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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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Lebanon

Beirut explosion: Donors pledge aid for Lebanon but want reform

BBC News, 9 Aug 2020

International donors have pledged a quarter of a billion euros in aid for Lebanon five days after the explosion which devastated a swathe of Beirut.

But an online donor summit arranged by France called at the same time for reforms to be made....

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Statement by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on the International Conference on Support to Beirut and the Lebanese People

August 9, 2020

Washington, DC: Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), made the following statement today at the end of the high-level "International Conference on Support to Beirut and the Lebanese People" after the August 4 explosion:

"I would like to thank French President Emmanuel Macron for bringing us together just days after the devastating explosion in Beirut and express heartfelt solidarity with the Lebanese people. It is a terrible tragedy, coming at a terrible time. Lebanon has been struggling with profound economic and social challenges, aggravated by a pandemic, but even more so by the shortage of political will to adopt and implement meaningful reforms the people of Lebanon have been calling for. This is the moment for Lebanese policymakers to unite and address the severe economic and social crisis. It is also a moment for the international community to stand by the country and its people – with urgent humanitarian assistance, and support for reforms to pull Lebanon from the brink of economic collapse.

"Over the last months we have been engaged intensely with the Lebanese authorities, as well as with civil society and the international community, on a reform package aimed at addressing the deepening crisis, strengthening governance and accountability, and restoring confidence in the economy. Unfortunately these discussions have yet to yield results.

"We are ready to redouble our efforts. But we need unity of purpose in Lebanon—we need all institutions to come together determined to carry out much needed reforms.

"First, to restore the solvency of public finances and the soundness of the financial system.

Current and future generations of Lebanese must not be saddled with more debts than they can ever repay. This is why the IMF requires debt sustainability as a condition for lending. And the financial system must be solvent—those who benefitted from past excessive returns need to share the burden of bank recapitalization, to protect the life savings of the vast majority of ordinary Lebanese depositors.

"Second, to put in place temporary safeguards to avoid continued capital outflows that would further undermine the financial system while reforms are taking hold. This includes adopting legislation to formalize capital controls in the banking system and eliminate the current multiple exchange rate system to help protect Lebanon's international reserves while reducing rent-seeking and corruption.

"Third, upfront steps to reduce the protracted losses in many state-owned enterprises. There must be more predictability, transparency, and accountability—with comprehensive audits of key institutions, including the central bank.

"Finally, an expanded social safety net has to be in place to protect the most vulnerable people. They must not be asked to bear the brunt of this crisis.

"Commitment to these reforms will unlock billions of dollars for the benefit of the Lebanese people. This is the moment for the country's policymakers to act decisively. We stand ready to help."

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Press briefing note on Lebanon – UN OHCHR

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

7 August 2020

This week's horrific blast in Beirut has brought into sharp focus the need for the international community to step up and help Lebanon and its people at their time of crisis. Only a swift international response and sustained engagement will prevent many more lives being lost.

Four weeks ago, the High Commissioner issued a stark warning that the situation in Lebanon was fast spiralling out of control. Then, she urged the Government, political parties and leaders to enact urgently needed reforms and to address essential needs such as shelter, food, electricity, health and education.

In her [statement](#) on July 10, the High Commissioner pointed to the situation of the most vulnerable. Today, every Lebanese is weighing how they will manage going forward after the triple tragedy of the socio-economic crisis, COVID-19 and the ammonium nitrate explosion.

With large swathes of the city unfit to live in, the country's principle port all but destroyed and the health system on its knees, the situation is dire. Victims' calls for accountability must be heard, including through undertaking an impartial, independent, thorough and transparent investigation into the explosion.

As the city and the country rebuilds, the need to protect the rights of the poorest and most vulnerable through collective action and reform, will be more important than ever.

This tragic event must be a turning point for the country's leaders to overcome political stalemates and address the grievances of the population first aired during the protests in October 2019.

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UNESCO convenes partners to coordinate support for cultural heritage after the tragic explosion in Beirut

08/7/2020

While reiterating expressions of condolence and solidarity with the people of Lebanon in the wake of the tragic explosions in Beirut on 4 August 2020, UNESCO is taking action and organizing a meeting on 10 August together with the Directorate General of Antiquities in the Ministry of Culture of Lebanon, and its partners – [ALIPH](#), [ARC-WH](#), [Blue Shield](#), [ICCROM](#), [ICOM](#), and [ICOMOS](#) - to jointly assess the situation and determine how the international community can support Lebanon in its efforts to safeguard the invaluable cultural heritage of Beirut.

The explosions destroyed a number of cultural assets in Beirut, which are a testimony to the country's rich culture, identity and history. Important museums and galleries including the Sursock Museum and the Archaeological Museum of the American University in Beirut, as well as the urban cultural heritage districts of Gemmayzeh and Mar-Mikhaël, are among the sites that are reported to be severely damaged. Other galleries such as Malerie Marfa and Galerie Tanit are reported to be completely destroyed.

Culture and heritage are fundamental to societies and give strength and comfort to communities emerging from loss and tragedy. While humanitarian needs are of immediate concern, the protection and rehabilitation of cultural heritage and the prevention of further damage and loss are important for the longer-term recovery of the city and its people. This first coordination meeting aims to identify concrete measures that can be proposed to the Lebanese Government as well as local authorities and institutions in Beirut.

UNESCO stands ready to assist the people of Lebanon as they recover from this tragic incident.

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Human Rights –Child Labour

ILO Child Labour Convention achieves universal ratification

04 August 2020

All 187 member States of the International Labour Organization (ILO) have ratified the ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 (No. 182).

GENEVA (ILO News) – For the first time in the ILO's history, an International Labour Convention has been ratified by all member States. [Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour](#) achieved universal ratification, following ratification by the Kingdom of Tonga.

The Convention is the most rapidly ratified Convention in the history of the Organization, since its adoption 21 years ago by the International Labour Conference.

"Universal ratification of Convention 182 is an historic first that means that all children now have legal protection against the worst forms of child labour," said ILO Director-General Guy Ryder. "It reflects a global commitment that the worst forms of child labour, such as slavery,

sexual exploitation, the use of children in armed conflict or other illicit or hazardous work that compromises children's health, morals or psychological wellbeing, have no place in our society."...

The ILO estimates that there are 152 million children in child labour, 73 million of whom are in hazardous work. Seventy per cent of all child labour takes place in agriculture and is mostly related to poverty and parents' difficulties finding decent work.

Convention No. 182 calls for the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including slavery, forced labour and trafficking. It prohibits the use of children in armed conflict, prostitution, pornography and illicit activities such as drug trafficking, and in hazardous work...

"Ending child labour by 2025 in all its forms" is included under Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by all UN Member States in 2015. The global partnership, Alliance 8.7, for which the ILO provides the Secretariat, brings together over 250 partners and 21 Pathfinder Countries to coordinate, innovate and accelerate progress to end child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery. The universal ratification of Convention No. 182 demonstrates the will of all ILO member States to ensure that every child, everywhere, is free from child labour and its worst forms.

This landmark achievement comes just months before the start of the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour in 2021, to be led by the ILO in collaboration with partners. Its aim is to raise awareness of the issue and to help accelerate the pace of progress.

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Heritage Stewardship – Biodiversity

Biodiversity high on standards agenda

A new expert committee on biodiversity just formed.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

By Clare Naden on 4 August 2020

Biodiversity ensures life. It creates the air that we breathe, the food that we eat, the medicines that save lives and the water we so badly rely on. But over-exploitation of land and species, intensive farming, pollution and climate change have eroded biodiversity to the point that we are now faced with natural disasters, food and water shortages, zoonoses and more. Strengthening biodiversity, therefore, is fundamental to sustainable development.

Recognizing this, ISO has just formed a committee of experts from all over the world dedicated to developing standards that help organizations do just that. ISO/TC 331, Biodiversity, will be chaired by AFNOR, ISO's member for France, and intends to provide a holistic approach by bringing together, and expanding on, existing national and international expertise to address biodiversity issues.

Committee Manager Caroline Lhuillery said the work of ISO/TC 331 will help to encourage organizations, including government and business, to embed biodiversity issues into their strategies, decision making and actions.

"Some three-quarters of the world's land and two-thirds of the marine environment have been significantly modified by human intervention, creating real dangers for our populations," she said.

"The desire is to turn the tables to create a healthier relationship between our economies and our ecosystems, a relationship that encourages the preservation of biodiversity while creating opportunities for sustainable development. A global approach is needed in order to achieve this."

Future standards from the committee will include standardized terms and definitions to be used globally, methodologies for impact analysis, frameworks for defining strategies and action plans, monitoring and reporting tools, and more. ISO/TC 331 also intends to develop guidelines on specific biodiversity issues such as ecological engineering, nature-based solutions and relevant technologies.

The new committee's outputs will be useful to national and local authorities, businesses and other relevant organizations to improve their current activities related to biodiversity and facilitate the development of new products and initiatives.

Use of the future standards will enable organizations to directly contribute to the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly [SDG 13](#) (Climate Action), [SDG 14](#) (Life below Water) and [SDG 15](#) (Life on Land). The committee's work will also indirectly benefit the remaining SDGs, as all human activities depend on biodiversity. Those interested in contributing to ISO/TC 331 should contact their national [ISO member](#).

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COVID-19 Second Order/Third Order Effects – Education

[UN Secretary-General warns of education catastrophe, pointing to UNESCO estimate of 24 million learners at risk of dropping out](#)

Press release 08/6/2020

UN Secretary-General António Guterres today launched the *Education in the time of COVID-19 and beyond Policy Brief* warning that **the pandemic has created the most severe disruption in the world's education systems in history and is threatening a loss of learning that may stretch beyond one generation of students. School closures are also likely to erase decades of progress**, according to the Policy Brief, which builds on UNESCO's data and features recommendations on ways to avert the looming catastrophe.

UNESCO led the drafting of the Secretary-General's Policy Brief which contains inputs from 15 sister organizations...

The Brief calls for national authorities and the international community to come together to place education at the forefront of recovery agendas and protect investment in education. With this objective, UNESCO will convene a special session of the Global Education Meeting before the end of the year.

UNESCO data shows that nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 190 countries, 94% of the world's student population, were affected by the closure of educational institutions at

the peak of the crisis, a figure that stands at 1 billion today. As many as 100 countries have yet to announce a date for schools to reopen.

The Policy Brief points to UNESCO's projections whereby 24 million learners from pre-primary to tertiary education risk not finding their way back to their studies in 2020 following the COVID-19-induced closures. The largest share of learners at risk, 5.9 million, live in South and West Asia. Another 5.3 million students at risk are in sub-Saharan Africa. Both regions faced severe educational challenges even before the pandemic, which is likely to worsen their situation considerably.

According to UNESCO, tertiary education is likely to experience the highest dropout rate and a projected 3.5% decline in enrolment, resulting in 7.9 million fewer students. Pre-primary education is the second worst affected level with a projected 2.8% decline in enrolment, i.e. 5 million fewer children attending. According to these projections, 0.27% of primary and 1.48% of secondary education students, corresponding to 5.2 million girls and 5.7 million boys at both levels, risk dropping out of school.

"These findings emphasize the urgent need to ensure the continuity of learning for all in the face of this unprecedented crisis, in particular the most vulnerable," says UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay. "The Brief calls to protect investment in education at all levels, and warns that according to UNESCO estimates, the pandemic will increase the gap in funding needed to reach the internationally agreed 2030 Sustainable Development Goal on Education (SDG4) in low and lower-middle income countries by one third, from the already staggering shortfall of USD 148 billion."..

The Brief makes recommendations in four areas to mitigate the effects of the pandemic:

[1] Suppress transmission of the virus and plan thoroughly for school reopening: this covers health and safety measures, attention to the needs of marginalized children and joint planning and consultation with teachers, parents and communities The UN has issued guidance to help governments in this complex endeavour.

[2] Protect education financing and coordinate for impact: despite public spending constraints, national authorities must protect education budgets and include education in COVID stimulus packages. The international community must protect official development assistance for education. Relieving, postponing and restructuring debt for low and lower-middle income countries is part of the solution to help countries invest in education.

[3] Strengthen the resilience of education systems for equitable and sustainable development: Building back resilience requires a priority focus on equity and inclusion, with measures to address the needs of the most marginalized and vulnerable learners and to ensure that economic strains and gender norms do not prevent girls from returning to school. Risk management capacities need to be reinforced at all levels.

[4] Reimagine education and accelerate positive change in teaching and learning: The scale of innovations made in a short time to ensure learning continuity proves that change can happen quickly. They have set the ground to reimagine education and build systems that are more forward-looking, inclusive, flexible and resilient. Solutions must address learning losses, preventing dropouts, particularly of the most marginalized, and ensuring the social and emotional welfare of students, teachers and staff. Other priorities include better support to the teaching profession, removing barriers to connectivity, investing in digital technologies and flexible learning pathways.

The UN Policy Brief is being launched alongside #SaveOurFuture, a multi-partner campaign led by ten entities, including UNESCO, to raise awareness of the global education emergency and urge increased investment to build better, more inclusive and resilient education systems for the future.

:: [Secretary-General's Policy Brief on Education and COVID-19](#)

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COVID-19 – Humanitarian Exemptions

UN Experts: Sanctions proving deadly during COVID pandemic, humanitarian exemptions not working

Geneva (7 August 2020) – People in countries under sanctions cannot protect themselves against COVID-19 or get life-saving treatment if they fall ill because humanitarian exemptions to the sanctions are not working, UN human rights experts* said today.

"Sanctions are bringing suffering and death in countries like Cuba, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen," said Alena Douhan, special rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. "Sanctions should be lifted – or at a minimum eased – so people can get basics like soap and disinfectants to stay healthy, and so that hospitals can get ventilators and other equipment to keep people alive."

Nothing has improved, she said, since she called in April for lifting of all unilateral sanctions that prevent sanctioned states from adequately fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, or since the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a similar appeal.

"Sanctions that were imposed in the name of delivering human rights are in fact killing people and depriving them of fundamental rights, including the rights to health, to food and to life itself," said Douhan and other UN experts. Water, soap, and electricity needed by hospitals, fuel for delivering vital goods, and food are all in short supply because of the sanctions.

"We renew our call for sanctioning countries to urgently lift, suspend or minimize their sanctions so that medicine, medical equipment, food and fuel can get through," the experts said.

They welcomed efforts by many states, intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations to try to help sanctioned countries fight COVID-19. "We particularly welcome the willingness of the European Union, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Russia, China, the United States and other donors to ship much needed medical supplies."

However, in place of time-consuming and often costly procedures for getting humanitarian exemptions to sanctions, the UN experts said exemptions should be granted on the presumption that the stated purpose is actually humanitarian, with a burden of proof on others to show it is not.

"To guarantee human rights and solidarity in the course of the pandemic, licenses for delivery of humanitarian aid should be provided in the easiest way – preferably automatically upon request,"

Douhan said. "Individuals and humanitarian organizations involved in the delivery of such aid should in no way be subjected to secondary sanctions."

**The experts: Ms Alena Douhan, Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights; Mr. Obiora Okafor, the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right to physical and mental health; Mr. Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Ms Agnès Callamard, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.*

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Situation report - 201

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

8 August 2020

Confirmed cases :: 19 187 943 [week ago: 17 396 943]

Confirmed deaths :: 716 075 [week ago: 635 173]

Highlights [selected]

:: WHO has published guidance on the public health surveillance of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in humans caused by infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). This document combines and supersedes the Global surveillance guidance for COVID-19 caused by human infection with COVID-19 virus: Interim guidance, and Surveillance strategies for COVID-19 human infection: Interim Guidance 10 May 2020.

:: A plane carrying 20 tonnes of trauma and surgical supplies from WHO has landed in Beirut, Lebanon to support the treatment of patients injured by the blast which occurred in the city on 4 August. This latest emergency has occurred at a time of recent civil unrest, economic crisis, the COVID-19 outbreak and heavy refugee burden. "We are in this together, and we are committed to supporting Lebanon in this very difficult time" said Dr Najat Rochdi, UN Resident Coordinator in Lebanon...

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COVID-19 Vaccines – Access/Procurement/Supply

Up to 100 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to be made available for low- and middle-income countries as early as 2021

:: ***New landmark collaboration between the Serum Institute of India (SII), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to accelerate manufacturing and delivery of up to 100 million doses of future safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for low- and middle-income countries in 2021***

:: Vaccines will be priced at maximum US\$ 3 per dose and made available to up to 92 countries included in Gavi's COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC)

:: Dr Seth Berkley: New collaboration will help "ensure we have additional manufacturing capacity to begin producing doses for every country, not just the wealthy few"

Geneva, 7 August 2020 – A new landmark collaboration between SII, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, Gavi and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will accelerate the manufacture and delivery of up to 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) as part of the Gavi COVAX AMC, a mechanism within the COVAX Facility.

The collaboration will provide upfront capital to SII to help them increase manufacturing capacity now so that, once a vaccine, or vaccines, gains regulatory approval and WHO Prequalification, doses can be produced at scale for distribution to LMIC countries as part of the Gavi COVAX AMC mechanism as early as the first half of 2021.

"Too many times we've seen the most vulnerable countries left at the back of the queue when it comes to new treatments, new diagnostics and new vaccines," said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "With COVID-19 vaccines we want things to be different. If only the wealthiest countries in the world are protected, then international trade, commerce and society as a whole will continue to be hit hard as the pandemic continues to rage across the globe. This new collaboration is an important step in our efforts to prevent this from happening, helping to ensure we have additional manufacturing capacity to begin producing doses for every country, not just the wealthy few. We now need other vaccine manufacturers to step up and follow SII's lead."

The funding will help de-risk manufacturing by SII for candidate vaccines from AstraZeneca and Novavax, which will be available for procurement if they are successful in attaining full licensure and WHO Prequalification. SII has set a ceiling price of US\$ 3 per dose, a price enabled by investments made by partners such as CEPI and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The arrangement also provides an option to secure additional doses if the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator sees a need for it...

The Gavi COVAX AMC, which is currently seeking at least US\$ 2 billion in initial seed funding, will meet at least part of the cost of procurement for the vaccine doses. Last week the Gavi Board agreed upon the final list of 92 countries that will be supported by the AMC. Under the new collaboration, AstraZeneca's candidate vaccine, if successful, will be available to 57 Gavi-eligible countries. Novavax's candidate, if successful, will be available to all 92 countries supported by the AMC. These countries align with SII's licensing agreements with the two partners.

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Last *WHO Situation Report* published [23 June 2020](#)

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 5 August 2020

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

:: Afghanistan: two WPV1 positive environmental samples

:: Pakistan: three WPV1 cases, 12 WPV1 positive environmental samples and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

:: Cameroon: one cVDPV2 case

:: Chad: three cVDPV2 cases

:: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo): two cVDPV2 cases

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*
MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*
Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*
occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*
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*

WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 8 Aug 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*
Djibouti - *Page not responding at inquiry*
Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*
Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*
Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified*
Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Response Update No. 08 - 4 August 2020
:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Flash Update - As of 07 August 2020

Yemen

:: 05 August 2020 Yemen Humanitarian Update Issue 07 (July 2020)

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.

East Africa Locust Infestation

:: Desert Locust situation update - 7 August 2020

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 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

6 August 2020

SC/14273

Briefing Security Council on Linkages between Terrorism, Organized Crime, Executive Director Notes Greater Efforts Needed in Cross-Border Cooperation

Collective responses to counter-terrorism and organized crime are needed now more than ever before, as the COVID-19 pandemic poses new challenges to vulnerable States, United Nations officials told the Security Council in a videoconference meeting on 6 August.

5 August 2020

SG/SM/20198

Secretary-General Expresses Condolences to People, Government of Lebanon Following 'Horrific' Explosions

4 August 2020

SG/SM/20197

World at 'Defining Moment' for Children, Secretary-General Stresses in Message to Launch Policy Brief on Education and COVID-19

3 August 2020

SG/SM/20194

Hard Hit by COVID-19 Pandemic, Indigenous Peoples' Input Must Be Part of Response, Recovery Strategies, Secretary-General Says in Observance Message

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Top News

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples Message from Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Press briefing note on Lebanon

Press briefing note on Jordan

Yemen: Journalists under attack from all quarters, says Bachelet

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

Work of human rights treaty bodies at risk, warn UN Committee Chairs

GENEVA (4 August 2020) - Chairpersons of the 10 UN committees that monitor the implementation of international human right treaties have called on States to properly support their work, warning that the current underfunding is set to affect upcoming review meetings from September onwards.

"States have a legal obligation to fund the treaty bodies. Their refusal to fully do so is all the more outrageous amid the COVID-19 pandemic which has led to a wide range of human rights violations around the world," the chairpersons said...

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

3 August, 2020

Remarks of Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten at the Free Yezidi Foundation Panel on Genocide and Recovery for the Commemoration of the Sinjar Massacre of 3 August 2014

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

UN Experts: Sanctions proving deadly during COVID pandemic, humanitarian exemptions not working

7 August 2020

[See Week in Review above detail]

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouseoples/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 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

08 August 2020

Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim in Cameroon condemns killing of an aid worker in the North West region

07 August 2020

UN Provides \$15 Million in Response to Beirut Blast

04 August 2020

Humanitarian Fund allocation in the Central African Republic - 4 August 2020

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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Press release

08/07/2020

UNICEF loses life-saving supplies in Kinshasa warehouse fire

Press release

08/07/2020

Geneva Palais briefing note on situation for children affected by Beirut explosions and UNICEF response

Press release

08/06/2020

80,000 children displaced due to Beirut explosions – UNICEF

UNICEF scales up response and assistance to children and families

Statement

08/05/2020

UNICEF sad and shocked at Beirut explosions, concerned about the wellbeing of children, and supporting partners on the ground

Statement from Ms. Yukie Mokuo, UNICEF Representative in Lebanon

Press release

08/04/2020

UNICEF condemns attack in Cameroon's Far North that reportedly killed 10 children

Statement

08/03/2020

Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet

Joint message for World Breastfeeding Week 2020 by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Press release

08/03/2020

Children in Central America and the Caribbean facing dual threat of stronger hurricane season and COVID-19

Displacement and service interruption caused by storms could leave children and families more vulnerable to virus, UNICEF warns

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

IOM, UNHCR Mourn Death of 27 People off West African Coast

7 Aug 2020

Floods drive over 650,000 Somalis from their homes in 2020

7 Aug 2020

UNHCR rushes support for Beirut in the aftermath of massive blast

7 Aug 2020

Death of transgender asylum seeker in Guatemala highlights increased risks and protection needs for LGBTI community

6 Aug 2020

Statement attributable to UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi on the explosions in Beirut, Lebanon

5 Aug 2020

Refugee Olympian Yiech Pur Biel named UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

4 Aug 2020

UNHCR outraged by attack on camp hosting displaced people in Cameroon, at least 18 people killed

04 August 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

IOM Mobilizes to Meet Needs of Families Made Homeless by Beirut Blast

2020-08-07 17:04

Beirut – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is mobilizing to respond to the urgent needs of large sections of Beirut's population who remain homeless after Tuesday's catastrophic explosion in Lebanon, a country already gravely affected by the dual COVID-19 and...

USD 84 Million Dollar Appeal to Assist African Migrants Affected by COVID-19 Launched by IOM and 27 Partners and Governments Across Horn of Africa and Yemen

2020-08-06 11:48

Nairobi - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and partners from 27 humanitarian and development organisations and governments are appealing for USD 84 million to provide life-saving assistance to hundreds of thousands of African migrants and host community...

UNAIDS [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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4 August 2020

Virtual training for antiretroviral therapy prescribers launched in Papua New Guinea

UNAIDS [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

4 August 2020

[Virtual training for antiretroviral therapy prescribers launched in Papua New Guinea](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 8 Aug 2020]

5 August 2020 *News release*

[Plane carrying WHO trauma and surgical supplies arrives in Beirut, Lebanon](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 7 August 2020 *News release*

World breastfeeding week 2020: Focus on access to skilled support

As the world marks Breastfeeding Week amidst the COVID-19 pandemic spread, WHO and partners are focusing on increasing mother's access to skilled breastfeeding support...

:: 6 August 2020 *News release*

Maintain essential health services during COVID-19 response: WHO

The World Health Organization urged Member countries in South-East Asia Region to maintain essential health and accelerate resumption of disrupted health-care services, hit by the...

WHO European Region EURO

:: Patient guides build bridge between Syrian refugees and doctors in Turkey 07-08-2020

:: Epidemics and Public Health Emergency Operations Centre opens in North Macedonia 07-08-2020

:: New WHO tools to support health-care workers promoting breastfeeding in Europe 06-08-2020

:: Marko Obradovic: why new mothers need our support and why breastfeeding concerns us all 05-08-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO requires US\$ 15 million to support immediate Beirut blast response and ensure vital health and disease prevention activities are maintained

Cairo/Beirut, August 6, 2020 – As the public health impact of the Beirut blast becomes clearer, WHO is calling for US\$ 15 million to cover immediate emergency trauma and humanitarian health needs and ensure the continuity of the response to COVID-19 across the country. "We are particularly concerned about overburdened hospital and health workforce capacity, shortages of medicines and medical supplies, and the...

:: Statement by WHO's Regional Director on standing with the people of Lebanon following deadly Beirut blast

6 August 2020 – Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our Region was plagued by emergencies. More than 70 million people were directly or indirectly affected by political conflict or natural disasters

and in need of humanitarian aid. In the past 6 months, as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, the Region was impacted by another large-scale crisis that resulted in...

Plane carrying WHO trauma and surgical supplies arrives in Beirut, Lebanon

5 August 2020, Beirut, Lebanon – A plane carrying 20 tonnes of WHO health supplies has landed in Beirut, Lebanon, to support the treatment of patients injured by the massive blast that occurred in the city on 4 August. The supplies will cover 1000 trauma interventions and 1000 surgical interventions for people suffering from injuries and burns resulting from the...

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest from News Centre

Celebrating the Stewardship and Resilience of Indigenous Peoples

Since 1982, the world has celebrated the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on 9 August. This year's theme -- COVID-19 and Indigenous peoples' resilience -- offers a somber moment for...

Posted on August 7, 2020

Statement by UNDP Administrator on the explosions in Beirut

Our hearts go out to the people of Lebanon and we send our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones in the explosions in Beirut.

Posted on August 5, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Publications

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

05 Aug 2020 *Press release*

[New study reveals the status of climate risk management in Latin American and Caribbean banks](#)

5 August 2020, Panama - A survey among 78 financial institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean holding 54% of the total assets managed by the banking sector in the region, revealed that 38% of banks...

05 Aug 2020 *Press release*

[New Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management aims to improve the safety of tailings facilities in the mining industry](#)

5 August 2020, London – The Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (the Standard) launched today, establishes the first global standard on tailings management that can be applied to existing and future...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Statements and messages

6 August 2020

[Statement on the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon](#)

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction Mami Mizutori expresses her deepest condolences to the victims and their families and the government of Lebanon for the loss of life, injury and devastation caused by the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

[A day to recognize the resilience of indigenous peoples](#)

5 August 2020, New York

Indigenous peoples have been heavily impacted by COVID-19. Nevertheless, their response to the global pandemic has shown their resilience in overcoming challenges. Indigenous peoples continue to use unique solutions to tackle the pandemic – as they have for centuries. They are taking action, drawing on their traditional knowledge and practices, such as voluntary isolation, and sealing off their territories.

For example, the Karen people of Thailand have revived their ancient ritual of “Kroh Yee” (village closure) in efforts to fight the spread of COVID-19. In Honduras, several Lenca and Maya Chortí communities have put in place ‘sanitary cordons’ to enclose their villages and to prevent outsiders from entering their territories.

Indigenous peoples are also implementing preventive and protective measures – providing key messages and launching media campaigns in indigenous languages to ensure greater awareness and outreach. These and many other practices are vital to preserve indigenous peoples' and their communities and cultures, as they continue to be disproportionately impacted by the pandemic...

UNESCO [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

UNESCO convenes partners to coordinate support for cultural heritage after the tragic explosion in Beirut

08/7/2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UN Secretary-General warns of education catastrophe, pointing to UNESCO estimate of 24 million learners at risk of dropping out

Press release 08/6/2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNESCO and ICCROM analyze museum trends during and after the pandemic

On 23 July 2020, UNESCO and ICCROM organized a webinar on Museums after the Pandemic that ...

08/4/2020

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 8 Aug 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Child Labour

ILO Child Labour Convention achieves universal ratification

04 August 2020

All 187 member States of the International Labour Organization (ILO) have ratified the ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 (No. 182).

[See Week in Review above for detail]

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 4 August 2020

Biodiversity high on standards agenda

A new expert committee on biodiversity just formed.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

All Regions COVID-19

[UNWTO, ONCE Foundation and ENAT Call for The Reopening of Tourism Destinations to Cater for the Needs of People With Disabilities](#)

03 Aug 2020

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Announcements

07.08.2020 **[Statement by CBD Executive Secretary Elizabeth Maruma Mrema on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)**

04.08.2020 **[Equilibrium Research \(2020\). Making Money Local: Can Protected Areas Deliver Both Economic Benefits and Conservation Objectives?](#)**

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USAID [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[The United States Announces \\$7.5 Million In Additional Humanitarian Assistance To Contain Ebola In The Democratic Republic Of The Congo](#)

August 7, 2020

Press Release

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing more than \$7.5 million in additional humanitarian assistance to help end the 11th outbreak of Ebola in Équateur Province in Northwestern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The funding also will support Ebola survivors and maintain a rapid-response capacity in Eastern DRC, where the DRC's 10th outbreak, also the second-largest outbreak of the disease in history was declared over in June 2020. The U.S.

[United States Provides Humanitarian Assistance in Response to Explosions in Lebanon](#)

August 7, 2020

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing more than \$15 million in humanitarian assistance to aid the people of Lebanon following catastrophic explosions at the Port of Beirut. These funds bring the humanitarian aid provided by the American people in Lebanon since September 2019 to a total of \$403 million.

U.S. Economic and Humanitarian Assistance Boost U.S. Leadership in Continued Global COVID-19 Response Efforts

August 5, 2020

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY MICHAEL R. POMPEO

The United States continues to lead the world in the fight against COVID-19, with \$20.5 billion now allocated from across the U.S. Government to benefit the global response. This incredible effort, made possible by the generous American taxpayers, includes funding for vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics; preparedness efforts; and State Department and USAID foreign assistance funding.

DFID [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

UK pledges more aid for Beirut crisis at global summit

The UK will step up its commitment to helping Lebanon's most vulnerable today, by pledging a further £20m in urgent humanitarian support

Updated: 9 August 2020

UK medics fly to Beirut following deadly blast

The five medics will travel to Lebanon to determine the urgent needs in the Beirut health system and look at how the UK can support.

Updated: 7 August 2020

UK to send emergency relief to Lebanon

Following yesterday's explosion at Beirut Port, the UK has today announced a package of emergency support to Lebanon.

Updated: 5 August 2020

Sir Philip Barton appointed as Permanent Under-Secretary of new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Sir Philip Barton has been appointed as the Permanent Under-Secretary of the new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Updated: 3 August 2020

ECHO [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

European Commission pledges additional €30 million in immediate support for Lebanon

09/08/2020

At the international conference on assistance and support to Beirut and the Lebanese people, the European Commission has pledged a new funding worth €30 million to help address the immediate needs of those affected by the deadly explosion in Beirut...

Coronavirus response: EU dispatches additional rescue masks to Croatia, Montenegro and North Macedonia

07/08/2020

This week, more batches of FFP2 and FFP3 protective masks are being distributed to Croatia, Montenegro and North Macedonia from rescEU - the common European reserve of medical equipment set up this year to help countries affected by the coronavirus...

Statement by Commissioner Janez Lenarčič on the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon

05/08/2020

Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Crisis Management, has issued the following statement: We share the shock and sadness of the people of Beirut following the deadly explosion that has taken many lives and left many more injured. Our condolences go...

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African Union [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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The Launching of the Inaugural Africa Biennial Report on Disaster Risk Reduction

August 05, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Secretariat News

ASEAN 53: A Cohesive Journey to Recovery

JAKARTA, 8 August 2020 - ASEAN marks its 53rd anniversary today. Against the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) moved the celebrations online, inviting people worldwide to join in the commemoration from the comfort of their own homes. The theme for this year's anniversary focuses on ASEAN's cohesive journey to resilience. [...]

SEAN responds to potential transboundary haze events in wake of pandemic

JAKARTA, 4 August 2020 - The ASEAN Secretariat held a webinar to increase concerted effort and preparedness in preventing haze events, predicted to peak in August – September. The webinar was supported by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)-funded Measurable Action for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia (MAHFSA) Programme. Participants of the

European Commission [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest

Speech 9 August 2020

Intervention by EU Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič at the international donors conference for Beirut and in support of the Lebanese people

Press release 9 August 2020

European Commission pledges additional €30 million in immediate support for Lebanon

At the international conference on assistance and support to Beirut and the Lebanese people, the European Commission has pledged a new funding worth €30 million to help address the immediate needs of those affected by the deadly explosion in Beirut on 4 August.

Press release 6 August 2020

State aid: Commission approves €665 million Austrian scheme to support non-profit organisations and their related entities affected by the coronavirus outbreak

OECD [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

OAS Permanent Council Celebrates Inter-American Week for Indigenous Peoples

August 7, 2020

OAS General Secretariat Condemns Blockades of Trucks with Medical Supplies in Bolivia

August 6, 2020

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) expresses its extreme concern at the situation in Bolivia where groups of protesters are blocking the passage of trucks with health supplies needed to combat COVID-19, at a time when the pandemic has reached its highest point in the South American country...

The General Secretariat declares that it is immoral and discreditable to play politics with the lives of the people, and absolutely disgraceful that public human rights of the Bolivian people such as their right to life and health are breached and violated by miserable and petty interest groups...

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC Expresses Full Solidarity with Lebanese People after Beirut Blast

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation is following with great concern the repercussions of the blast that rocked the Beirut Port in Lebanon and resulted in a heavy toll of casualties and injuries....

04/08/2020

Group of 77 [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Neil Pierre, Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations, at the Briefing for the SDG Moment (New York, 6 August 2020)

Statement by Ambassador Neil Pierre, Chair of the Group of 77, on the occasion of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation (PGTF) (New York, 4 August 2020)

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UNCTAD [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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05 Aug 2020

Nearly 200 countries to meet in Barbados to chart new path for economic recovery from coronavirus

– UNCTAD's 15th quadrennial ministerial conference (UNCTAD15) to be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from 25 to 30 April 2021 will present the world with the first opportunity to align the sustainable development agenda with global efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic... "The COVID-19 global emergency and its extreme repercussions have exposed the need for a fundamental rethinking of many of the assumptions that previously underpinned the international economic order," Prime Minister Mottley said during the signing ceremony held virtually...

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

WTO report draws attention to impact of COVID-19 trade disruptions on women

5 August 2020

Women are likely to be harder hit than men by trade disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the dangers are particularly acute in developing countries according to a new information note from the WTO Secretariat. The paper points to how governments' policy responses could address gender-specific effects of the crisis.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 8 Aug 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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World Bank [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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Remarks by Axel van Trotsenburg, Managing Director, Operations at the International Conference on Support to Beirut and the Lebanese people

Date: August 09, 2020 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

Food Security and COVID-19

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

Date: August 07, 2020 Type: Brief

World Bank releases first comprehensive stock-taking of infrastructure services in Asia

Addresses need to better understand current levels of infrastructure quantity and quality

Washington, DC, July 30, 2020: A new World Bank report presents data about infrastructure provision in three key...

Date: August 06, 2020 Type: Press Release

Profiles of the new poor due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Poverty projection results Mahler et al. (2020) projected that COVID-19 is pushing between 71 and 100 million into...

Date: August 06, 2020 Type: Brief

COVID-19 Pandemic May Result in a Long-term Human Development Crisis in Central Asia, Warn World Bank Experts

ALMATY, August 5, 2020 — The COVID-19 pandemic can have a detrimental and long-lasting impact on education and human capital, economic and social development in Central Asian countries, where schoolchildren...

Date: August 05, 2020 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News, Announcements

August 9, 2020

Statement by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on the International Conference on Support to Beirut and the Lebanese People

[See Week in Review above for detail]

African Development Bank Group [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

Climate financing by leading multilateral development banks tops \$61.6 billion

06-Aug-2020 - Climate financing by seven of the world's largest multilateral development banks (MDBs) totalled \$61.6 billion in 2019, of which \$41.5 billion (67%) was in low- and middle-income economies, according to the 2019 Joint Report on Multilateral Development Banks' Climate Finance.

Asian Development Bank [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-
7 Aug 2020

ADB, UNDP Sign Agreement to Boost Disaster Recovery in Asia Pacific

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) today signed an agreement to strengthen disaster recovery capacity in selected countries across Asia and the Pacific.

6 Aug 2020

MDBs' Annual Climate Finance Passes \$61 Billion

Climate financing by seven of the world's largest MDBs accounted for \$61.6 billion in 2019, with \$41.5 billion (67%) in low- and middle-income economies, according to the 2019 Joint Report on Multilateral Development...

3 Aug 2020

ADB's COVID-19 Response Reaches \$9.3 Billion to End-July 2020

ADB committed \$9.3 billion in financial resources in the last six months since early February when ADB started its initial response to support its developing member countries and the private sector to address the impact of...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

04 AUG

IFAD and Uzbekistan bring improved incomes and livelihoods to the Fergana valley

03 AUG

Humanitarian aid alone is not enough to address hunger, says new Vice President of UN agency IFAD

Rome, 3 August 2020 – We are failing in our response to increasing hunger levels by focusing predominantly on humanitarian aid, said Dominik Ziller, the new Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) who took office today.

"We know that COVID-19 is going to dramatically increase hunger and poverty, particularly in rural areas. This is because most rural people depend on agricultural supply chains for their incomes and food, and these supply chains are being disrupted," said Ziller. "It is not enough to respond with humanitarian assistance alone. We have to build crisis-resilient supply chains, otherwise people will keep going to bed hungry."...

Islamic Development Bank [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

MDBs' climate finance in low- and middle-income countries reaches US\$ 41.5 billion

6 August 2020

Climate financing by seven of the world's largest multilateral development banks (MDBs) accounted for US\$ 61.6 billion in 2019, of which US\$ 41.5 billion (67 percent) was in low- and middle-income economies, according to the 2019 Joint Report on Multilateral Development Banks' Climate Finance. The study expands the scope of reporting for the first time to all countries of operations. It now provides data on MDB climate finance commitments beyond those directed solely at developing and emerging economies, but with the focus remaining on low- and middle-income countries...

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 8 Aug 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Liban

L'explosion à Beyrouth exacerbe les besoins humanitaires au Liban

Posté le 7 août 2020

Les graves effets de l'explosion du 4 août à Beyrouth s'ajoutent à ceux causés par la COVID-19 et la crise économique qui touche le pays.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

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[Amref Health Africa to implement a Child Protection Project funded by the Government of Canada](#)

August 5, 2020

The project seeks to reduce incidences of child abuse and empower community health workers in child...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest

COVID-19

[Is Bangladesh's RMG industry on its way to recovery?](#)

August 9, 2020

by [Fahim S Chowdhury](#) and [Md Faizul Islam](#) and [Sadril Shajahan](#)

Mapped in Bangladesh (MiB) is the first ever research-based initiative in Bangladesh for export-oriented readymade garment (RMG) industry. It endeavours to bring transparency in the sector through accurate, up-to-date data.

COVID-19

[BRAC International sets out Covid-19 recovery plan](#)

August 6, 2020

by [Musharrat Bidita](#)

As countries emerge from various phases of lockdowns, the key goal at this time is to ensure the continued safety and security of people as they return to the market as producers, vendors, and consumers.

Clubhouse International [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

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

July 27, 2020

Danish Refugee Council [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

NEWS

"On this journey, no one cares if you live or die"

Thousands of refugees and migrants dying and suffering extreme human rights abuses on journeys between West and East Africa and Africa's Mediterranean Coast, new UNHCR/MMC report shows.
05.08.20

ECPAT [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News from ECPAT

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

All news

COVID-19 response: HI provides financial support to the most vulnerable families

3 August 2020

HI's teams and its partners are working to help the worst affected families of children with disabilities survive the crisis. They are providing cash transfers to vulnerable families during the health emergency...

Madagascar

Heifer International [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Violence against health workers must cease to help contain Covid-19 emergency

Baghdad – The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement deplores violence and acts of intimidation against health workers and urges respect for all medical personnel, vehicles, and structures at this critical moment for the Iraqi health system

09-08-2020 | News release

Nigeria commits to a global nuclear ban

Abuja (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) welcomes Nigeria's commitment to contribute to a global ban on nuclear weapons by ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 06 August 2020.

06-08-2020 | News release

Beirut: Emergency medical supplies delivered to 12 hospitals

The International Committee of the Red Cross is actively responding to the aftermath of the explosion in Beirut and remains committed to supporting Lebanon during these difficult times.- Following the horrific explosion yesterday, the ICRC carried out

05-08-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Africa, South Africa

South Africa: Lessons of HIV/AIDS key to halting COVID-19 slide, says Red Cross

Johannesburg/Geneva, 7 August 2020 – A senior Red Cross official has warned that South Africa needed to learn lessons from the country's fight against HIV/AIDS to help curb the rise in the number of people testing positive for COVID-19, as the number continues to rise

7 August 2020

Asia Pacific, Bangladesh, India, Nepal

17.5 million affected by floods and threatened by disease in South Asia

Dhaka/Kuala Lumpur, 6 August 2020 – Monsoon floods are robbing millions of people of their homes and livelihoods, with mounting risk of more deadly disease outbreaks when health resources are stretched to breaking point by COVID-19. So far almost 17.5 million people are affected

6 August 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Story

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

IRC launches emergency response in Beirut as needs grow after explosion and amidst coronavirus crisis

August 6, 2020

Press Release

COVID-19 escalating in ICE detention centers as states hit highest daily records - and ICE deportation flights into Northern Triangle continue

August 3, 2020

IRCT [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

"My dream is to study and work in the media": We're helping create livelihoods in Yemen

Published: 7 August, 2020

Families fear for their lives as severe flooding devastates Bangladesh

Published: 7 August, 2020

Islamic Relief responds as mass explosion in Beirut causes widespread devastation

Published: 6 August, 2020

Landsea [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

August 05, 2020

News Alert: Humanitarian Needs in Beirut on Par With Aftermath of an Earthquake

24 hours after the explosion that rocked Beirut yesterday, killing more than 100 people and wounding more than 4,000...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Lebanon

[MSF supporting Beirut's health services in wake of massive blast](#)

Project Update 6 Aug 2020

Mediterranean migration

[MSF and Sea-Watch announce collaboration to save lives at sea](#)

Press Release 6 Aug 2020

South Africa

[Western Cape begins to breathe after COVID-19 peak](#)

Project Update 6 Aug 2020

Iraq

[Mosul: MSF works on dual front of COVID-19 and lifesaving medical care](#)

Project Update 5 Aug 2020

Brazil

[Chasing COVID-19 in the Brazilian Amazon](#)

Exposure.co 4 Aug 2020

Operation Smile [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Brazil hits 100,000 coronavirus death toll under an "inefficient and disoriented" government, official legal investigation urged](#)

9 August 2020

Today the tally of COVID-19 deaths has surpassed 100,000 in Brazil —the second country in the world to do so after the United States— with many of these deaths avoidable but for the Brazilian government's inefficient and disoriented response to the pandemic.

[Oxfam prepares response to Beirut blast](#)

6 August 2020

Oxfam is working with local partners to assess how it can help those who have lost their homes and livelihoods in the Beirut explosion.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest news

Lebanon | 09. Aug 2020

Beirut Conference: "Funding must be immediately disbursed following pledges, and Lebanese need to be heard"

Norwegian Refugee Council's Lebanon Country Director Carlo Gherardi's reaction to the outcome of the aid conference co-organised by the UN and France for the explosion response in Beirut, 9 August 2020

Africa/Ethiopia | 06. Aug 2020

15,000 Ethiopian returnees receive emergency Covid-19 assistance at quarantine sites

Over 15,000 Ethiopian returnees, many of whom are vulnerable women and children languishing at quarantine sites, have received critical emergency assistance as the country continues to curb the spread of Covid-19. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is working alongside the Ethiopian government to provide hygiene kits and other essential items to returning migrants.

Pact [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

August 5, 2020

Raising the voices of indigenous organizations across the Amazon region

"Indigenous women need autonomy, a voice and a light." This is how Telma Taurepang describes the challenges that her community has long faced.

Partners In Health [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

Aug 07, 2020

UGHE Graduation: Scholar Gloria Igihozo Reflects on Activism, Equity

Gloria Igihozo was this year's recipient of a UGHE scholarship for students who demonstrated a clear commitment to advancing the status of women and serving the most vulnerable. [Read More](#)

Aug 07, 2020

UGHE Graduation: Scholar Lisa Berwa Talks About Holistic Approach to Health

One Health Scholarship recipient Lisa Berwa will be one of 28 students to graduate Sunday from the northern Rwanda university. She said an integrated approach to health policies can "elevate the people you are serving." [Read More](#)

Aug 06, 2020

Malawi Program Boosting Support for Survivors of Sexual and Gender-based Violence

Neno District health records from 2019 showed zero cases of sexual or gender-based violence. But no one working in health care in Neno believed that to be true. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

7 August 2020 - Yemen

[Seven children reported killed in Yemen airstrike – Save the Children](#)

5 August 2020 - Lebanon

[Children hit by Beirut blast must be reunited with relatives](#)

4 August 2020 - Lebanon

[Fears for children in Beirut explosion, as hospitals are completely overwhelmed](#)

4 August 2020 - Bangladesh

[BANGLADESH: Two million children affected by unprecedented monsoon rains amid the longest-lasting floods in over twenty years](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

All News

Lebanon

[Humanitarian appeal launched for Lebanon](#)

August 7 2020 - The enormous explosion that shook Beirut, the Lebanese capital, on Tuesday comes at a highly critical and difficult time for Lebanon. With COVID-19 infections on the rise, hospitals were already battling to cope. Now, they are struggling to treat thousands of injured people.

Spain

[Landmark step to protect children from violence](#)

August 7 2020 - New child protection legislation improves measures to prevent and address violence against children in Spain. SOS Children's Villages Spain was part of the organizations advocating for better protection of children from violence.

Nepal

[A former street child becomes a nurse](#)

August 4 2020 - As a three-year-old, Kamala Tapa (27) lived on the street in Kathmandu. Today she works as a nurse in the SOS Children's Village Sanothimi in Kathmandu.

Tostan [to 8 Aug 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Article

August 6, 2020

"Contagious diseases... are not new in the DRC"

As one Ebola outbreak was declared done, another sprouted in its place. The Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to wrestle with this hydra while simultaneously dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

World Vision [to 8 Aug 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Children in desperate need of food, shelter and psychological support following deadly Beirut explosion -World Vision

:: World Vision aims to reach 120,000 individuals with immediate support

:: USD \$5 million needed for the child focused aid agency to respond

:: Fears that port damage will severely impact long term food assistance plans

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

Coronavirus shows the need for a human rights–based approach to public health crises

Perspectives

August 3, 2020

A human rights–based approach to public health emergencies would help fight the spread of disinformation, provide people with the tools to keep safe, and reduce the need for security measures when a crisis emerges.

Human Rights Watch [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

August 8, 2020

Brazil: Killings, Abuses in Amazon Police Operation

Brazil's federal police should immediately send officers to protect the Indigenous people and local residents, and collect any evidence of abuses allegedly committed during an ongoing state police operation in the Amazon region, Human Rights Watch said today. A federal judge ordered the deployment of federal police on August 7, 2020.

August 7, 2020 *News Release*

Poland: Crackdown On LGBT Activists

Asia

August 8, 2020 *News Release*

Sri Lanka: Increasing Suppression of Dissent

Middle East/North Africa

August 6, 2020 *News Release*

Lebanon: Set Impartial, Expert Probe of Beirut Blast

Transparency International [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

Statement on Beirut explosion

The Board and staff of the Lebanese Transparency Association, supported by the Transparency International movement worldwide, wish to express our shock and deep sadness at the devastation and loss of...

05 August 2020

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ChildFund Alliance [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 8 Aug 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Statement

The Elders call on world leaders to take action or risk nuclear catastrophe

05 Aug 2020

The Elders call on the leaders of the five recognised nuclear-weapon states to use the 75th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to begin substantive steps towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Ethical Leadership

Evidence Aid [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Content

[Head and neck mucosal malignancies during the COVID-19 pandemic \(search done on 8 April 2020\)Added August 8, 2020](#)

[Natural product-derived phytochemicals with bioactivity against coronaviruses \(search done on 25 March 2020\)Added August 8, 2020](#)

[Early discharge in acute mental healthAdded August 8, 2020](#)

[Computerised Tomography \(CT\) findings and COVID-19 InfectionAdded August 6, 2020](#)

[Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)Added August 6, 2020](#)

[Emergency guidelines issued by the WHO for infectious disease outbreaks were of variable qualityAdded August 6, 2020](#)

[Ebola virus outbreaks in sub-Saharan AfricaAdded August 6, 2020](#)

[Liver injuries and COVID-19 \(search done on 17 March 2020\)Added August 4, 2020](#)

[Face masks to stop the transmission of respiratory viruses from infected peopleAdded August 3, 2020](#)

Gavi [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News releases

6 August 2020

[Up to 100 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to be made available for low- and middle-income countries as early as 2021](#)

Getty Conservation Institute [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Updates

The Global Fund Appoints Leading Global Health Experts to Head HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria Teams

04 August 2020

The Global Fund has announced the appointment of three leading global health experts to head the organization's HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria teams to accelerate action to fight the three diseases.

Siobhan Crowley has been appointed Head of HIV, Eliud Wandwalo as Head of Tuberculosis and Scott Filler as Head of Malaria.

In their new roles, the appointees will develop and expand highly effective teams of senior disease advisors with the primary role of supporting Global Fund country teams, strengthening collaboration and alignment on key opportunities across the Global Fund Secretariat and deepening technical partner engagement to strengthen in-country results...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

Upcoming events

Remote monitoring – approaches to monitoring programmes in the context of COVID-19

August 11, 2020 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Online-ZOOM – Link to be shared

World Humanitarian Day 2020

August 19, 2020 - 12:00am

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

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

Online

InterAction [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Global & Public Policy Positions

NGO Recommendations On USDFC

[Lindsey Doyle](#) | Aug 5, 2020

InterAction Members urge the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to prioritize and fully implement its development mandate and focus on international best practices to improve development finance outcomes for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

To support these efforts, Member NGOs in InterAction's DFC Working Group highlight a set of recommendations in four main categories:

:: Expanded development mandate. Ensure that the DFC prioritizes investment in low- and lower-income countries and sub-regions while mainstreaming gender, monitor and evaluate projects in meaningful ways, consult with local and international NGOs, and follow the "Do No Harm" principle.

:: Risk management on the environment, climate, and social issues. Focus on fully implementing the Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures, align environmental and social standards with relevant U.S. Treasury policy, advance non-nuclear renewable energy, and halt investment in fossil fuel projects.

:: Accountability and transparency: Create and resource an independent accountability mechanism, stand up the Inspector General role, engage in frequent, robust consultations on related policies, and ensure full transparency.

:: Internal structures and staffing: Hire staff with competencies in sustainable development, increase diversity among the Board of Directors, and clarify criteria for Board-level project approval.

Challenges to Civil Society

[InterAction Joins the Call for the Extension of the High Level Panel on Displacement](#)

InterAction | Aug 4, 2020

Crises & Countries in Conflict

[InterAction's Response to COVID-19](#)

InterAction | Aug 3, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Publications

[The impact of development aid on organised violence: a systematic assessment](#)

Working paper 3ie 2020 The author of this paper reviews existing literature about the impact of development aid on violence in fragile and conflict affected states.

[Using technology and incentives to test innovative approaches to agricultural extension in Cambodia](#)

Impact evaluation Brief 3ie 2020 This brief presents findings of an evaluation that measures the impact of innovative models that use incentives, and information and communication technology to deliver extension services to farmers in Cambodia.

[Consultants- Immunisation systematic review, 3ie](#)

Posted on: 30 July 2020 Jobs

3ie is inviting applications for consultants to support an ongoing systematic review on immunisation interventions. Key responsibilities include conducting risk of bias, extracting effect size data from impact evaluations and supporting data analysis. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the deadline is 14 August.

[Read full job description](#)

CHS Alliance [to 8 Aug 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Publications

Events

UAH 2020: “Solidarity during a systemic crisis – what the pandemic has revealed”

Du 23/09/2020 au 25/09/2020 - Place : Plaisians (France)

Organised by Groupe URD

As the world in its entirety find itself strongly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, the international aid system and its modus operandi have also been brought into question by this crisis of unprecedented proportions. Our complex, interconnected and infinitely vulnerable systems require a profound transformation in the ways they organize, act and exist.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Resources

Weekly Humanitarian blog posts selection

The politics of Covid-19 humanitarian response

Selection#19 (27th July – 2nd August)

This week we return to the politics of Covid-19 humanitarian response and the economic effects of movement restrictions to stem the pandemic.

In Zimbabwe, the government has been using Covid-19 to undermine press freedom, arrest activists, and loot public funds. At the same time, border closure leads to smuggling of people, goods, and money resulting in both restricted livelihoods and increased disease transmission. In contrast, in South Korea, authoritarian Covid-19 containment measures are accepted because of a degree of government responsiveness. In poorer countries like Peru, however, chronic under-investment in health services and no safety net, a lockdown makes the population acutely vulnerable. This week's blog posts also raise the politics of sanctions and humanitarian access in Syria and Myanmar, and the multiple rules and laws that are applied in refugee settings: national, customary, and international.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

PHAP and NRC webinar on implications of COVID-19 for crisis financing

8/3/2020

On 15 September, PHAP together with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) will organize a launch even [...]

Sphere [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

Too much guidance across the sector? How to make sense of humanitarian guidelines, tools and standards

07 August 2020 | Sphere

By Aninia Nadig, Sphere's Policy and Practice Manager

Do you sometimes feel confused about different kinds of guidance on the same topic and wonder which one you should follow? I would like to offer a way of navigating through...

Affected communities as first responders: How an Indonesian village led the local fight against COVID-19

07 August 2020 | Sphere

When COVID-19 began to spread across Indonesia, the Javanese village of Gumuk Indah did not wait for assistance from government or for international NGOs to fly in. Taking matters into their own hands, residents put...

Start Network [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News and Blog

[Eight organisations take part in localised fund for COVID-19 response](#)

04 Aug 20

As part of Start Network's commitment to supporting local actors, eight national and local members have so far been selected to participate in a localised fund for COVID-19 response.

This fund will allow these organisations to access funding of up to £30,000 to respond to COVID-19 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India and Pakistan. It is being supported by a private donor and Avaaz, a global civic movement with 63 million members around the world campaigning for urgent action on pressing global, regional and national issues, from corruption and poverty to climate change and ecological collapse.

Project selection committees composed of in-country members reviewed the proposals. The following agencies will respond in:

Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Association des Femmes pour la Promotion et le Développement Endogène (AFPDE)

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Caritas Goma

India:

Caritas India

North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS)

Pakistan:

Bright Star Development Society Balochistan (BSDSB)

Initiative for Development and Empowerment Axis (IDEA)

HELP Foundation

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Brookings

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

Accessed 8 Aug 2020

Latest Research

Crime & Criminal Justice

[Bargaining with the devil to avoid hell? Negotiations with criminal groups in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Vanda Felbab-Brown

July 2020

Report

[Marijuana liberalization and public finance: A capital market perspective on a public health policy](#)

Stephanie Cheng, Gus De Franco, and Pengkai Lin

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Technology & Innovation

[Can AI model economic choices?](#)

Alex Engler
Thursday, August 6, 2020

Regulatory Policy
Watchdogs at large
Anne Joseph O'Connell
Thursday, August 6, 2020

Report
The Court of Justice of the European Union in Schrems II: The impact of GDPR on data flows and national security
Joshua P. Meltzer
Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

August 5, 2020

The Hedgehog, the Fox, and the Hounds: How the FCDO Can Deliver Its Vision for Development

Being a force for good in the world is more than about branding, or even good intentions: it requires impact and an organisation capable of it. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's vision offers a good starting point for being a values-driven force for good in the world, but within that vision there are potential tensions that need to be managed, rather than left to seethe.

[Stefan Dercon](#) and [Ranil Dissanayake](#)

August 5, 2020

Restructuring Sovereign Debt to Private Creditors in Poor Countries: What's Broken?

Two out of five low-income countries were in the grips of, or moving rapidly toward, unsustainable debt levels before the global pandemic. But the economic, financial, and fiscal effects of the pandemic have brought the day of reckoning for many countries much closer. The global financial community is likely entering another period of messy, prolonged, costly, and contentious debt defaults and restructurings. It does so with no more—and in some ways less—consensus on the principles that should govern collective action by public and private creditors, debtor governments, and the IFIs.

[Nancy Lee](#)

CSIS [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

A New U.S. Policy Framework for the African Century

August 7, 2020 | [Judd Devermont](#) After decades of stale foreign policy in Africa, the United States must shift both the substance and strategic vision of its engagement. Judd Devermont outlines how to revitalize U.S. partnerships, talk honestly about shared interests, and elevate Africa's global profile.

Report

Allied Economic Forum: Lessons Learned

August 6, 2020 | [Dylan Gerstel](#), [Stephanie Segal](#), [Matthew P. Goodman](#) The CSIS Economics Program highlights “lessons learned” from a two-and a half-year dialogue with U.S. allies and partners to guide multilateral economic policy cooperation to respond to challenges related to China’s technology acquisition strategy.

Report

Is It Possible to Avert Chaos in the Vaccine Scramble?

August 6, 2020 | [J. Stephen Morrison](#), [Anna Carroll](#), [Katherine E. Bliss](#) In the global scramble for a Covid-19 vaccine, the United States has pursued a nationalist approach. This paper argues that it is in the core national security interests of the United States to adopt a hybrid strategy, one that blends nationalism and internationalism.

Report

Venezuela: Pandemic and Foreign Intervention in a Collapsing Narcostate

August 5, 2020 | [Evan Ellis](#) The Maduro regime is surviving with help from foreign actors hostile to the United States.

Report

Cycle Times and Cycles of Acquisition Reform

August 5, 2020 | [Morgan Dwyer](#) Acquisition reform occurs in cycles. This CSIS brief explores how reform cycles have historically affected acquisition speed (i.e., program cycle times).

ODI [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Gender norms and women in politics: evaluating progress and identifying challenges on the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform

Briefing papers | August 2020 | Rachel George, with Emma Samman, Katie Washington and Alina Ojha

This guide reviews the role of gender norms in politics and progress in women’s political representation over 25 years since the 1995 Beijing Platform.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 8 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

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Publications

Implementing Tiny Homes as Permanent Supportive Housing

Across the US, tiny-home communities are being piloted to house people experiencing homelessness. One new community is taking shape in Bozeman, Montana: Housing First Village. It aims to keep

tenants stably housed by providing them a safe, dignified, and permanent home between 130 and 250 square feet. Partners seek to draw upon best practices to create permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic

[Corianne Payton Scally](#), [Amanda Gold](#), [Wilton Oliver](#), [Clare Salerno](#)

August 7, 2020

Research Report

Accounting for The Benefit of Retirement Saving Incentives in Distribution Tables

This paper describes the updated methodology that the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center (TPC) uses to estimate the benefits taxpayers receive from proposals that allow them to save through a qualified retirement savings plan. We present tables comparing how we currently measure these benefits and explain the rationale for the current method and how it improves upon the previous method TPC used and addresses some

[Eric Toder](#), [Surachai Khitatrakun](#)

August 7, 2020

Technical Paper

Using Cash Payments to Reduce Poverty

A recent Urban Institute analysis projected that three provisions of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, meant to stimulate the economy and reduce material hardship in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and recession, could keep 12.2 million people out of poverty between August and December 2020. One of those three provisions, providing Economic Impact Payments ("stimulus

[Gregory Acs](#), [Ilham Dehry](#)

August 7, 2020

Fact Sheet

A State Framework for Delivering Targeted Housing Assistance to People and Places Hit Hardest by COVID-19

As we begin August 2020, with supplemental unemployment benefits and national eviction moratorium expired, millions of households—disproportionately renters and people of color—face increasing housing instability and risk of displacement. As Congress debates how to support these families, we suggest an approach for identifying the places and people who most urgently need housing relief. We have developed a state

[Alanna McCargo](#), [Jung Hyun Choi](#), [John Walsh](#)

August 6, 2020

Brief

Home Visiting Careers: How Workplace Supports Relate to Home Visitor Recruitment and Retention

Introduction Early childhood home visiting programs support pregnant women and families with young children so they can be healthy, safe, and better prepared to reach their goals. The success of these programs is dependent upon recruiting and retaining a skilled, committed, and satisfied workforce. This brief summarizes findings from the Home Visiting Career Trajectories study—a national study of the home

[Sarah Benatar](#), [Amelia Coffey](#), [Heather Sandstrom](#)

August 6, 2020

Brief

Assessing Options for Federal Rental Assistance during the Pandemic

In this brief, the researchers evaluate six programs to disburse federal rental assistance to stabilize the rental market and keep renters housed during the pandemic. The researchers use program information and evidence to compare the programs along three criteria: ease of implementation and flexibility to tailor to state and local needs; extent to which programs target or prioritize the lowest-income, most [Martha M. Galvez](#), [Kathryn Reynolds](#), [Jorge Morales-Burnett](#), [Yipeng Su](#), [Solomon Greene](#)

August 5, 2020

Brief

Civic Assets for More Equitable Cities

In this report, the Urban Institute examines the policy and practice dimensions of Reimagining the Civic Commons (RCC), a national initiative focused on reviving shared civic assets—parks, libraries, plazas, recreational centers, and more—into places that have the power to foster engagement, equity, environmental sustainability, and economic development. We looked specifically at RCC’s approach to civic asset

[Gillian Gaynair](#), [Mark Treskon](#), [Joseph Schilling](#), [Gabiella Velasco](#)

August 4, 2020

Research Report

Changes in State TANF Policies in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

As the US economy shut down in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state administrators for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)—the nation’s primary program for helping families with low incomes meet basic needs while supporting their transition to economic mobility through work opportunities—faced new challenges operating the program and meeting their clients’ needs. For families previously or newly

[Katie Shantz](#), [Heather Hahn](#), [Mary Nelson](#), [Matt Lyons](#), [Ann Flagg](#)

August 4, 2020

Brief

Driving Systems Change Forward: Leveraging Multisite, Cross-Sector Initiatives to Change Systems, Advance Racial Equity, and Shift Power

A slate of multisite, cross-sector initiatives has emerged to address structural root causes of inequities by changing the systems that shape community conditions and individual well-being. These new, connected sets of activities were planned and implemented to achieve a goal that spans more than one site (e.g., a neighborhood, school, city, region) and involve a mix of institutions from the public, nonprofit,

[Corianne Payton Scally](#), [Lydia Lo](#), [Kathryn L.S. Pettit](#), [Camille H. Anoll](#), [Kassie Scott](#)

August 3, 2020

Research Report

CCDF Eligibility in Wisconsin, Statewide and in Substate Areas

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides child care subsidies to families with low incomes, helping them access affordable child care so that parents can work or participate in education or other approved activities. State agencies administering CCDF programs need estimates of how many families are eligible for assistance to help in planning and to understand what portion of program-eligible families [Sarah Minton](#), [Linda Giannarelli](#), [Silke Taylor](#), [Kelly Dwyer](#), [Ilham Dehry](#)

August 3, 2020

Research Report

Advancing Results through Case Managers

Case managers are a central component of Promise Neighborhoods, a US Department of Education–funded grant program that provides cradle-to-career services and supports to marginalized young people and families. This brief explores the role of case managers, who coordinate delivery of services and interventions to some students and families, among Promise Neighborhoods, highlighting cross-cutting practices, and

[Mica O'Brien](#), [Sarah Gillespie](#)

August 3, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

Could treatments aimed at Alzheimer's disease help combat COVID-19?

August 5, 2020

A team of cardiology researchers had a creative idea for a new way to treat dementia. Now they think it could help coronavirus patients too.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 8 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 8 Aug 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Release

August 7, 2020

[Clinton Foundation announces \\$100,000 of funding for student projects to fight the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

The Clinton Global Initiative University Student Action Fund, funded by Kevin Xu and the CGI University Network, is supporting 38 projects, including establishing electronic health record systems in developing nations; providing resources to help children with disabilities in need of medical supplies; promoting inclusion within medical aid by assisting minority communities; and many more...

Co Impact [to 8 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.

Blogs

[Six Essential Factors for Systems Change: Lessons from Co-Impact's Round 3 Selection Process](#)

Aug 05, 2020

Ford Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

The Latest

Equals Change Blog 5 August 2020

[The Camp That Ignited a Movement](#)

By [Nicole Newnham](#) and [Jim LeBrecht](#)

In the 1970s, disabled teenagers faced a world of social exclusion, isolation, even institutionalization. Camp Jened, the ramshackle summer camp run by hippies that is the heart of our documentary [Crip Camp](#), exploded those confines. In its freewheeling, radical atmosphere of equity, a community was born, a community of campers of different disabilities and backgrounds, and their disabled and non-disabled counselors and staff...

Equals Change Blog 5 August 2020

The Fight for Indonesia's Forests

By Steve Rhee

When the indigenous community in Sungai Utik turned down an offer to buy its forests in 1973, it didn't expect to be fighting for its land rights nearly 50 years later.

... Indigenous and other local communities have legitimate claims to nearly half of the world's land. And yet they have been granted legal rights to [less than 20 percent](#). If indigenous communities and their allies narrow that gap, it will have important implications for all citizens of this warming planet. If we don't, [the math suggests there's no way](#), short of an unprecedented technological breakthrough, that governments can meet the Paris climate targets and keep global warming to under 1.5 degrees Celsius....

News 29 July 2020

NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund has issued over \$110 Million in emergency funds to New York City-Based Nonprofits

768 Critical Arts and Social Service Nonprofits Across the Five Boroughs Received Support to Weather Onset of Pandemic

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Release

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces Homeboy Industries as the 2020 Recipient of the Annual Humanitarian Prize

August 3, 2020

Homeboy to receive \$2.5 million dollar prize on the 25th anniversary of the award.

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation is pleased to announce that the Los Angeles based, nonprofit organization Homeboy Industries has been chosen as the 2020 Humanitarian Prize recipient and will receive \$2.5 million in unrestricted funding. As the world's largest annual humanitarian award, the Prize is presented to a nonprofit organization judged to have made extraordinary contributions toward alleviating human suffering. To date, the Hilton Foundation has awarded \$36.5 million to recipients of the Prize. Homeboy Industries joins the roster of 24 Prize Laureates, including METAdrasi, SHOFCO, icddr,b and The Task Force for Global Health, selected by an independent, international jury...

IKEA Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Stories

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

August 7, 2020 *News Release*

New Survey Finds 1 in 5 Potential Marketplace and Medicaid Enrollees Used Consumer Assistance, But Many Others Report Trying and Failing to Obtain Help

A new KFF survey finds that nearly one in five potential marketplace and Medicaid enrollees – an estimated 7 million people – say that they got assistance applying for Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace plans or Medicaid in the past year, while one in eight – an estimated 5 million...

Kellogg Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

4 August 2020

AKF launches COVID-19 project to address food security in Tajikistan

MacArthur Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Perspectives

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

COVID-19 Response

Mellon Foundation Awards Emergency Grants to Prison Education Programs as COVID Crisis Continues

NEW YORK, NY, August 6, 2020 – The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation today announced the award of 15 emergency grants totaling \$1.5 million for providers of higher education in prison. The grants will allow incarcerated students across the nation to continue learning while in-person instruction is paused as part of ongoing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

News

Packard Foundation Joins Over 500 U.S. Philanthropic Leaders in Opposition to Cutting Short 2020 Census

August 6, 2020

Yesterday, the Packard Foundation joined over 500 philanthropic institutions in signing a letter urging the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau to reconsider their decision to cut short the 2020 Census deadline. Although initially the Bureau planned to continue door knocking and self-response operations through October 31, it announced on Monday that it is now moving the deadline up to September 30.

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges to an accurate census count—including difficulties recruiting, training, and retaining enumerators, and preventing in-person contact in many areas—the letter urges the Bureau to maintain its constitutional responsibilities, and collect data through the October 31 deadline.

The 506 signers state that “[r]ushing the census would . . . hurt a diverse range of rural and urban communities, leaving them underrepresented locally and in Congress and cutting their fair share of federal funding for Medicaid, economic development, child care, schools, road and public transit improvements, home heating assistance for senior citizens, and many more vital services.”...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

August 4, 2020

[Pew Joins National Organizations in Praising Enactment of Great American Outdoors Act](#)

In a joint statement Aug. 4, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the National Audubon Society, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce applauded the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act. The law—which passed the Senate and House with bipartisan support on votes of 73-25 and 310-107, respectively, and was signed by the president—will help address priority repair needs on National Park Service sites and other public lands. It also permanently funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

[Press Releases The Rockefeller Foundation Announces 10 Finalists for the Food System Vision Prize](#) Aug 06-2020

[Press Releases Governors of Six States Announce Major Bipartisan Compact for Three Million Rapid Antigen Tests](#) Aug 04-2020

[Blog Post Visions of Food System Justice Across the United States](#) Aug 03-2020

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 8 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://sdgfunders.org/>

SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 8 Aug 2020]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 8 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 1, July 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

21 July 2020 Volume 173, Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 376 - August 2020

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

Research, Method & Debate

Three thousand years of farming strategies in central Thailand

Jade d'Alpoim Guedes, Sydney Hanson, Thanik Lertcharnrit, Andrew D. Weiss, Vincent C. Pigott, Charles F.W. Higham, Thomas F.G. Higham and Steven A. Weber

Abstract

In prehistoric coastal and western-central Thailand, rice was the dominant cultivar. In eastern-central Thailand, however, the first known farmers cultivated millet. Using one of the largest collections of archaeobotanical material in Southeast Asia, this article examines how cropping systems were adapted as domesticates were introduced into eastern-central Thailand. The authors argue that millet reached the region first, to be progressively replaced by rice, possibly due to climatic pressures. But despite the increasing importance of rice, dryland, rain-fed cultivation persisted throughout ancient central Thailand, a result that contributes to refining understanding of the development of farming in Southeast Asia.

The architecture of access: ramps at ancient Greek healing sanctuaries

Debby Sneed [Department of Classics, California State University, Long Beach, USA

(debby.sneed@csulb.edu)]

Abstract

Ancient Greece is well known for its many temples and sanctuaries, including several dedicated to healing and associated cults. Informed by disability studies, this article analyses the architecture of public spaces and facilities, alongside epigraphic, iconographic and literary evidence, to argue that the ancient Greeks sought to ensure the accessibility of healing sanctuaries. Even without a framework of civil rights as we understand them today, the builders of these sites made architectural choices that enabled individuals with impaired mobility to access these spaces. It is hoped that this research may stimulate further investigations into accessibility at other sites in the Classical world and beyond.

Debate

The dangers of conflating responsible and responsive artefact stewardship with illicit and illegal collecting

Suzie Thomas and Bonnie L. Pitblado

Abstract

Archaeology and private artefact collecting have complex and inextricably linked histories. Archaeologists have long drawn attention to criminal activity among collectors, but to assume that all private owners of cultural material—and any archaeologists who interact with them—have ill-intent or engage in illegal behaviour can cause as much harm to the archaeological record as the criminal actions themselves.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 285 August 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/285/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

August 2020 - Volume 5 - 8

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/8>

Commentary

Patient-centric research in the time of COVID-19: conducting ethical COVID-19 research in Africa (6 August, 2020)

Victoria Nembaware, Nchangwi Syntia Munung, Alice Matimba, Nicki Tiffin

Original research

Association between early essential newborn care and breastfeeding outcomes in eight countries in Asia and the Pacific: a cross-sectional observational -study (6 August, 2020)

Zhao Li, Priya Mannava, John Charles Scott Murray, Howard Lawrence Sobel, Annie Jatobatu, Anthony Calibo, Baldan Tsevelmaa, Bounnack Saysanasongkham, Divinal Ogaoga, Edward Joseph Waramin, Elizabeth Mary Mason, Hiromi Obara, Hoang Thi Tran, Hoang Anh Tuan, Jacqueline Kitong, Jessica Mara Yaipupu, Kannitha Cheang, Maria Asuncion Silvestre, Outhevanh Kounnavongsa, Pamela Putney, Pham Thi Quynh Nga, Rathavy Tung, Sano Phal, Shogo Kubota, Sidonn Krang, Simon Burggraaf, Sommana Rattana, Tao Xu, Tuohong Zhang, Ulziikhutag Enkhmaa, Vanya Delgermaa, Y Meng Chhour

Time trends and determinants of breastfeeding practices among adolescents and young women in Nigeria, 2003–2018 (6 August, 2020)

Lenka Benova, Manahil Siddiqi, Ibukun-Oluwa Omolade Abejirinde, Okikiolu Badejo

Prevalence and incidence of HIV among female sex workers and their clients: modelling the potential effects of intervention in Rwanda (6 August, 2020)

Sabin Nsanzimana, Edward J Mills, Ofir Harari, Placidie Mugwaneza, Etienne Karita, Jean Paul Uwizihiwe, Jay JH Park, Louis Dron, Jeanine Condo, Heiner Bucher, Kristian Thorlund

A checklist to improve health system resilience to infectious disease outbreaks and natural hazards (5 August, 2020)

Diane Meyer, David Bishai, Sanjana J Ravi, Harunor Rashid, Shehrin Shaila Mahmood, Eric Toner, Jennifer B Nuzzo

Practice

How to set up government-led national hygiene communication campaigns to combat COVID-19: a strategic blueprint (6 August, 2020)

Val Curtis, Robert Dreibelbis, Myriam Sidibe, Jason Cardosi, Jennifer Sara, Chris Bonell, Kaposo Mwambuli, Soma Ghosh Moulik, Sian White, Robert Aunger

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

Implementing oncology clinical trials in Nigeria: a model for capacity building

There is both higher mortality and morbidity from cancer in low and medium income countries (LMICs) compared with high income countries (HICs). Clinical trial activities and development of more effective and less toxic therapies have led to significant improvements in morbidity and mortality from cancer in HICs. Unfortunately, clinical trials remain low in LMICs due to poor infrastructure and paucity of experienced personnel to execute clinical trials. There is an urgent need to build local capacity for evidence-based treatment for cancer patients in LMICs....

Partnerships with institutions in HICs can successfully identify, address, and improve deficits in infrastructure for clinical trial in LMICs. The HICs should lead in providing funds, mentorship, and training for LMIC institutions to improve and expand clinical trials in LMIC countries.

Authors: Atara Ntekim, Abiola Ibraheem, Adenike Adeniyi-Sofoluwe, Toyosi Adepoju, Mojisola Oluwasanu, Toyin Aniagwu, Olutosin Awolude, Williams Balogun, Olayinka Kotila, Prisca Adejumo, Chinedum Peace Babalola, Ganiyu Arinola, Oladosu Ojengbede, Christopher O. Olopade and Olufunmilayo I. Olopade

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:713

Content type: Research article

Published on: 3 August 2020

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

Introduction of multi-dose PCV 13 vaccine in Benin: from the decision to vaccinators experience

In 2011, Benin introduced the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugated vaccine (PCV13), in a single-dose vial, into its Expanded Programme for Immunisation (EPI) with support from Gavi. In April 2018, with the support of the Agence de Médecine Préventive Afrique (AMP) and other technical and financial partners, the single-dose vial was transitioned to a four-dose vial. Here we describe the decision-making process and the experience of the vaccinators during the change.

Authors: Daleb Abdoulaye Alfa, Roch A. Hounghinin, G. Patrick Ilboudo, Naomi Dick, Landry Kaucley and Téné-Alima Essoh

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1216

Content type: Research article

Published on: 8 August 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 8 Aug 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

August 2020 - Volume 10 - 8

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/8?current-issue=y>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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

June 2020 Volume 42, Issue 6, p959-1136, e101-e114

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 17 Issue 3, June 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 8 Aug 2020]

Evaluating the reliability and validity of secondary reporting to measure gender-based violence in conflict and disaster

Accurately identifying the magnitude of gender-based violence (GBV) in humanitarian settings is hindered by logistical and methodological complexities. The 'Neighborhood Method', an adapted household survey th...

Authors: Lindsay Stark, Les Roberts, Gary Yu, Timothy M. Tan, Aishwarya Nagar and Alastair Ager

Citation: Conflict and Health 2020 14:57

Content type: Methodology

Published on: 6 August 2020

A predictive model for healthcare coverage in Yemen

The ongoing war in Yemen continues to pose challenges for healthcare coverage in the country especially with regards to critical gaps in information systems needed for planning and delivering health services. ...

Authors: Mark P. Suprenant, Anuraag Gopaluni, Meredith K. Dyson, Najwa Al-Dheeb, Fouzia Shafique and Muhammad H. Zaman

Citation: Conflict and Health 2020 14:55

Content type: Research

Published on: 5 August 2020

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 94 July 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/94/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 3 / June 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, Issue 2, June 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/8/2>

Cancer Genomics (K Snape and H Hanson, Section Editors)

[Reviewed earlier]

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 4, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

Review

The language and communication attributes of graphic symbol communication aids – a systematic review and narrative synthesis

Symbol communication aids are used by children with little or no intelligible speech as an Augmentative and Alternative Communication strategy. Graphic symbols are used to help support understanding of language and used in symbol communication aids to support expressive communication. The decision making related to the selection of a symbol communication aid for a child is poorly understood and little is known about what language and communication attributes are considered in this selection.

Simon Judge, Nicola Randall, Juliet Goldbart, Yvonne Lynch, Liz Moulam, Stuart Meredith & Janice Murray

Pages: 652-662

Published online: 23 Apr 2019

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>

Science & Society 27 July 2020

The moral status of human embryo-like structures: potentiality matters? : The moral status of human synthetic embryos

Tsutomu Sawai et al

New techniques to generate and culture embryo-like structures from stem cells require a more fine-grained distinction of potential to define the moral status of these structures.

Opinion 16 July 2020 Free Access

Restoring public trust in science with the help of the humanities

Ivan Couée

A thorough analysis of the underlying worldviews and anthropologies of science and the language it uses could help to maintain the rigour of science and public trust in research.

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 8 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 31 June 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/31/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 148 - 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 42, Issue 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/93/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 3, June 2020
<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/12/3>
[Reviewed earlier]

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Gates Open Research

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>
[Accessed 8 Aug 2020]
[No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

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

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Original Article

[Geotourism and Territorial Development: a Systematic Literature Review and Research Agenda](#)

António Duarte, Vitor Braga, Carla Marques, Artur A. Sá

Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to provide a systematic literature review (SLR) of geotourism and territorial development. Current and future trends in the field are identified. The paper offers an SLR on the geotourism and territorial development and advances through a comprehensive bibliometric analysis comprising the period 2007–2018. The articles gathered in the search on the Scopus database

until 2018 were submitted to a bibliometric analysis using VOSviewer software. In the papers analysed, a relation was identified between geotourism and territorial development by benefits generated through this type of tourism at social and economic level. The bibliometric analysis also enabled us to identify clusters among the most cited authors that revealed some dominant themes and the relationship between the clusters. By studying the articles' citation profile, this study's findings contribute to a better understanding of the flow of production interrelated geotourism with territorial development and research-related practices in this area of research

Original Article

Geoconservation and Geotourism: Challenges and Unifying Themes

Mark A. Williams, Melinda T. McHenry, Anne Boothroyd

Original Article

The Construction of Cultural Consensus Models to Characterize Ethnogeological Knowledge

Angel A. Garcia Jr, Steven Semken, Elizabeth Brandt

Global Health Action

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

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Global Public Health

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Globalization and Health

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Promoting the use of evidence in health policymaking in the ECOWAS region: the development and contextualization of an evidence-based policymaking guidance

The Economic Commission of the West African States (ECOWAS), through her specialised health Institution, the West African Health Organization (WAHO) is supporting Members States to improve health outcomes in West Africa. There is a global recognition that evidence-based health policies are vital towards achieving continued improvement in health outcomes. The need to have a tool that will provide systematic guide on the use of evidence in policymaking necessitated the production of the evidence-based policy-making (EBPM) Guidance.

Authors: Chigozie Jesse Uneke, Issiaka Sombie, Ermel Johnson, Bilikis Iyabo Uneke and Stanley Okolo

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Health Affairs

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Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights

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Health Economics, Policy and Law

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue 6, July 2020

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 2, May 2020

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 77, March 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/responding-to-ebola-in-the-democratic-republic-of-congo/>

Responding to Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo

by Humanitarian Practice Network

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

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

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

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Vol 7, No 7 (2020) July 2020

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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>

Review article Abstract only

Best practice for evacuation centres accommodating vulnerable populations: A literature review

Mayumi Kako, Malinda Steenkamp, Benjamin Ryan, Paul Arbon, Yosuke Takada

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Abstract

Evacuation centres are often the first temporary living spaces for disaster-affected people. These spaces should be safe and provide a minimum standard of living and care for the duration of people's stay. Minimum standards should therefore be regulated and monitored by governments, humanitarian agencies, and other organisations that plan, set-up, and manage evacuation centres. Although such standards have been increasingly understood and implemented in recent times, there has been little peer-reviewed research into the care of vulnerable populations in evacuation centres. This review investigated the processes, practices, and policies for planning, establishing, and managing evacuation centres for vulnerable groups. After the appraisal of retrieved literature, 20 articles were considered as being applicable for analysis. Eleven articles were written in Japanese, one each was published in Australia and the United Kingdom, and seven in the United States. Using thematic analysis, themes emerged relating to planning, setting up, and managing evacuation centres for vulnerable people. The best practices identified included: identifying the needs of vulnerable populations and venue availability in the communities; existence of transparent local government and stakeholder responsibilities; maintaining continuity of care; and community preparedness through training and exercises. To implement these practices, training and exercises are required for all stakeholders involved in operating evacuation centres. Achieving this will provide the platform required to sustainably improve the safety, standard of living and care provided to people in evacuation centres.

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 49, Issue 3, June 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/49/3>

Opinion

[The SARS, MERS and novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) epidemics, the newest and biggest global health threats: what lessons have we learned?](#)

Noah C Peeri, Nistha Shrestha, Md Siddikur Rahman, Rafdzah Zaki, Zhengqi Tan ...

[Long-term risk of tuberculosis among migrants according to migrant status: a cohort study](#)

Kristina Langholz Kristensen, Pernille Ravn, Joergen Holm Petersen, Sally Hargreaves, Laura B Nellums

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 26, Issue 8, 2020

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International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

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

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

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JAMA Network

[COVID-19 Update August 8, 2020](#)

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

JAMA

August 4, 2020, Vol 324, No. 5, Pages 419-524

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

Original Investigation

Effect of Convalescent Plasma Therapy on Time to Clinical Improvement in Patients With Severe and Life-threatening COVID-19A Randomized Clinical Trial

Ling Li, MD, PhD; Wei Zhang, MD; Yu Hu, MD, PhD; et al.

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JAMA. 2020;324(5):460-470. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.10044

This randomized trial compares the effects of convalescent plasma therapy with standard care vs standard care alone on time to clinical improvement among patients with severe or life-threatening COVID-19 disease in China.

Developing a SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine at Warp Speed

Kevin P. O'Callaghan, MB, BCh, BAO; Allison M. Blatz, MD; Paul A. Offit, MD

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JAMA. 2020;324(5):437-438. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12190

This Viewpoint discusses the mechanisms of the 5 leading COVID-19 vaccine candidates—2 messenger RNA vaccines, 1 recombinant VSV vector product, and 2 replication-defective adenovirus vector approaches—and emphasizes the need to demonstrate safety as well as efficacy to facilitate broad uptake by the public.

Conclusions

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant disruption to both the physical and economic health of the world's population, pathways of vaccine development are adapting in ways that could not have been predicted even a year ago. The rapid identification of immunogenic targets of a novel coronavirus, the leveraging of experimental vaccine platforms, and the tragic nature of an ongoing pandemic have created a fertile breeding ground for innovation. Although the ultimate success of a vaccine candidate, or candidates, remains unknown, the changes in the field of vaccinology that these exigent circumstances have brought are likely here to stay.

:: [Audio Author Interview: Coronavirus Vaccine Development](#)

:: [Conversations with Dr Bauchner: Coronavirus Update With Eric Topol, MD](#)

The Development of COVID-19 Vaccines - Safeguards Needed

Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH; Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD; Jesse L. Goodman, MD, MPH

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JAMA. 2020;324(5):439-440. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12461

This Viewpoint lists 4 safeguards policy makers should consider before release of a COVID-19 vaccine, including ensuring effectiveness through clinical trials, providing evidence of safety, requiring informed consent before vaccination, and establishing comprehensive adverse effects monitoring systems.

:: [Audio Highlights](#)

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Communicating Science in the Time of a Pandemic

Richard Saitz, MD, MPH; Gary Schwitzer

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JAMA. 2020;324(5):443-444. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12535

This Viewpoint uses the example of rapid changes to public reporting on the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir for COVID-19 to illustrate how misinformation damages the public's trust in science and medicine, and urges accuracy and circumspection in news reports of developments in the pandemic.

JAMA Pediatrics

August 2020, Vol 174, No. 8, Pages 741-812

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

Viewpoint

Fostering Healthy Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Development in Child Health Care

Thomas F. Boat, MD; Kelly J. Kelleher, MD, MPH

JAMA Pediatr. 2020;174(8):745-746. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2020.1485

This Viewpoint discusses a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report that assesses the evidence for promoting healthy mental, emotional, and behavioral development.

JBIR Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

July 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 7

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Journal of Adolescent Health

August 2020 Volume 67, Issue 2, p145-308

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Vol. 68 (2020)

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Journal of Community Health

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Journal of Cultural Heritage

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Research article Abstract only

Preserving cultural heritage: Shifting paradigms in the face of war, occupation, and identity

Sahera Bleibleh, Jihad Awad

Pages 196-203

Highlights

:: The Israeli attack on cultural heritage sites have intensified and becoming a platform for the urbicide of cities and erasing people identity.

:: Conservation efforts undertaken for preservation of cultural heritage in Palestine have become the crux of resistance against identity suppression.

:: International aids play a crucial role in protecting global cultural heritage and should be accountable for the preservation of global authenticity of historical narr

Abstract

War is often an amalgamation of various objectives and occupation a realization of one core aim, that is, the suppression of the identity of an occupied population. Thus, warfare not only affects people but also the collective narrative of their environments, history, culture, and identity. Consequently, deliberate destruction of cultural heritage becomes part of any political struggle. Once political struggles infringe on a nation's history, both local and global institutions and entities must take responsibility for preserving the authenticity of the global narrative. Deprioritizing urban conservation policies, especially during times of war, is known to inflict sheer, and sometimes irreversible, damage on a national and global scale. Despite the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) regulations on protecting cultural heritage during war, the enforcement of such responsibilities on the ground remains questionable.

The Palestinian experience is among the rare existing narratives of cultural heritage and architectural conservation becoming the crux of resistance against loss of land and identity. Lacking a central authority and having only been operational for the last three decades, the conservation movement has nonetheless succeeded in conserving a considerable part of Palestinian architectural heritage. The quality of work produced by these efforts has received international recognition and various accolades, despite ongoing difficulties faced under occupation.

This paper highlights the role of non-governmental organizations in Palestine, particularly of Riwaq, and details their internationally recognized conservation efforts in several locations, such as Jerusalem and Hebron. These examples are presented to foster the argument that architecture is intrinsic to preserving historical authenticity and local identity. A dependable future rests on preserving the cultural heritage of all places, requiring universal compliance among nations that transcends physical borders and boundaries to promote the continuity of shared legacy.

Review article Abstract only

The application of state-of-the-art technologies to support artwork conservation: Literature review

Braeden Borg, Michelle Dunn, Andrew Ang, Carl Villis

Pages 239-259

Abstract

The conservation of artwork is an important aspect of preserving human culture and artistic expression. Both knowledge and technology can be essential in artwork conservation. Without such knowledge, the lifespan of numerous works of art by artists spanning over centuries might have been compromised and consequently not exist today. Artwork naturally deteriorates over time or can be damaged unknowingly through artificial processes. Art conservators strive to improve the condition of artwork through non-destructive preservation and restoration procedures. These can be time consuming and require significant patience when diagnosing artwork and applying the suitable process. For many years this work has been assisted by various technologies such as photography, x-ray imaging, and speckle pattern interferometry. More recently there has been an introduction of newer technologies allowing conservators to gather even more details about the artwork. Improvements to classic analytical tools

such as spectroscopy and infrared imaging have been applied to artwork analysis. Moreover, the use of computing power for photogrammetry and artificial intelligence for pattern recognition have seen use in studying artwork digitally. This article provides a review of the state-of-the-art technologies used in art conservation with some investigation into their established counterparts. Some of the technologies covered here include x-ray fluorescence spectroscopy, holographic interferometry, Raman spectroscopy, thermal-quasi reflectography, and terahertz imaging. These techniques allow the detailed analysis of paintings, murals, statues, and other artefacts providing details about the surface topology, stylometry, pigment and media constituents, and restoration history. The integration of all these factors can provide art conservators and historians with important information on various artwork and ultimately assist in conservation for many years to come.

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

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Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 41, Issue 3, September 2020

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Original Article

[The importance of effective risk communication and transparency: lessons from the dengue vaccine controversy in the Philippines](#)

Manuel M. Dayrit, Ronald U. Mendoza...

Abstract

In 2016 the Philippine Department of Health (DOH) introduced a novel dengue vaccine in a mass immunization program to reduce the substantial economic and social burden of the disease on households and the government. The vaccine manufacturer's announcement regarding new findings on the small but increased risk of severe dengue for vaccinated seronegative patients caused turmoil as various people claimed that the vaccine caused deaths and that health authorities are corrupt. While health department staff split—some having to preserve its reputation and others to monitor over 800,000 children administered the vaccine—communication between the frontline health workers and parents suffered. As a result, public confidence in vaccines dramatically dropped and the repercussions challenge the public health system. We examine factors that contributed to the crisis and argue for

strengthening risk communication strategies and increasing transparency on decision making to counter misinformation and protect public health.

Journal of Refugee & Global Health

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The Lancet

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Editorial

Self-determination and Indigenous health

The Lancet

Colonisation is a fundamental determinant of Indigenous peoples' health. Indigenous is a term defined by dislocation, and the effects of that displacement are felt by Indigenous peoples around the world. Aug 9, International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, is a chance to look at the continuing effects of territorial removal, the destruction of people, culture, and languages, and the lack of self-determination (the right to determine one's own social, cultural, and economic development), and their impact on Indigenous peoples' health. Any attempt to address the health inequities of Indigenous peoples will require governments to finally grapple with these foundational factors and enact and enforce the rights of Indigenous peoples to self-determination and territorial sovereignty.

There are an estimated 476 million Indigenous people worldwide (6% of the world's population). Indigenous people have [disproportionately high rates](#) of poverty, non-communicable diseases, infant and maternal mortality, mental illness, and infectious diseases (such as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS), and a life expectancy gap of up to 20 years. Indigenous peoples are particularly susceptible to pandemic infectious diseases like COVID-19. According to the Pan American Health Organization, there have been 72 000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas, but, as in many countries, the true incidence is probably much higher. In the USA, Indigenous peoples have been among the hardest hit by COVID-19, second only to Black Americans (60·5 deaths per 100 000 Indigenous people and 73·7 deaths per 100 000 Black Americans vs 32·4 deaths per 100 000 White Americans).

However, both Australia and Canada have seen relatively low numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases among their Indigenous populations. This success is partly due to the 2010 H1N1 influenza pandemic, which disproportionately affected Indigenous peoples and led them to prepare response strategies. [In Australia](#), Indigenous groups worked with government health systems to create policies and messages tailored to their communities. By contrast, the Closing the Gap programme, which aims to reduce disadvantages among Indigenous Australians, has so far shown few improvements. The programme has been criticised for a top-down approach that excludes Indigenous voices. In Canada, Indigenous groups were able to use self-determination to lockdown communities and prevent spread among at-risk populations. Conversely, in the USA, when the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe erected roadblocks into tribal land in South Dakota, instead of working with them, the governor [threatened legal action](#).

Indigenous groups hold customary control of around a quarter of the earth's surface, an area that contains around 80% of the earth's biodiversity. But national governments legally recognise only a fraction of that control. This ambiguity enables illegal mining, logging, and other environmental exploitation to flourish, with governments either ambivalent or actively encouraging it. This exploitation is devastating not just for Indigenous peoples, but also for the world. Illegal mining and logging operations risk exposing isolated Indigenous populations in the Amazon to COVID-19. Emergency measures have required Indigenous people in Brazil to travel to population centres to claim benefits and access health care, risking further exposure and spread in isolated communities. Beyond the pandemic, rising ocean levels threaten to disappear Pacific nations like Tuvalu and Kiribati, and an estimated 20 million Indigenous people live in the Amazon basin, where 200 000 acres of forest are burned every day. Indigenous peoples do not just suffer from the effects of climate change; they are also passionate and effective advocates for confronting the climate emergency.

The health of Indigenous peoples can only be secured if their place in the world is secured. In Australia, Canada, Brazil, and the USA, the commitment to recognising Indigenous rights has depended on who happens to be in power. Governments must make affirmative, legally binding commitments to the rights of Indigenous peoples, including self-determination and the sovereignty of their territories, and work to address discrimination and past and present injustices. The political and economic burdens faced by Indigenous peoples are an inseparable barrier to health. Beyond a permanent political settlement, governments must make substantial investments into the health, education, and economic welfare of Indigenous peoples, and those people must have a voice in any decisions that affect them. Only then can a real foundation for health emerge.

The Lancet Commissions

Dementia prevention, intervention, and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission

Gill Livingston,

Executive summary [excerpt]

The number of older people, including those living with dementia, is rising, as younger age mortality declines. However, the age-specific incidence of dementia has fallen in many countries, probably because of improvements in education, nutrition, health care, and lifestyle changes. Overall, a growing body of evidence supports the nine potentially modifiable risk factors for dementia modelled by the 2017 Lancet Commission on dementia prevention, intervention, and care: less education, hypertension, hearing impairment, smoking, obesity, depression, physical inactivity, diabetes, and low social contact. We now add three more risk factors for dementia with newer, convincing evidence. These factors are excessive alcohol consumption, traumatic brain injury, and air pollution. We have completed new reviews and meta-analyses and incorporated these into an updated 12 risk factor life-course model of dementia prevention. Together the 12 modifiable risk factors account for around 40% of worldwide

dementias, which consequently could theoretically be prevented or delayed. The potential for prevention is high and might be higher in low-income and middle-income countries (LMIC) where more dementias occur.

Our new life-course model and evidence synthesis has paramount worldwide policy implications. It is never too early and never too late in the life course for dementia prevention. Early-life (younger than 45 years) risks, such as less education, affect cognitive reserve; midlife (45–65 years), and later-life (older than 65 years) risk factors influence reserve and triggering of neuropathological developments. Culture, poverty, and inequality are key drivers of the need for change. Individuals who are most deprived need these changes the most and will derive the highest benefit...

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Lancet Public Health

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Editorial

[COVID-19: from a PHEIC to a public mental health crisis?](#)

The Lancet Public Health

... The COVID-19 pandemic presents a public mental health challenge. As Jonathan Campion and colleagues noted in *The Lancet Psychiatry*, it will be key for countries to prevent an increase in mental issues and a reduction in mental wellbeing across populations, as well as to provide appropriate public mental health interventions. Despite the existence of effective public mental health interventions, implementation is far from adequate. Public mental health interventions will need to be proportionately targeted to groups at a high risk of mental disorder and poor mental wellbeing. The unequal impacts of COVID-19, the lockdown, and its socioeconomics consequences are putting greater pressure on groups

whose mental health was already more precarious before the pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic is a public mental health emergency that could exacerbate inequalities in mental health—unless concerted actions are urgently taken.

Articles

[Impact of delays on effectiveness of contact tracing strategies for COVID-19: a modelling study](#)

Mirjam E Kretzschmar, Ganna Rozhnova, Martin C J Bootsma, Michiel van Boven, Janneke H H M van de Wijkert, Marc J M Bonten

In countries with declining numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19, lockdown measures are gradually being lifted. However, even if most physical distancing measures are continued, other public health measures will be needed to control the epidemic. Contact tracing via conventional methods or mobile app technology is central to control strategies during de-escalation of physical distancing. We aimed to identify key factors for a contact tracing strategy to be successful...

Lancet Respiratory Medicine

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Editorial

[COVID-19 casts light on respiratory health inequalities](#)

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[Researchers: help free the world of nuclear weapons](#)

Seventy-five years after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a new treaty offers renewed hope for a nuclear-free world.

Comment | 05 August 2020

[Averting hunger in sub-Saharan Africa requires data and synthesis](#)

As the United Nations warns of famine on a scale not seen in 50 years, researchers must help to build agile, inclusive data collection and analysis to inform agricultural policy.

Jaron Porciello, Hale Ann Tufan[...] & Ronnie Coffman

Comment / 04 August 2020

[Nuclear weapons: arms-control efforts need China](#)

As tensions mount and treaties totter, fresh thinking is needed — on deterrence, emerging technologies and key players in east Asia.

Nobumasa Akiyama

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Editorial | 30 July 2020

[Weighing and communicating evidence](#)

As preliminary research findings are shared more widely and at an increasing pace, action is needed to counter the spread of misinformation.

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[Naming human genes](#)

Gene nomenclature can be complicated, and the official naming of genes requires rational standards to avoid confusion and to maximize clarity. The HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee has released updated guidelines for the naming of human genes, and we encourage the community to adopt these recommendations.

Comment | 03 August 2020

[Guidelines for human gene nomenclature](#)

Standardized gene naming is crucial for effective communication about genes, and as genomics becomes increasingly important in health care, the need for a consistent language to refer to human genes becomes ever more essential. Here, we present the current HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee (HGNC) guidelines for naming not only protein-coding genes but also RNA genes and

pseudogenes, and we outline the changes in approach and ethos that have resulted from the discoveries of the past few decades.

Elsbeth A. Bruford, Bryony Braschi[...] & Susan Tweedie

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[A Half-Century of Progress in Health: The National Academy of Medicine at 50: The NAM and the Quality of Health Care — Inflecting a Field](#)

Donald M. Berwick, M.D., and Christine K. Cassel, M.D.

In 1999 and 2001, the Institute of Medicine published two landmark documents on health care quality and serious quality problems. Two decades later, focal progress in quality improvement is undeniable, but wholesale, systemic improvement has been hard to bring to scale.

Perspective

[Preventing a Parallel Pandemic — A National Strategy to Protect Clinicians' Well-Being](#)

Victor J. Dzau, M.D., Darrell Kirch, M.D., and Thomas Nasca, M.D.

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[Factors influencing vaccination coverage among children age 12–23 months in Afghanistan: Analysis of the 2015 Demographic and Health Survey](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0236955)

Ahmad Khalid Aalemi, Karimullah Shahpar, Mohammad Yousuf Mubarak

Research Article | published 07 Aug 2020 PLOS ONE

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Majdi M. Sabahelzain, Eve Dubé, Mohamed Moukhyer, Heidi J. Larson, Bart van den Borne, Hans Bosma

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[Informed consent approaches for clinical trial participation of infants with minor parents in sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review](#)

Angela De Pretto-Lazarova, Domnita Oana Brancati-Badarau, Christian Burri

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[Assault and care characteristics of victims of sexual violence in eleven Médecins Sans Frontières programs in Africa. What about men and boys?](#)

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[Engage with animal welfare in conservation](#)

By Nitin Sekar, Derek Shiller

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Conservation could better promote not just the quantity of species but the quality of animal life

Summary

Leading conservationists have emphasized that conservation's priority is the protection of species and populations, not the welfare of individual nonhuman animals (hereafter "animals") (1–3). Although individual conservationists often harbor concern for animal welfare, conservation organizations and scientists frequently downplay or ignore the ethical implications of actions they promote that harm individual animals, from culling and sport hunting to the discontinuation of wildlife rescue from oil spills (3–5). A growing body of scientific evidence should prompt conservation organizations to reconsider their inattention to animal welfare. A wide variety of vertebrate species (and perhaps some invertebrates) are capable of experiencing physical and emotional pain, engaging in substantive relationships, and executing cognitively complex tasks (6–8), bolstering claims that animal well-being is morally significant and policy-relevant. Addressing animal welfare in conservation would be politically challenging, and given the central role of predation and competition in ecosystems, conservation

science cannot altogether avoid difficult decisions; harming animals can be a necessary step toward a worthwhile goal. Despite these trade-offs, conservation organizations face a singular opportunity to reshape conservation into a discipline that promotes both the quantity of species and the quality of animal life.

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Summer 2020 Volume 18, Number 3

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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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Swadesh M. Rana

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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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