. 18.08.20

ECPAT [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.ecpat.net/news

News from ECPAT

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.fountainhouse.org/

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://hi.org/en/index

All news

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.heifer.org/

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

LRA war victims beat odds to succeed in dairy farming

Tuesday August 18 2020

Background. Despite the presence of vast land, water and abundant quality grasses to facilitate livestock breeding, northern Uganda still ranks as the least producer of beef and milk in the country with 14 per cent of the total production MSC has registered success in orienting farmers to take up farming as a business.

HelpAge International [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Libya: COVID-19 and conflict collide, deepening humanitarian crisis

In war and conflict-afflicted Libya, half a million people need health care as COVID-19 and economic collapse plunge civilians deeper into chaos.

20-08-2020 | News release

Jerusalem: ICRC donates protective equipment to tackle second wave of COVID-19

The ICRC made a donation of personal protective equipment to the Palestinian Ministry of Health to help tackle a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

19-08-2020 | News release

<u>South Sudan operational update: Violence, floods leave thousands homeless and at-risk of</u> malnutrition and disease

Here's how the ICRC and the South Sudan Red Cross are helping people displaced by recent armed violence and floods in Jonglei State, in South Sudan.

18-08-2020 | News release

ICRC: 600 violent incidents recorded against health care providers, patients due to COVID-19

The ICRC recorded more than 600 incidents of violence, harassment or stigmatization against health care workers and patients in relation to COVID-19.

18-08-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

World Humanitarian Day: One million masks produced by Syrian and Turkish volunteers, uniting forces against COVID-19

Ankara, Turkey (19 August 2020): Syrian refugees and Turkish people are coming together to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic in Turkey and around the world. Since the pandemic began, over 120 volunteers and community members across Turkey have mobilize ...
19 August 2020

Asia Pacific, Indonesia, Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste COVID-19 threats: Red Cross prioritizes border areas

Dili, Timor-Leste, August 17, 2020 – Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL) is urgently ramping up COVID-19 prevention in remote areas bordering Indonesia as the country's containment success is threatened after its first new case has been reported in more than ...

17 August 2020

Lebanon

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Video

<u>Update from Beirut – August 21, 2020</u>

August 21, 2020

In partnership with the European Union, through its EU Regional Trust Fund "Madad Fund," International Medical Corps is offering critical health and mental health services to the victims of the explosion.

Story

Community Health Workers Help Protect Cameroonians from COVID-19

August 20, 2020

My name is Misra Hariratou. I am a 24-year-old Cameroonian. In April 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic unfolding, I was recruited by International Medical Corps to serve as a community health worker in Timangolo, Cameroon. Since then, I have been working to raise awareness of the virus and change community behavior to help prevent spread ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Media highlights

Perspective

NGOs call on USAID to end suspension of humanitarian aid to north Yemen

August 20, 2020

Press Release

NE Syria: 60% increase in COVID-19 cases in past week, IRC calls for increased health capacity

August 17, 2020

Press Release

<u>COVID-19 makes Yemen's hunger and economic nightmare worse each day; the IRC calls repeatedly for an end to the war</u>

August 17, 2020

IRCT [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://irct.org/ Latest News

News 19 Aug 2020

Belarus: Released detainees tell stories of beatings and torture

News 17 Aug 2020

We continue to monitor torture and violence against people of color

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

Global

Islamic Relief acts swiftly and creates new board

Published: 20 August, 2020

The board of Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) have acted swiftly and decisively in the light of historic social media posts by a trustee that were offensive and unacceptable, and in no way reflect the views and core values of the organisation.

A number of posts made in 2014 and 2015 on the personal Facebook account of Dr Almoutaz Tayara contravene the values of IRW, and Dr Tayara will play no further part in the governance of IRW.

Dr Tayara, a trustee of both Islamic Relief Worldwide and its independent affiliate Islamic Relief Germany, accepts that the posts were inappropriate and unacceptable and has said he is "deeply ashamed" of his comments. He apologised to IR Germany for his posts in 2017 when they first came to light in Germany. At that time he withdrew the posts and shut his Facebook account. IR Germany accepted his apology and instituted a new Code of Conduct.

IRW first became aware of the posts on 17 August 2020. As a result, the entire board will not stand for re-election, and will be replaced by a new board. Dr Tayara is also stepping down from the board of the International Wagf Fund – IRW's specialist subsidiary for charitable investments.

An entirely new IRW board is being elected by a new International General Assembly that is meeting for the first time on 22 August under far-reaching governance reforms...

What it's like to be a humanitarian worker on the Covid-19 frontline in Pakistan

Published: 19 August, 2020

World Humanitarian Day: Celebrating our frontline heroes amid the Covid-19 pandemic

Published: 19 August, 2020

Landsea [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/ No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/ News

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

August 20, 2020

NGOs Call on USAID to Cease Suspension of Aid to Yemen

August 17, 2020

Mercy Corps Names Tjada D'Oyen McKenna Chief Executive Officer

McKenna brings proven leadership in humanitarian relief and international development

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.msf.org/

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Greece

MSF statement on violent 20 August protest in Moria

Statement 21 Aug 2020

South Sudan

A forgotten crisis continues

Project Update 20 Aug 2020

The Jonglei and Greater Pibor administrative areas of South Sudan have seen repeated cycles of bitter inter-communal fighting – some lasting for months at a time – throughout 2020. The latest

escalation, from June to mid August saw thousands of people displaced. Many continue to live in the bush without healthcare, food, shelter or water and sanitation.

Spain

MSF calls for urgent measures in care homes to prevent more deaths from COVID-19 Press Release 20 Aug 2020

An MSF report published this week highlights serious problems in Spain's response to COVID-19 in nursing homes across the country, resulting in horrific mortality rates among the elderly.

Operation Smile [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

One air raid every ten days on hospitals, clinics, wells and water tanks throughout Yemen war

18 August 2020

Medical and water infrastructure in Yemen has been hit during air raids almost 200 times since the conflict escalated more than five years ago, as the country continues to battle its outbreak of COVID-19.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.nrc.no/

Latest news

Yemen / 20. Aug 2020

Joint INGO letter to USAID

An open letter from six INGOs in Yemen, calling for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to lift its suspension of humanitarian assistance to northern Yemen.

Africa | Burkina Faso | 18. Aug 2020

A record one million displaced by violence in Burkina Faso amid Covid-19

Armed violence has displaced one million people in Burkina Faso since the crisis began, resulting in some of the worst crimes including murders, kidnappings and bombings perpetrated against civilians, many of whom are children. The unprecedented levels of displacement occurred as the coronavirus pandemic worsens an already critical humanitarian crisis in the violence-stricken country.

Global | 17. Aug 2020

Statement by the Secretary General on record number of attacks on aid workers

Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) said:

Pact [to 22 Aug 2020]
http://www.pactworld.org/
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.pih.org/news

News

Aug 21, 2020

Groundbreaking Kazakhstan TB Trial Continuing Amid COVID-19 Challenges

Video treatment support and roadside exams are among the innovative ways clinicians are caring for more than 70 patients with severe TB, while facing added risks from the global pandemic.

Aug 21, 2020

PIH Remembers Life And Legacy of Trustee Mitchell Adams

Mitchell's years-long support for PIH reflects his lifelong advocacy for health care as a human right and solidarity with marginalized groups at home and abroad.

PATH [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Aug. 19, 2020

PATH congratulates India on approving first locally produced pneumococcal vaccine

Serum Institute of India's pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, PNEUMOSIL®, has received marketing authorization in India—adding a quality-certified and more affordable option to the country's pneumonia prevention toolkit.

Aug. 12, 2020

PATH CEO announces global leadership changes

August 12, 2020 - PATH announced the creation of four new executive leadership positions that will support the global organization's next strategy toward a more equitable organization and advance a sustainability agenda. ...The four new Executive Team positions are as follows:

Chief of the Africa Region – Nanthalile Mugala, MD, MMed

Chief of Asia/Middle East/Europe (AMEE) Region – to be hired

Chief of Business and Financial Operations – Philippe Guinot

Chief of External Affairs – Carla Costa Sandine

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.savethechildren.net/news

News

19 August 2020 - Lebanon

Two weeks on: Families in Beirut's disaster zone are still in dire need of support to rebuild and recover

19 August 2020 - *Global*

Humanitarian health workers put their lives on the line during COVID-19 pandemic

18 August 2020 - Global

275-STRONG WORLD LEADERS' GROUP WARNS OF TRAGIC 'COVID GENERATION' -MILLIONS OF CHILDREN HIT AS EDUCATION FACES \$150 BILLION OF CUTS

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

All News

World Humanitarian Day

A former SOS mother supports families in Gaza

August 19 2020 - Ihsan Redwan started working with SOS Children's Villages in 1987 as an SOS mother in Bethlehem. Today, she is the family strengthening coordinator in Gaza, supporting thousands of Palestinian children and their families.

World Humanitarian Day

Healing the pain of displaced women and children in Somalia

August 18 2020 - Halima Ahmed Dalel works as a nurse at the SOS Children's Village Mother and Child Clinic in Somalia. Her patients are mostly internally displaced women and children who live in IDP camps that surround the clinic. Their stories breaks her heart, but she remains motivated by the difference she makes in the lives of many families.

Tostan [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.tostan.org

News

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International _[to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.womenforwomen.org/

Blogs & Updates

August 19, 2020

Change Agents Advance Women's Opportunities in Afghanistan

Article

August 18, 2020

Standing at the Frontlines on World Humanitarian Day

Article

World Vision [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://wvi.org/

Newsroom

One million pregnant African girls could be blocked from returning to school following COVID-19

- :: One million girls face school ban because of pregnancy in sub-Saharan Africa
- :: Potential further US\$10 billion loss in GDP in region if girls lose out on education
- :: Sub-Saharan African countries must prepare for the imminent increase in pregnant students and establish policies that facilitate their re-entry into education

August 20, 2020 A report released today by aid agency World Vision said as many as one million school girls could be blocked from re-entry to school because they have become pregnant during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Aftershocks – Access Denied</u> warned that girls who have become pregnant, many because of sexual violence, child marriage and lack of access to sexual and reproductive health services, will now lose out on future opportunities because policies and practices in some countries across sub-Saharan Africa do not allow pregnant girls or young mothers to continue their education. COVID -19 has forced school closures in 194 countries, affecting nearly 1.6 billion learners – over 90% of the world's school-going population.[i]...

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | August 20, 2020

<u>EFF Calls on California Gov. Newsom To Mandate Data Privacy Protections for Californians</u>
Who Participate in COVID-19 Contact Tracing Programs

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) called on California Gov. Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers to ensure that all COVID-19 contact tracing programs include enforceable privacy protections that strictly limit how much and what kinds of data can be collected from Californians and prohibits using that data for anything other...

Freedom House [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://freedomhouse.org/

Latest Updates

Belarus: Freedom House Condemns Persecution of Coordination Council

Press release August 20, 2020

An Effective Press Requires Gender Equality

Perspectives
August 19, 2020

<u>Ukraine: Law Enforcement and Policymakers Should Take Swift Action to Protect Journalists</u>

Press release August 18, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.hrw.org/

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements August 21, 2020

Russia Needs an Investigation into Navalny's Illness

Navalny, one of the most prominent critics of the Kremlin, leads a nationwide anti-corruption movement and has presidential ambitions. His YouTube videos – exposing alleged high-level, eye-popping corruption and lavish spending by political elites – draw millions of views. He's been arrested multiple times. His brother was imprisoned for three years on dubious fraud charges, almost certainly retaliation against Navalny. He's been physically attacked, nearly losing sight in an eye. The offices of his anti-corruption organization have been raided and fined, eventually closed.

August 21, 2020 Dispatches

Former Spanish King Finds New Home in UAE

Marina Riera, Communications and International Justice Coordinator

*Americas*August 20, 2020 *Dispatches*

A 10-Year-Old Girl's Ordeal to Have a Legal Abortion in Brazil

Delphine Starr, Coordinator, Children's Rights Division Asia

August 18, 2020 Dispatches

Myanmar Bars Rohingya Candidates from Elections, Again

Shayna Bauchner, Researcher, Asia Division

Transparency International [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.transparencv.org/news/pressreleases

Press Releases

Statement on the inquiry conducted by the Lebanese government into the Beirut explosion

Constant leaking of information is undermining the inquiry

The Lebanese Transparency Association (LTA), supported by Transparency International, reiterates its position on the importance of conducting an open and transparent inquiry with far-reaching powers...

19 August 2020

Solidarity with the people of Belarus

A joint statement by Transparency International's Europe and Central Asia chapters

Transparency International's Europe and Central Asia chapters stand in solidarity with the people of Belarus who have been calling for an end of the country's authoritarian rule following elections...
17 August 2020

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ChildFund Alliance [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://childfundalliance.org/

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://concordeurope.org/

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://theelders.org/news-media

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.evidenceaid.org/

Resources

Oxygen supplementation at higher levels for critically ill patients: uncertain effects but may increase mortality and adverse effects Added August 20, 2020

<u>Guidelines on urology care during the COVID-19 pandemic (search done on 17 April 2020)</u> <u>Added August 20, 2020</u>

Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors and Angiotensin-Receptor Blockers and COVID-19 (research up to 4 May 2020) Added August 20, 2020

Effects of social isolation and quarantine on mental health of children, adolescents and young adults (research up to 29 March 2020) Added August 20, 2020

School closures to prevent transmission of COVID-19Added August 20, 2020

<u>Treatment options for COVID-19: scoping review of clinical studies (search done on 20 April 2020)</u> Added August 17, 2020

<u>Diabetic patients are at higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease and death (search done on 22 April 2020)</u> Added August 17, 2020

Interventions for preventing occupational irritant hand dermatitis Added August 17, 2020

Gavi [to 22 Aug 2020] https://www.gavi.org/ News releases No new digest content identified.

Getty Conservation Institute [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.getty.edu/research/ Latest News No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/ News/Updates No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://prizecoalition.charity.org/ No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://icvanetwork.org/

Latest resources, events, content

Upcoming events

Webinar-Humanitarian work transformation in the new normal age

August 26, 2020 - 8:00am to 10:00am

Online

The future added value of ICVA network in a post COVID-19 world

September 2, 2020 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Online

InterAction [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.interaction.org/

Humanitarian Coordination

Localization in the COVID-19 Era

Jon Blum

Aug 21, 2020

Crises & Countries in Conflict

More Than An Obligation

Kathryn Sidlowski, Kathryn Striffolino, Mais Balkhi, Rachel Unkovic Aug 18, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.3ieimpact.org/

Publications

The effect of transparency and accountability interventions in the extractive sector: an evidence gap map

Evidence gap map Brief 3ie 2020 This brief is based on an evidence gap map on the effect of transparency and accountability interventions in the extractives sector. The map aims to fill the need to identify critical knowledge gaps in this sector.

CHS Alliance [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://chsalliance.org/ Our Impact No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://devinit.org/news/
No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.alnap.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre LATEST PRESS RELEASES No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://humanitarianstudies.ch/

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Publications

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://ihsa.info/

Resources

Weekly Humanitarian blog posts selection

The need to decolonise humanitarian studies and aid

Selection#21 (10th to 16th of August)

This week's selection starts raising attention to racism and the need to decolonise the academic world of humanitarian studies. It provides some in-depth stories on the politics of rebuilding Beirut and we see renewed attention to questions of accountability in aid.

Other posts also reflect on the impact of Covid-19 in Latin America and how it causes setbacks in the fight against other diseases.

Finally, we also include this week a summer-watch recommendation: The Right Girls, a film that tells the story of a group of transgender women seeking asylum in the United States.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://phap.org/

Association news

Recording Now Available- Inclusive COVID-19 Responses of Cities

8/19/2020

On 30 July, PHAP hosted a webinar organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UN [...]

Sphere [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://spherestandards.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

http://www.brookings.edu/ Accessed 22 Aug 2020 Latest Research

Telecommunications & Internet

Disinformation as a wicked problem: Why we need co-regulatory frameworks

Molly Montgomery

August 2020

Technology & Innovation

Who thought it was a good idea to have facial recognition software?

Mark MacCarthy

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Emergency rulemaking in response to COVID-19

Connor Raso

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Essay

Are women happier than men? Do gender rights make a difference?

Carol Graham

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

India

Neighbourhood first responder: India's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief

Saneet Chakradeo

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

August 21, 2020

<u>Contact and Commitment to Development: Evidence from Quasi-random Missionary Assignments</u>

Public support for global development in rich countries is critical for sustaining effective government and individual action. But the causes of public support are not well understood.

Lee Crawfurd

August 21, 2020

<u>Using COVID-19 Test, Trace, and Isolate Systems Effectively in Middle-Income Countries</u>

The global public health response to COVID-19 is pivoting from high-income European countries MICs predominantly in Asia and South America. Effective test, trace, and isolate systems may be particularly valuable in MICs, where social and economic circumstances do not support large and long-term lockdowns. But investing in such systems in MICs comes with a number of limitations and opportunity costs.

<u>Vageesh Jain</u>, <u>Peter Baker</u>, <u>Abha Mehndiratta</u> and <u>Kalipso Chalkidou</u>

August 19, 2020

Malawi's Journey Towards Transformation: Lessons from its National ID Project

This essay lays out the story of how the UNDP team with its development partners achieved universal ID registration in Malawi, the challenges we faced, the roadblocks, how UNDP coordinated with other stakeholders and community development partners, and highlights the synergies that helped us achieve success.

Tariq Malik

August 19, 2020

Education in Africa: What Are We Learning?

Countries across Africa continue to face major challenges in education. In this review, we examine 142 recent empirical studies (from 2014 onward) on how to increase access to and improve the quality of education across the continent, specifically examining how these studies update previous research findings.

David Evans and Amina Mendez Acosta

August 19, 2020

Using Innovative Finance to Increase Refugee Resettlement

Today, 1.4 million refugees urgently await resettlement. Unlike the rest of the world's 26 million refugees, they have been designated by the United Nations (UN) as having vulnerabilities that cannot be addressed in their host countries. They are therefore waiting to be moved from the country hosting them to a third country willing to grant them permanent settlement. But less than a tenth of these people will be resettled this year; people are joining the queue faster than they leave it. The global community is failing in its duty to ensure their safety.

Innovative Finance for Refugee Resettlement Working Group

August 19, 2020

<u>Social Protection Amidst Social Upheaval: Examining the Impact of a Multi-Faceted Program for Ultra-Poor Households in Yemen</u>

We study the impact of a multi-faceted social protection program, often referred to as a "graduation" model program, in Yemen during a period of civil unrest. After four years we find positive impacts on asset accumulation and savings behavior, albeit substantially less than the amount the household originally received.

Lasse Brune, Dean Karlan, Sikandra Kurdi and Christopher Udry

August 18, 2020

Migration from Developing Countries: Selection, Income Elasticity, and Simpson's Paradox

How does immigration affect incomes in the countries migrants go to, and how do rising incomes shape emigration from the countries they leave? The answers depend on whether people who migrate have higher or lower productivity than people who do not migrate.

Michael Clemens and Mariapia Mendola

August 18, 2020

The Emigration Life Cycle: How Development Shapes Emigration from Poor Countries

Many governments seek to reduce emigration from low-income countries by encouraging economic development there. A large literature, however, observes that average emigration rates are higher in countries with sustained increases in GDP per capita than in either chronically poor countries or established rich countries.

Michael Clemens

August 18, 2020

Why Do Governments Tax or Subsidize Fossil Fuels?

Governments have long faced pressure to address the climate crisis by increasing taxes on fossil fuels, which are the source of more than three-quarters of the world's anthropogenic carbon pollution.

Paasha Mahdavi, Cesar B. Martinez-Alvarez and Michael Ross

CSIS [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.csis.org/

Selected Reports

Report

A Frozen Line in the Himalayas

August 19, 2020 | Richard M. Rossow, Joseph S. Bermudez Jr., Kriti Upadhyaya
In this report, CSIS analysts use satellite imageny from Doklam, Rhytan, to un

In this report, CSIS analysts use satellite imagery from Doklam, Bhutan, to underscore India's growing role as a regional security provider in Asia.

Report

<u>Is the Ratio of Investment between Research and Development to Production in Major Defense Acquisition Programs Experiencing Fundamental Change?</u>

August 17, 2020 | Rhys McCormick, Gregory Sanders, Andrew Philip Hunter

This paper uses budgetary and program data to better understand the historical trends in the relationship of production costs to development costs in complex acquisition programs.

ODI [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.odi.org/

Selected Press Releases & Reports

<u>Public narratives and attitudes towards refugees and other migrants: Uganda country profile</u>

Briefing papers | August 2020 | Karen Hargrave and Irina Mosel with Amy Leach
An overview of public perceptions and political narratives about migration and asylum in Uganda.

<u>Public narratives and attitudes towards refugees and other migrants: Kenya country</u> profile

Briefing papers | August 2020 | Karen Hargrave and Irina Mosel with Amy Leach
An overview of public perceptions and political narratives about migration and asylum in Kenya.

Humanitarian Policy Group annual report 2019–2020

Publication series | August 2020

Highlights from the last year of HPG's work on humanitarian policy and practice.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 22 Aug 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

Urban Institute [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.urban.org/publications

Publications

<u>Description of the Tax Policy Center's Improved Methodology for Analysis of the Taxation of Pass-Through Income</u>

This report describes the Tax Policy Center's (TPC's) improved methodology for analyzing the taxation of pass-through income (income generated through business activities that is taxed at the individual level). Under current law, certain types of pass-through income are taxed at different rates than corporate or ordinary individual income, creating incentives to shift the form in which income is received.

Benjamin R. Page, Jeffrey Rohaly, Thornton Matheson

August 19, 2020

Research Report

How Much Does the Federal Government Spend on Programs Benefiting Children?

This fact sheet highlights selected findings from Kids' Share 2020. It shows that tax provisions and health programs account for most federal spending on children. The child tax credit was the largest single program and Medicaid was the second-largest program in terms of spending on children in 2019. Heather Hahn, Cary Lou, Julia B. Isaacs

August 19, 2020

Fact Sheet

Defining "Communities of Concern" in Transportation Planning

Providing equitable transportation access is an urgent matter for transportation departments and public transit agencies. Federal law, as detailed in Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, requires them to consider the needs of underserved communities by conducting environmental justice analyses. The departments and agencies must first identify the

Richard Ezike, Peter A. Tatian, Gabriella Velasco

August 18, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

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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 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 22 Aug 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 22 Aug 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 22 Aug 2020]

www.co-impact.io

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

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.fordfoundation.org/press-room/

The Latest No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://news.getty.edu/

Latest News August 20, 2020

<u>Images of the Restored Adoration of the Lamb and More: Getty and Royal Institute for</u> Cultural Heritage Announce Major Enhancements to Ghent Altarpiece Website

Closer to Van Eyck offers a 100 billion-pixel view of the world-famous altarpiece, to be enjoyed from home http://closertovaneyck.kikirpa.be/

GHIT Fund [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.ikeafoundation.org/

Stories

A unique collaboration protects MSF healthcare workers during COVID-19

Around the world, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) provides medical care to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare. During a pandemic such as the one caused by...

August 19, 2020

Environmental champions push for rapid climate action

There's a big gap between what humanity needs to do to prevent the worst impacts of climate change and the steps we are taking. We need to go further and...

August 18, 2020

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.hhmi.org/news No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

August 20, 2020 News Release

<u>Amid the Coronavirus Crisis, President Trump and Democratic Nominee Joe Biden Offer</u> Widely Different Views on Health Care

President Trump and Democratic nominee Joe Biden hold widely divergent views on health issues, with the president's record and response to the coronavirus pandemic likely to play a central role in November's elections. A new KFF side-by-side comparison examines President Trump's record and former Vice President Biden's positions across a...

August 20, 2020 News Release

Analysis Finds 14 Million Medicare Part D and Large Employer Plan Enrollees Used Mail-Order Pharmacies Pre-Pandemic, Top Drugs Filled Were to Treat Chronic Conditions
With questions being raised about potential delays in U.S. Postal Service delivery, a new KFF data note estimates 14 million enrollees in Medicare Part D and large employer plans relied on mail-order pharmacies for at least one prescription in 2018, with a total of over 170 million prescriptions fulfilled. The...

August 20, 2020 News Release

Analysis: Many Private Insurers Offer Financial Relief for COVID-19 Treatment, but Cost-Sharing Waivers Are Expiring

A new analysis finds that most people with individual or fully-insured group market coverage are in plans that waived cost-sharing for COVID-19 treatment, though many of those waivers are set to expire in the coming months. About 88% — nearly nine in ten — enrollees in the individual and fully-insured...

August 17, 2020 News Release

A Review of Multiple Analyses Documents Persistent Racial Disparities in COVID-19

A KFF review of a wide range of studies finds a consistent pattern that people of color are bearing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations, and that they may face increased barriers to access testing. These disparities, brought to the fore in the pandemic, mirror and compound...

Kellogg Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

New resource directory launched

Decades of community-driven knowledge accessible on enhanced platform Aug. 21, 2020

A newly refreshed and enhanced Resource Directory is available on the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's (WKKF) website, featuring a greater number and variety of resources from WKKF grantees and partners. In recognition of the foundation's 90th anniversary year, this collection honors decades of community-led efforts to support thriving children, working families and equitable communities. Resources available showcase the resulting lessons, solutions, models and approaches emerging from its investments.

The updated Resource Directory includes more than 800 knowledge products (e.g., publications, reports, briefs, research studies, videos and more). This growing online collection primarily offers knowledge products published between 2001 and 2020, but also includes the foundation's annual reports going back to its first, published in 1951. Items featured in this collection were published or funded by the Kellogg Foundation and created as a public good. Knowledge products will be added to the Resource Directory on a rolling basis, as grantees and partners continue to curate learning from program efforts and create innovative local solutions...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation Press Releases No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.macfound.org/

Perspectives

Clarity of Purpose

August 17, 2020

Chantell Johnson, Managing Director of Evaluation, discusses frameworks for defining focus, goals, and strategies for our grantmaking.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://mellon.org/ Mellon News, Press Releases No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.moore.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 22 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/

Press Releases

Aug 18 2020 Press Releases

<u>Arkansas and Rhode Island Join Bipartisan Interstate Testing Compact, Expanding Agreement To Ten States</u>

Compact Expands To Five Million Rapid Point-of-Care Antigen Tests Partnership With The Rockefeller Foundation Now Includes Ten Governors—Five Republicans, Five Democrats ANNAPOLIS, MD | August 18, 2020 — Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Arkansas ...

Aug 17 2020 Press Releases

Nigeria Climate Innovation Centre Completes All On Hub-Sponsored 2020 Embryo Incubation Program

The winners of the 2020 edition of the Nigeria Climate Innovation Centre's (NCIC) Embryo Incubation Program, sponsored by the All On Hub, were announced today on the Power Solutions Radio ...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 22 Aug 2020]

http://www.rwif.org/en/about-rwif/

Latest News and Highlights

<u>Commentary: The pandemic shows America can't afford its dysfunctional health insurance system</u>

RWJF President and CEO Richard Besser talks about how for many of the nearly 28 million people in America without health insurance, complying with the CDC guidelines to stay home when COVID-19 symptoms are present is an impossibility, especially for people of color or those in low-wage jobs.

Commentary: We need a vaccine distribution plan -- right now

RWJF Executive Vice President Julie Morita highlights the urgent need for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to take the lead in activating and coordinating the nation's COVID-19 vaccine planning

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 22 Aug 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://sdqfunders.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 22 Aug 2020]

https://sloan.org/about/press
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 22 Aug 2020]

https://wellcome.ac.uk/news No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 22 Aug 2020 https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 22 Aug 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

August 2020 Volume 48, Issue 8, p859-974 http://www.ajicjournal.org/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

August 2020 Volume 59, Issue 2, p149-308 http://www.ajpmonline.org/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

August 2020 110(8) http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 103, Issue 2, August 2020 http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/2 [Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

18 August 2020 Volume 173, Issue 4 http://annals.org/aim/issue
History of Medicine

Biomedical Research in Times of Emergency: Lessons From History

Deborah Doroshow, MD, PhD, Scott Podolsky, MD, and Justin Barr, MD, PhD

COVID-19 has disrupted the lives of billions of people worldwide. Emergencies can stimulate substantial investment of resources that catalyze impressive scientific accomplishments but can also lead to false promises and ethical breaches. The authors discuss how history shows the importance of treating early results with caution, given that we are only beginning to understand SARS-CoV-2.

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 376 - August 2020 https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest [Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 286 September 2020

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/286/suppl/C

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/ (Accessed 22 Aug 2020) [No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

August 2020 - Volume 5 - 8 https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/8 [Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 22 Aug 2020)

<u>Factors related to the adoption of the Brazilian National Immunization Program Information System</u>

One way to optimize the adoption and use of technological innovations is to understand how those involved perceive, assess and decide to use them. This study aims to analyze the attributes that influence the a...

Authors: Valéria Conceição de Oliveira, Eliete Albano de Azevedo Guimarães, Gilberto Perez, Fabiana Costa Machado Zacharias, Ricardo Bezerra Cavalcante, Tarcísio Laerte Gontijo, Humberto Ferreira de

Oliveira Quites, Gabriela Gonçalves Amaral, Brener Santos Silva and Ione Carvalho Pinto

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:759

Content type: Research article Published on: 17 August 2020

BMC Infectious Diseases

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content (Accessed 22 Aug 2020) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content (Accessed 22 Aug 2020) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 22 Aug 2020)

Compassionate drug (mis)use during pandemics: lessons for COVID-19 from 2009

Patients were frequently treated for pandemic influenza with drugs not registered for this indication, but rarely under circumstances of high-quality data capture. The result was a reliance on use under compassionate circumstances, resulting in continued uncertainty regarding the potential benefits and harms of anti-viral treatment. Rapid scaling of clinical trials is critical for generating a quality evidence base during pandemics.

Authors: Amanda M. Rojek, Genevieve E. Martin and Peter W. Horby

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:265

Content type: Research article Published on: 21 August 2020

<u>Seasonal influenza vaccination in Kenya: an economic evaluation using dynamic transmission modelling</u>

There is substantial burden of seasonal influenza in Kenya, which led the government to consider introducing a national influenza vaccination programme. Given the cost implications of a nationwide programme, I...

Authors: Jeanette Dawa, Gideon O. Emukule, Edwine Barasa, Marc Alain Widdowson, Omu Anzala,

Edwin van Leeuwen, Marc Baguelin, Sandra S. Chaves and Rosalind M. Eggo

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:223 Content type: Research article Published on: 20 August 2020

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content (Accessed 22 Aug 2020) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles

(Accessed 22 Aug 2020)

A systematic review of studies that measure parental vaccine attitudes and beliefs in childhood vaccination

Acceptance of vaccines is an important predictor of vaccine uptake. This has public health implications as those who are not vaccinated are at a higher risk of infection from vaccine preventable diseases. We a...

Authors: Amalie Dyda, Catherine King, Aditi Dey, Julie Leask and Adam G. Dunn

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1253

Content type: Research article Published on: 17 August 2020

<u>Bibliometric analysis of global scientific literature on vaccine hesitancy in peer-reviewed journals (1990–2019)</u>

Vaccine hesitancy is a growing threat to national and global health security. The current study was undertaken to provide insights into the global scientific literature on vaccine hesitancy in peer-reviewed io...

Authors: Waleed M. Sweileh

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1252

Content type: Research article Published on: 17 August 2020

BMC Research Notes

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content (Accessed 22 Aug 2020) [No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

August 2020 - Volume 10 - 8 https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/8?current-issue=y [Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 98, Number 8, August 2020, 509-580 https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/8/en/ [Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 46, Issue 5 Pages: 537-649 September 2020 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current [Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 106 August 2020 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/103/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

July 2020 Volume 42, Issue 7, p1137-1424 http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current Original Research

The Evolution of Master Protocol Clinical Trial Designs: A Systematic Literature Review

Recent years have seen a change in the way that clinical trials are being conducted. There has been a rise of designs more flexible than traditional adaptive and group sequential trials which allow the investigation of multiple substudies with possibly different objectives, interventions, and subgroups conducted within an overall trial structure, summarized by the term master protocol. This review aims

to identify existing master protocol studies and summarize their characteristics. The review also identifies articles relevant to the design of master protocol trials, such as proposed trial designs and related methods.

Elias Laurin Meyer, Peter Mesenbrink, Cornelia Dunger-Baldauf, Hans-Jürgen Fülle, Ekkehard Glimm, Yuhan Li, Martin Posch, Franz König

p1330-1360

Published online: July 1, 2020

Clinical Trials

Volume 17 Issue 4, August 2020 https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/4 [Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

http://www.conflictandhealth.com/ [Accessed 22 Aug 2020]

<u>Systematic human rights violations, traumatic events, daily stressors and mental health of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh</u>

Almost 900,000 Rohingya refugees currently reside in refugee camps in Southeastern Bangladesh. Prior to fleeing Myanmar, Rohingya experienced years of systematic human rights violations, in addition to other historical and more recent traumatic events such as the burning of their villages and murder of family members, friends and neighbors. Currently, many Rohingya struggle to meet basic needs in refugee camps in Bangladesh and face mental health-related concerns that appear linked to such challenges. The purpose of this study is to describe systematic human rights violations, traumatic events, daily stressors, and mental health symptoms and to examine relationships between these factors.

Authors: Andrew Riley, Yasmin Akther, Mohammed Noor, Rahmat Ali and Courtney Welton-Mitchell Content type: Research

20 August 2020

Assessing the capacity for conflict and health research in Lebanon: a qualitative study

Conflicts pose new challenges for health systems, requiring rapid and practical approaches to meet emerging needs on the ground. Lebanon has been highly influenced by surrounding conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, especially the Syrian crisis. Strengthening research capacity to collect evidence on conflict in the MENA region and beyond is crucial to inform healthcare policy and practice. For targeted capacity strengthening interventions, the main objective of this paper is to present key findings of a needs assessment of conflict and health research in Lebanon. This will support recent efforts to scale up context-specific policies, interventions to strengthen the country's health system, and research capacity.

Authors: Nassim El Achi, Gladys Honein-Abouhaidar, Anthony Rizk, Elsa Kobeissi, Andreas Papamichail, Kristen Meagher, Abdulkarim Ekzayez, Ghassan S. Abu-Sittah and Preeti Patel

Content type: Research

18 August 2020

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 95 August 2020

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/95/suppl/C

Research article Abstract only

Advances and challenges in conducting ethical trials involving populations lacking capacity to consent: A decade in review

Victoria Shepherd Article 106054 Abstract

Informed consent is an essential requirement prior to clinical trial participation, however some 'vulnerable' groups, such as people with cognitive impairments and those in medical emergency situations, may lack decisional capacity to consent. This raises ethical and practical challenges when designing and conducting clinical trials involving these populations, who are frequently excluded as a result. Despite recent advances in improving informed consent processes, there has been far less attention paid to the enrolment of adults lacking capacity.

Exclusion criteria are an important determinant of the external validity of clinical trial results. The exclusion of these populations, and consent-based recruitment biases which arise from the challenges of identifying and involving surrogate decision-makers, leads to trials which are not representative of the clinical population.

This article discusses the involvement of adults who lack decisional capacity to consent in clinical trials and presents the advances over the previous decade and the remaining ethical challenges for the inclusion of this under-represented population in research.

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 3 / June 2020 https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/3 [Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, issue 3, September 2020 https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-3 [New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

August 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 4 https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx [Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 20, Issue 2 Pages: 61-114 June 2020 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current [Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 30, Issue 5, 2020

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

Article

The role of community seed banks in achieving farmers' rights

Ronnie Vernooy, Teshome Hunduma Mulesa, Arnab Gupta, Jahangir Alam Jony, Kouablan Edmond

Koffi, Hilton Mbozi, P.B. Singh, Pitambar Shrestha, Thabo T. Tjikana & C.L.K. Wakkumbure

Pages: 561-574

Published online: 27 Mar 2020

Article

<u>Towards private sector collaboration in aid practice: internal challenges faced by development NGOs</u>

Minna Hakkarainen Pages: 575-585

Published online: 15 May 2020

Article

<u>Significance of farming groups for resource access and livelihood improvement of rural smallholder women farmers</u>

Mwanajuma S. Othman , Elizabeth Oughton & Guy Garrod

Pages: 586-598

Published online: 31 May 2020

Development Policy Review

Volume 38, Issue 4 Pages: 409-537 July 2020 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 6, 2020 http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current [Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 14 - Issue 2 - April 2020

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

issue

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 44, Issue 3 Pages: 433-618 July 2020 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 21 Issue 8 5 August 2020 https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current [Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

https://bmcemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles [Accessed 22 Aug 2020] [No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 26, Number 8—August 2020 http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/ [Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 32 September 2020

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/32/suppl/C

Research article Open access

<u>Influencing public health policy with data-informed mathematical models of infectious diseases: Recent developments and new challenges</u>

Amani Alahmadi, Sarah Belet, Andrew Black, Deborah Cromer, ... Alexander E. Zarebski Article 100393

Special Issue Articles

Research article Open access

Tooling-up for infectious disease transmission modelling

Marc Baguelin, Graham F. Medley, Emily S. Nightingale, Kathleen M. O'Reilly, ... Moritz Wagner Article 100395

Abstract

In this introduction to the Special Issue on methods for modelling of infectious disease epidemiology we provide a commentary and overview of the field. We suggest that the field has been through three revolutions that have focussed on specific methodological developments; disease dynamics and heterogeneity, advanced computing and inference, and complexity and application to the real-world. Infectious disease dynamics and heterogeneity dominated until the 1980s where the use of analytical models illustrated fundamental concepts such as herd immunity. The second revolution embraced the integration of data with models and the increased use of computing. From the turn of the century an emergence of novel datasets enabled improved modelling of real-world complexity. The emergence of more complex data that reflect the real-world heterogeneities in transmission resulted in the development of improved inference methods such as particle filtering. Each of these three revolutions have always kept the understanding of infectious disease spread as its motivation but have been developed through the use of new techniques, tools and the availability of data. We conclude by providing a commentary on what the next revoluition in infectious disease modelling may be.

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 4 Pages: 1-40 July–August 2020 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current

Pregnant Women Covid-19 Vaccine Challenge Trials Lotteries

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Spring 2020 (34.1) March 2020 https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2020/spring-2020-34-1/ [Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 30, Issue Supplement_2, June 2020 https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/Supplement_2 [Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 94, July 2020

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/94/suppl/C

Understanding Agricultural Development and Change: Learning from Vietnam

Edited by Carol Newman, Saurabh Singhal, Finn Tarp [Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 12, Issue 4, August 2020

https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/12/4

Worldwide disruptions of food systems and the search of enduring food security amidst Covid-19

Most of the articles in this Special Issue are short, Opinion articles. There are however two research papers, and the Special Issue starts with a large Opinion-Overview prepared by the Editorial Board of Food Security.

Contributions from many institutions have reached us to form this special issue:

:: from numerous Universities from the global North and South (Pennsylvania State University, University of Pretoria, Leibniz University in Hannover, McGill University, Montana State University, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, National University of Singapore, Sheffield Hallam University, Zhejiang University, Lappeenranta University of Technology, University of Sydney, and Wageningen University;

- :: from many Institutes (CIAT, CIMMYT, CIP, GIGA-Germany, ICRISAT, IDS, IFPRI, INRAE, and the World Vegetable Center), and, beyond the academia,
- :: from International Organisations (WHO);
- :: NGOs and Foundations: the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India; Oxfam; and Seed System.

These contributions may be broadly distributed in four groups: the impacts of the ongoing pandemic on food security, the resilience mechanisms to such crises, the development of resilient food systems, and the policies to be considered.

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 643 June 2020

https://www.fmreview.org/issue64

Climate crisis and local communities / Trafficking and smuggling / COVID-19: early reflections

June 2020

FMR issue 64 includes two main feature themes, one on Climate crisis and local communities and one on Trafficking and smuggling, plus a 'mini-feature' on early reflections on COVID-19 in the context of displacement.

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 2

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

Issue Theme: Challenges in an era of new North-South divides. Research in the time of Covid-19

[Reviewed earlier]

Gates Open Research

https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles [Accessed 22 Aug 2020] [No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles [Accessed 22 Aug 2020] [No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 12, Issue 3, September 2020 https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/12/3 [Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/12/sup1?nav=tocList [Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

2020 | Volume 8 | Number 2 June 30, 2020 http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current [Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 8 http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current [Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/
[No new digest content identified]

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 7 July 2020 https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current **Food, Income, Work & More** [Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 22, Issue 1, June 2020 https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-1-june-2020/
Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights
[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 15 - Issue 3 - July 2020 https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue [Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue 6, July 2020 https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/6 [Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content [Accessed 22 Aug 2020] [No new digest content identified]

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 31, Issue 13-14 / July 2020 https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/13-14 **Focus on Retinal Gene Therapy**[New issue; No digest content identified]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 3, August 2020 https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42690
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Speculative Human Rights: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of the Human

James Dawes pp. 573-593

DOI: 10.1353/hrq.2020.0033

ABSTRACT:

This essay takes seriously the claims of many experts in artificial intelligence that AGI (artificial general intelligence) could emerge as early as 2040. Some of the questions raised by AGI include: Does human-like intelligence entail consciousness, and does consciousness entail rights? Will the rise of AGI enhance or endanger human life? If the former, are there certain perceived enhancements that run counter to notions of human rights? If the latter, what are our collective duties, right now, to future generations? How can a human rights framework help us to negotiate these questions?

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 Adelicia Fairbanks, who argues for an acceptance strategy in the DRC to improve security and access for responding agencies.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content [Accessed 22 Aug 2020] [No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

http://www.idpjournal.com/content [Accessed 22 Aug 2020] [No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 12, Issue 4, July 2020 https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/4 [Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 1 (May 2020) https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/9/1/hrlr.9.issue-1.xml [Reviewed earlier]

The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 2 (Jun 2020) https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/2/chil.28.issue-2.xml [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 7, No 7 (2020) July 2020

https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/64

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 46 June 2020

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/46/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 49, Issue 3, June 2020 https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/49/3 [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 26, Issue 8, 2020 http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 13 Issue 3 2020 https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/3 Table of Contents [Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

August 2020 Volume 97, p1-404 https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(20)X0009-9 [Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

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COVID-19 Update August 22, 2020

These articles on COVID-19 were published across the JAMA Network in the last week.

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August 18, 2020, Vol 324, No. 7, Pages 617-718 https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue

Viewpoint

<u>Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response - Recommendations From a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Report</u>

Ned Calonge, MD; Lisa Brown, MPH; Autumn Downey, PhD JAMA. 2020;324(7):629-630. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12901

This Viewpoint summarizes recommendations from a 2020 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) report on transforming the infrastructure, funding, and methods of public health emergency preparedness and response (PHEPR) research to ensure it is grounded in the best science about what works where, why, and for whom.

<u>Integrating Personalized Medicine With Population Health Management - The Path</u> <u>Forward</u>

David C. Grossman, MD, MPH; Eric B. Larson, MD, MPH; Harold C. Sox, MD free access

JAMA. 2020;324(7):631-632. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1406

This Viewpoint discusses genome-wide sequencing (GWS) as a potential pathway not only to personalized medicine but also to population health, and proposes 5 dimensions health care organizations might consider when deciding on markers to screen for as they move toward genomic approaches to caring for their patient populations.

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August 2020, Vol 174, No. 8, Pages 741-812 http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx [Reviewed earlier]

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August 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 8 https://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx [New issue; No digest content identified]

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Sonia Bhalotra, Rachel Brulé, Sanchari Roy

Article 102275

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Research article Abstract only

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Onur Altındağ, Ozan Bakış, Sandra V. Rozo

Article 102490

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Volume 15 Issue 3, July 2020

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August 2020 Volume 17 Issue 169 https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/current [Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 27, Issue 5, July 2020 https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/27/5 Editorial

Health diplomacy across borders: the case of yellow fever and COVID-19

Samantha Vanderslott, PhD, Tatjana Marks, BA Hons

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 5, July 2020, taaa112,

https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaa112

We provide an overview of disease control across borders through the example of yellow fever, exploring different public health interventions and arrangements for international cooperation. From quarantine to country vaccine entry requirements our paper discusses the implications for health diplomacy in the context of COVID-19.

Perspectives

Combat COVID-19 with artificial intelligence and big data

Leesa Lin, PhD, Zhiyuan Hou, PhD

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 5, July 2020, taaa080, https://doi.org/10.1093/itm/taaa080

To combat COVID-19, at least 29 countries/regions have resorted to digital technology; some embedded it with strict containment measures and achieved great success. We need to improve cryptography and regulations that would enable contact-tracing systems without mass surveillance in order to attain the benefits of location-tracking while protecting individual privacy.

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Comment

The Lancet Commission on Gender and Global Health

Sarah Hawkes, Pascale Allotey, As Sy Elhadj, Jocalyn Clark, Richard Horton

World Report

COVID-19 and readjusting clinical trials

Aaron van Dorn

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted clinical trials worldwide, with long-lasting effects on medical science. Aaron van Dorn reports.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created massive disruptions to clinical trial research across the world. As in other aspects of life, the virus has severely affected the ability to conduct trials in safe and effective ways. This is especially true when considering that trials often deal with vulnerable populations who are most at risk from exposure to COVID-19. Thousands of trials have been suspended or stopped because of the difficulties in continuing under lockdown conditions, even as those restrictions have begun to ease in parts of the world. At the same time, the pandemic has seen an unprecedented reorientation in clinical trials research towards COVID-19. Both of those aspects—the disruption and the fast, effective readjustment to address a new challenge—ensure that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will be felt in clinical trials research long after the initial effects have faded.

Clinical trials have long been a premier method of testing and validating new drugs and therapies. New drug approval is predicated on successful trials into the safety and efficacy of new treatments. Trials can involve hundreds of different sites around the world, all with different conditions and facing different effects and government regulations on what is permissible. Once you start looking at the number of people involved in a clinical trial, the scope of the problem begins to seem daunting. In addition to researchers who formulate the protocol for the trial and work to secure funding (either from governments, foundations, pharmaceutical or device manufacturers, or a combination of the above), clinical trials include clinical caregivers and nurses who work with patients at clinical trial sites, postgraduate researchers, postdoctoral fellows, research scientists, and others who work on the analysis of data generated by the trial, some of whom may or may not interact with patients, but all of whom are essential to the final result.

Trials that were stopped, in many cases, were stopped from enrolling new patients. Patients who were already enrolled mostly continued to receive treatment as institutions and researchers worked to make changes to how care was provisioned to deal with the reality of COVID-19. Fergus Sweeney, head of clinical studies and manufacturing at the European Medicines Agency, told The Lancet that one of the key parts of their guidance has been physical distancing to protect patients and clinic staff, but ensuring the safety of patients in testing and treatment is also important. "If people can't come in to a clinic or their hospital at the usual, regular intervals, it may be that they need to be provided with a medication for a longer period of time, or indeed that medication is distributed to their home by a distributor", Sweeney said. To that end, many trials have shifted from the distribution of drugs at the trial site to direct-to-patient courier services, whereby trial drugs are distributed and administered to patients in their homes, eliminating the need for at-risk patients to visit trial sites. Many in-person visits for checkups and other aspects of trials were shifted to teleconferencing services. In March, 2020 (and revised again in July), the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also issued guidance on protecting patient safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FDA guidelines called on researchers and trial sponsors to "determine that the protection of a participant's safety, welfare, and rights is best served by continuing a study participant in the trial as per the protocol or by discontinuing the administration

or use of the investigational product or even participation in the trial". The guidance also calls on investigators and sponsors to coordinate with institutional review boards and ethics committees on potential changes to protocol as early as possible. But for many patients who have turned to clinical trials as a last resort for cardiovascular conditions, who have cancer, or other life-threatening conditions, the eventual resumption of non-COVID-19 trials could come too late.

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Progress report on the coronavirus pandemic

In the first of a series of editorials, we look back at some of the key findings from scientists' race to demystify SARS-CoV-2.

World View | 18 August 2020

How we accelerated clinical trials in the age of coronavirus

The United Kingdom's RECOVERY trial shows a way to benefit patients faster. Nicole Mather

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Volume 38 Issue 8, August 2020 https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/38/issues/8 [Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 52 Issue 8, August 2020 https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/52/issues/8 [Reviewed earlier]

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Focus on COVID-19 and digital privacy

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated the acceleration of the development of digital technologies to monitor the spread of the outbreak. Emergency powers are being used to track not just individuals' health data, but other personal information. The image shows the data that are being monitored on people's cell phones, and the effects on healthcare are discussed in this focus issue on COVID-19 and digital privacy.

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Volume 19 Issue 8, August 2020 https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/19/issues/8 [Reviewed earlier]

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August 20, 2020 Vol. 383 No. 8 http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal [New issue; No digest content identified]

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Peter A. Coventry, Nick Meader, Hollie Melton, Melanie Temple, Holly Dale, Kath Wright, Marylène Cloitre, Thanos Karatzias, Jonathan Bisson, Neil P. Roberts, Jennifer V. E. Brown, Corrado Barbui, Rachel Churchill, Karina Lovell, Dean McMillan, Simon Gilbody

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Effectiveness of a culturally appropriate intervention to prevent intimate partner violence and HIV transmission among men, women, and couples in rural Ethiopia: Findings from a cluster-randomized controlled trial

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Anita Mesic, Waliullah H. Khan, Annick Lenglet, Lutgarde Lynen, Sadiqqulah Ishaq, Ei Hnin Hnin Phyu, Htay Thet Mar, Anthony Oraegbu, Mohammad Khaled Seddiq, Hashim Khan Amirzada, Jena Fernhout, Charity Kamau, Cono Ariti, Diana Gomez, Tom Decroo

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Rohanna Stoddart, Paul Simpson, Bridget Haire Research Article | published 21 Aug 2020 PLOS ONE https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0237776

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Volume 137 August 2020 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/preventive-medicine/vol/137/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

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12 August 2020 Volume 287 Issue 1932 https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rspb/current [Reviewed earlier]

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21 August 2020 Vol 369, Issue 6506 http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl Editorial

A dangerous rush for vaccines

By H. Holden Thorp

Science 21 Aug 2020: 885

Summary

The chasm between science and politics continues to grow, with Russian President Putin announcing this week that a fast-tracked vaccine for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is ready for use, and

President Trump indicating days earlier that a vaccine could be ready in the United States before the 3 November presidential election. There's been a dangerous rush to get to the vaccine finish line first. In a race of "Sputnik" proportions (as Putin puts it), quick approval by regulatory agencies is needed to "win." This is dangerous thinking, driven by political goals and instant gratification: Shortcuts in testing for vaccine safety and efficacy endanger millions of lives in the short term and will damage public confidence in vaccines and in science for a long time to come.

Policy Forum

Knowledge transfer for large-scale vaccine manufacturing

By W. Nicholson Price II, Arti K. Rai, Timo Minssen

Science21 Aug 2020: 912-914 Full Access

Massive, rapid production will require firms to share know-how not just about what to make but how to make it

Summary

As the world rushes to identify safe and effective vaccines and therapeutics to counter the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, attention is turning to the next step: manufacturing these products at enormous scale. To speed up the process, firms are even establishing manufacturing capacity "at risk," before products receive regulatory approval (1). Yet for at least some complex COVID-19 vaccines and biological therapeutics, fast manufacturing, particularly of products originally developed by other firms, will require not only physical capacity but also access to knowledge not contained in patents or in other public disclosures; one reason for the expense and delay historically associated with entry of biosimilars into the market has been the cost and time associated with reverse engineering originator firms' manufacturing processes (2). But a change may be coming. A group of six biopharmaceutical firms researching monoclonal antibody (mAb) candidates recently sought [and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) granted] permission under antitrust law to exchange "technical information" on each other's manufacturing processes and platforms (but not information on cost or price) (3). A focus on rapid information exchange of the sort recently encouraged by the DOJ will not only be critical for the current crisis but could also create the foundation for fewer siloes, improved standardization, and less secrecy over manufacturing information in the future.

Perspectives

The foundation of efficient robot learning

By Leslie Pack Kaelbling

Science21 Aug 2020: 915-916 Full Access

Innate structure reduces data requirements and improves robustness

Summary

The past 10 years have seen enormous breakthroughs in machine learning, resulting in game-changing applications in computer vision and language processing. The field of intelligent robotics, which aspires to construct robots that can perform a broad range of tasks in a variety of environments with general human-level intelligence, has not yet been revolutionized by these breakthroughs. A critical difficulty is that the necessary learning depends on data that can only come from acting in a variety of real-world environments. Such data are costly to acquire because there is enormous variability in the situations a general-purpose robot must cope with. It will take a combination of new algorithmic techniques, inspiration from natural systems, and multiple levels of machine learning to revolutionize robotics with general-purpose intelligence.

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Summer 2020 Volume 18, Number 3 https://ssir.org/issue/summer_2020#

Read about how organizational culture can advance social good, how researchers convinced the Indian government to adopt same-language subtitling for mass literacy, how corporate foundations can align with their companies, how artificial intelligence can apply causal models to become more effective, and other topics in the Summer 2020 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Barriers and facilitators to access mental health services among refugee women in highincome countries: study protocol for a systematic review

According to the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugee Global Trends report in 2019, on average, there are 2.7 refugees per 1000 national population in high-income countries, where girls and women attrib...

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Standing in Solidarity with Victims and Survivors of Terrorism in the Era of COVID-19

Vladimir Voronkov

Vladimir Voronkov is Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre. 19 August 2020

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care Volume 15, Issue 2, 2020 http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current [Reviewed earlier]

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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