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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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## **Featured Journal Content**

### **UN Chronicle**

*75th Anniversary of the United Nations*

#### **[We All Must Take Action](#)**

Jane Goodall 23 October 2020

*Jane Goodall is an ethologist and environmentalist, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a United Nations Messenger of Peace.*

**We live in turbulent times. Most countries are still battling the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused so much suffering and loss of life and has disrupted global economies. In addition, there is a far worse threat to our future—the climate crisis.** Unfortunately, we have brought these nightmares upon ourselves by our violence against nature and animals.

We have destroyed forests and polluted air, land and water, including our oceans, with agricultural, industrial and household wastes. We are building dams and roads and an endless number of shopping malls. Our reliance on fossil fuels has led to the release into the atmosphere of unprecedented amounts of carbon dioxide, a major component of the greenhouse gases that are trapping the heat of the sun. A warming planet has caused changes in weather patterns everywhere. Polar ice is melting; sea levels are rising; and devastating hurricanes, typhoons, tornadoes, floods, droughts and fires have become more frequent and destructive.

Intensive farming is poisoning the environment with chemical pesticides and fertilizers, destroying wildlife habitats to grow grain. Irrigation in places not suitable for farming is draining the great aquifers. Much water is used to transform vegetables into animal protein. The billions of animals involved in factory farming produce methane, another major greenhouse gas. Moreover, factory farms along with the wildlife markets of Asia, the bushmeat markets of Africa, and the trafficking of animals and their parts around the globe to sell as food and medicine, or to drive the trade in exotic animals as pets, are all creating ideal conditions for a pathogen to jump from an animal to a person, where it could become a new zoonotic disease such as HIV/AIDS, Ebola, MERS, SARS—and COVID-19.

More and more people are realizing that as we emerge from the pandemic—as we shall—and go back to business as usual, abusing mother nature and plundering her finite natural resources, we could end up joining the ranks of those animals and plants that have gone extinct at an unprecedented rate. Our disrespect for the natural world, of which we are a part and on which we depend, threatens our own survival

**So how can we avert disaster?**

**We must alleviate poverty, for the poor will fell the last trees in order to grow food or make money from charcoal.** The urban poor cannot afford to question whether the things they buy caused harm to the environment, or are cheap because of child slave labour or inappropriate wages. They are merely trying to survive.

**We must change the unsustainable, materialistic lifestyle that most of the rest of us follow.** We can afford to make ethical choices and ask, “how does what I do now affect the health of the planet and future generations?”

**We must bring discussion of the growth of the human population and their livestock into the open.** There are some 7.2 billion of us on the planet today, and already in some places we are consuming the planet’s finite natural resources faster than nature can replenish them. It is estimated that there will be some 9.7 billion of us by 2050. And as we help raise people from poverty, they will understandably seek to emulate what they see as the desirable but sadly unsustainable lifestyles of the rest of us.

**We must work towards a new relationship with the natural world** and a new “green” economy that will provide many jobs. If we fail, conflicts between people will worsen—already people are fighting for water rights as freshwater supplies dwindle, and climate refugees are swelling the numbers of the millions fleeing armed conflict.

**I have faith in the resilience of nature if we give it a chance.** When I began studying chimpanzees in Tanzania in 1960, the tiny (35 sq. km) Gombe National Park was part of the forest belt that stretched across equatorial Africa. By 1990, Gombe was a tiny island of forest surrounded by bare hills. There were too many people for the environment to support and they were too poor to buy food elsewhere. They were forced to cut down trees on even the steepest slopes to grow more food or make charcoal, causing erosion and mudslides in the process. I realized that if they did not find ways of making a living without destroying their environment, we could not hope to save the chimpanzees. So the [Jane Goodall Institute](#) initiated a holistic, community-based conservation programme that we call [Tacare](#).

In addition to restoring fertility to the degraded farmland, it includes introducing permaculture and water management projects, improvements to health and education facilities, scholarships to give girls a chance to move into higher education, and microcredit programmes for people to take out loans for environmentally sustainable projects. We provide workshops to train villagers to use smartphones to monitor and protect their village forest reserves—home to most of Tanzania’s remaining chimpanzees. Knowing that protecting the environment is not only to protect wildlife, but their own future, the people of this region have become our partners in conservation. Today there are no bare hills around Gombe. Animals on the brink of extinction have been given another chance. There are so many projects of this type around the world.

Then **there is the extraordinary human intellect.** Scientists are coming up with amazing new technologies to help us live in greater harmony with nature, and we, as individuals, are working out ways to reduce our own environmental footprints.

**Finally, we see the energy, commitment and enthusiasm of young people once they understand the problems and are empowered to take action.** The Jane Goodall Institute’s

environmental and humanitarian youth programme, [Roots & Shoots](#), enables its young members from kindergarten through university to choose their own projects to make the world a better place for people, animals and the environment—for all are interrelated. This movement, in partnership with other youth programmes with shared values, is now operating in more than 65 countries. As it began in 1991, many of the original members of the programme are now adults, some in decision-making positions.

Young people are growing organic food in their school gardens, learning about permaculture and regenerative agriculture, recycling and reusing, collecting trash, and spreading awareness about the illegal trade in wild animals and their body parts. They are volunteering in shelters for abandoned or rescued animals and in soup kitchens. They are raising money to help victims of natural disasters. Older members are educating younger children about the importance of protecting the environment and how animals are not merely things but sentient beings, individuals who can feel fear, despair—and pain.

It is encouraging to see the growing trend towards a plant-based diet, which is better for our health and the health of the environment, and alleviates the horrible suffering of millions of sentient, individual animals.

In response to consumer pressure for sustainably produced products, many companies are changing their practices. And big business often has the power to influence government policies.

Around the world millions of people are planting millions of trees and protecting and restoring forests and other habitats.

**All of the measures set out above are reflected in the ambitious United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Among the Agenda's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are serious, practical objectives for maintaining the planet, its wildlife and its resources for the benefit of present and future generations. As the Organization celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year, which has been marked by a global pandemic and global fear, we are all called to renew our sense of solidarity and hope.**

**The world's children and youth are no longer passive beneficiaries of hope but are often also it's motivated ambassadors.** A new United Nations photography exhibition, now also offered virtually, celebrates the last 75 years of the pursuit of a healthy and peaceful planet. It features images of life and resilience, and the role of our incredible youth. A few of these stunning photographs are featured in this article. I would encourage anyone seeking a sense of hope for our future to experience this exhibition however they can.

**Perhaps the most important message is that each one of us can play a role in creating a better world—every day.**

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**Poverty :: Children**

**[Global Estimate of Children in Monetary Poverty: An Update](#)**

World Bank Group 2020/10/20 :: 11 pages

Authors: Silwal, Ani Rudra, Engilbertsdottir, Solrun, Cuesta Leiva, Jose Antonio, Newhouse, David Locke, Stewart, David

PDF: <http://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/966791603123453576/pdf/Global-Estimate-of-Children-in-Monetary-Poverty-An-Update.pdf>

This note builds on previous collaboration between the World Bank Group and UNICEF to estimate the global extent of child poverty. We estimate that in 2017, 17.5 percent of children in the world (or 356 million) younger than 18 years lived on less than 1.90 Dollars PPP per day, as opposed to 7.9 percent of adults ages 18 and above. The poverty rate of children at the 3.20 Dollars and 5.50 Dollars lines were 41.5 and 66.7 percent, respectively. The number of children living in extreme poverty declined by approximately 29 million between 2013 and 2017. In 2017, Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for two thirds of extremely poor children, and South Asia another 18 percent. **These estimates are based on the Global Monitoring Database (GMD) of household surveys compiled in Spring 2020 and consists of surveys from 149 countries that are also used for the official World Bank poverty estimates.** Because the estimates pertain to 2017, they do not consider the adverse economic impact of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

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*Press Release*

**1 in 6 children lives in extreme poverty, World Bank-UNICEF analysis shows**

*The pre-COVID-19 analysis reveals that 356 million children struggle to survive on less than \$1.90 a day, two-thirds of them in sub-Saharan Africa*

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON D.C., 20 October 2020 – An estimated 1 in 6 children – or 356 million globally – lived in extreme poverty before the pandemic, and this is set to worsen significantly, according to a new World Bank Group-UNICEF analysis released today.

Global Estimate of Children in Monetary Poverty: An Update notes that **sub-Saharan Africa – with limited social safety nets – accounts for two-thirds of children living in households that struggle to survive on an average of \$1.90 a day or less per person – the international measure for extreme poverty. South Asia accounts for nearly a fifth of these children.**

The analysis shows that the number of children living in extreme poverty decreased moderately by 29 million between 2013 and 2017. However, UNICEF and the World Bank Group warn that any progress made in recent years is concerningly slow-paced, unequally distributed, and at risk due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“1 in 6 children living in extreme poverty is 1 in 6 children struggling to survive,” said Sanjay Wijesekera, UNICEF Director of Programmes. “These numbers alone should shock anyone. And the scale and depth of what we know about the financial hardships brought on by the pandemic are only set to make matters far worse. Governments urgently need a children’s recovery plan to prevent countless more children and their families from reaching levels of poverty unseen for many, many years.”

**...Extreme poverty among children has not fallen as much as it has for adults;** a larger share of the global poor were children in 2017, compared with that in 2013. All regions of the world experienced varying levels of decline in extreme poverty among children, apart from Sub-Saharan

Africa, which saw a 64 million increase in the absolute number of children struggling to survive on \$1.90 a day, from 170 million in 2013 to 234 million in 2017.

**Child poverty is more prevalent in fragile and conflict-affected countries**, where more than 40 per cent of children live in extremely poor households, compared to nearly 15 per cent of children in other countries, the analysis says. The analysis also notes that more than 70 per cent of children in extreme poverty live in a household where the head of the house works in agriculture.

**The ongoing COVID-19 crisis will continue to disproportionately impact children, women and girls**, threatening to reverse hard-won gains towards gender equality. Social protection measures have a crucial role to play to mitigate coping mechanisms by the poor and vulnerable in both the immediate COVID-19 response as well as the longer-term recovery.

**World Bank and UNICEF data suggest that most countries have responded to the crisis by expanding social protection programmes, particularly cash transfers.** Cash transfers provide a platform for longer-term investments in human capital. Particularly when combined with other child development measures and coupled with high-quality social service provision, cash transfers have been shown to address both monetary and multidimensional poverty and improve children's health, nutrition, cognitive and non-cognitive outcomes.

**However, many of the responses are short-term and not adequate to respond to the size and expected long-term nature of the recovery.** It is more important than ever for governments to scale up and adjust their social protection systems and programmes to prepare for future shocks. This includes innovations for financial sustainability, strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, protecting human capital, expanding child and family benefits for the long term as well as investing in family-friendly policies, such as paid parental leave and quality child care for all.

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## **Democracy**

### **Youth and Satisfaction with Democracy**

Centre for the Future of Democracy, Cambridge university

Authors: Foa, R.S., Klassen, A., Wenger, D., Rand, A. and M. Slade.

2020 :: 60 pages

#### ***2. Key Findings [text bolding from original]***

**:: Globally, youth satisfaction with democracy is declining – not only in absolute terms, but also relative to how older generations felt at the same stages in life.** There are notable declines in four regions: Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, western Europe, and the “Anglo-Saxon” democracies, including the United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States.

**:: In developed democracies, a major contributor to youth discontent is economic exclusion.** Higher levels of youth unemployment and wealth inequality are associated with rising dissatisfaction in both absolute and relative terms – that is, a growing gap between assessments of democratic functioning between youth and older generations.

**:: In the emerging democracies of Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, and southern Europe, we also find signs of transition fatigue,** as generations come of age who lack either memory of authoritarian rule or the experience of the democracy struggle.

**:: However, countries that have elected populist leaders have seen a recovery in youth satisfaction with democracy.** On average, individuals aged 18-34 see a 16 percentage-point increase in satisfaction with democracy during the first term in office of a populist leader. Where moderate politicians have narrowly beaten or succeeded a populist rival, we find no comparable increase.

**:: We find this not only in cases where left-wing populists are elected, but also under right-wing populism.** The major exception is the presidency of Donald Trump in the United States.

**:: Yet if the effect of populism is initially to boost youth satisfaction with democracy, its longer-term effects are less clear.** Though “populism in power” can temporarily increase youth democratic contentment, once populists are in office for more than two terms, this presages a major democratic legitimacy crisis.

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## **Financial Times**

*Opinion*

### **The young's discontent with democracy is worrying**

*Populism of millennials risks a vicious spiral of failure and disillusion*

*The editorial board*

*23 October 2020*

The young are dissatisfied with democracy. More worryingly, they are more dissatisfied with democracy than previous generations were at the same age. This makes them inclined towards extreme politics of the left or right — which may, in turn, actively threaten democracy in future. Their objection to established ways of doing things is easy to understand. It is the result of failures in performance of many democracies. Reform and renewal are vital if liberal democracy is to thrive.

This evidence on attitudes comes from a new study, Youth and Satisfaction with Democracy, from the Centre for the Future of Democracy at Cambridge university. It follows a report in January on global satisfaction with democracy, which concluded that democracy is in a “state of malaise” worldwide.

The new study, based on 43 sources covering 160 countries and 4.8m respondents, is still more depressing. The young, after all, are our future. If, as the study suggests, they are disenchanted with a political system for which so much blood was shed in the previous century, it may not have much of a future in this one. Indeed, this is suggested by the study's main conclusions.

The first and most important is that the satisfaction of younger generations with democracy (especially “millennials”, born between 1981 and 1996) is not only declining over time, but was lower to start with than in earlier generations. This is especially true in western Europe, the “Anglo-Saxon” democracies (including the US and UK), Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa.



Not surprisingly, a big contributor to discontent in high-income democracies is poor economic performance. In particular, "high levels of youth unemployment and wealth inequality are associated with rising dissatisfaction". Moreover, that dissatisfaction has been rising not just absolutely, but faster than it rose in earlier generations.

In the emerging democracies of Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and southern Europe, we see serious signs of "transition fatigue". The young do not remember the past struggles for democracy. But they do see the corruption and incompetence of today.

Young people are also attracted to populist leaders, partly because in western democracies they are more "ideological", and less tolerant of respectful disagreement than previous generations. On average, states the study, those aged 18-34 show a 16 percentage-point increase in satisfaction with democracy during the first term of a populist, whether that populist is leftwing or rightwing. Donald Trump's presidency has been an exception.

Yet, finally, with its hostility towards existing institutions and disagreement itself, populism tends to create a deep crisis of democratic legitimacy when it is actually in power.

We must not despair. While millennials do indeed become dissatisfied with democracy as they age, the fall has been only from 50 per cent to 45 per cent satisfaction. But, in the Anglo-Saxon countries, the decline in satisfaction has been 15 percentage points.

The combination of understandable disillusion with the populist delusion risks creating a cycle between demagogues able to blow things apart and moderate politicians incapable of putting them together again. Once a country has fallen into this trap, it is hard to escape: remember Argentina.

The warning is clear. We cannot risk running our societies for the benefit of the rich and old and stay confident that they will remain democratic. They must be seen to be run for the benefit of everybody. The calamity of Covid-19 underlines this truth. We must learn and act upon this understanding or risk falling into the abyss of demagoguery.

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## **Heritage Stewardship**

**UNESCO** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Latest News*

**[The Real Price of art: International UNESCO campaign reveals the hidden face of art trafficking](#)**

20/10/2020

UNESCO is launching an international communication campaign to make the general public and art lovers aware of the devastation of the history and identity of peoples wreaked by the illicit trade in cultural goods, which is estimated to be worth nearly \$10 billion each year. As shown by The Real Price of Art campaign, in some cases, the looting of archaeological sites, which fuels this traffic, is highly organized and constitutes a major source of financing for criminal and terrorist organizations.



The campaign marks the 50th anniversary of UNESCO's Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property adopted in 1970. Developed by UNESCO with concrete measures to combat this scourge, the Convention is a global framework of reference in this field.

The Real Price of Art campaign, created with the communication agency DDB Paris, draws on the language of the worlds of art and design to reveal the dark truth behind certain works. Each visual presents an object in situ, integrated into a buyer's home. The other side of the decor is then revealed: terrorism, illegal excavation, theft from a museum destroyed by war, the cancelling of a people's memory... Each message tells the story of an antique stolen from a region of the world (Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and Latin America)...

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### **Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property**

Depositary: UNESCO

Entry into force: 24 April 1972, in accordance with Article 21

*[Excerpt]*

#### **Article 7**

The States Parties to this Convention undertake:

(a) To take the necessary measures, consistent with national legislation, to prevent museums and similar institutions within their territories from acquiring cultural property originating in another State Party which has been illegally exported after entry into force of this Convention, in the States concerned. Whenever possible, to inform a State of origin Party to this Convention of an offer of such cultural property illegally removed from that State after the entry into force of this Convention in both States;

(b) (i) to prohibit the import of cultural property stolen from a museum or a religious or secular public monument or similar institution in another State Party to this Convention after the entry into force of this Convention for the States concerned, provided that such property is documented as appertaining to the inventory of that institution;

(ii) at the request of the State Party of origin, to take appropriate steps to recover and return any such cultural property imported after the entry into force of this Convention in both States concerned, provided, however, that the requesting State shall pay just compensation to an innocent purchaser or to a person who has valid title to that property. Requests for recovery and return shall be made through diplomatic offices. The requesting Party shall furnish, at its expense, the documentation and other evidence necessary to establish its claim for recovery and return. The Parties shall impose no customs duties or other charges upon cultural property returned pursuant to this Article. All expenses incident to the return and delivery of the cultural property shall be borne by the requesting Party....

#### **Article 9**

Any State Party to this Convention whose cultural patrimony is in jeopardy from pillage of archaeological or ethnological materials may call upon other States Parties who are affected. The States Parties to this Convention undertake, in these circumstances, to participate in a concerted international effort to determine and to carry out the necessary concrete measures, including the control of exports and imports and international commerce in the specific materials concerned. Pending agreement each State concerned shall take provisional measures to the extent feasible to prevent

irremediable injury to the cultural heritage of the requesting State.

### **Article 10**

The States Parties to this Convention undertake:

(a) To restrict by education, information and vigilance, movement of cultural property illegally removed from any State Party to this Convention and, as appropriate for each country, oblige antique dealers, subject to penal or administrative sanctions, to maintain a register recording the origin of each item of cultural property, names and addresses of the supplier, description and price of each item sold and to inform the purchaser of the cultural property of the export prohibition to which such property may be subject;

(b) to endeavour by educational means to create and develop in the public mind a realization of the value of cultural property and the threat to the cultural heritage created by theft, clandestine excavations and illicit exports.

### **Article 11**

The export and transfer of ownership of cultural property under compulsion arising directly or indirectly from the occupation of a country by a foreign power shall be regarded as illicit...

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## **Featured Journal Content**

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

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

Article

#### **[The human quest for discovering mathematical beauty in the arts](#)**

Stefano Balietti

PNAS first published October 23, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2018652117>

In the words of the twentieth-century British mathematician G. H. Hardy, “the human function is to ‘discover or observe’ mathematics” (1). For centuries, starting from the ancient Greeks, mankind has hunted for beauty and order in arts and in nature. This quest for mathematical beauty has led to the discovery of recurrent mathematical structures, such as the golden ratio, Fibonacci, and Lucas numbers, whose ubiquitous presences have been tantalizing the minds of artists and scientists alike. The captivation for this quest comes with high stakes. In fact, art is the definitive expression of human creativity, and its mathematical understanding would deliver us the keys for decoding human culture and its evolution (2). However, it was not until fairly recently that the scope and the scale of the human quest for mathematical beauty was radically expanded by the simultaneous confluence of three separate innovations. The mass digitization of large art archives, the surge in computational power, and the development of robust statistical methods to capture hidden patterns in vast amounts of data have made it possible to reveal the—otherwise unnoticeable to the human eye—mathematics concealed in large artistic corpora. Starting from its inception, marked by the foundational work by Birkhoff (3), progress in the broad field of computational aesthetics has reached a scale that would have been unimaginable just a decade ago. The recent expansion is not limited to the visual arts (2) but includes music (4), stories (5), language phonology (6), humor in jokes (7), and even equations (8); for a comprehensive review, see ref. 9.

[9. M. Perc, *Beauty in artistic expressions through the eyes of networks and physics*. *J. R. Soc. Interface* 17, 20190686 (2020).  
[Google Scholar](#)

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*Article*

**[Dissecting landscape art history with information theory](#)**

Byunghwee Lee, Min Kyung Seo, Daniel Kim, In-seob Shin, Maximilian Schich, Hawoong Jeong, and Seung Kee Han

PNAS first published October 12, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2011927117>

*Significance*

A foundational question in art and aesthetics is if there are culturally and temporally transcendent characteristics in the organizing principles within art and if yes, how these principles evolve over time. We propose a simple yet coherent information-theoretic framework that captures compositional proportion as used for dissecting landscape paintings by artists. The analysis of 14,912 landscape paintings representing the canonical historiography of Western art uncovers that the preferred compositional proportion within the historiography of landscape paintings systematically evolves over time. The network analysis of similarity distributions reveals clear clustering structures of individual artist's artworks, absolute time periods, and conventional style periods, suggesting meaningful supergroups of art historical concepts, which remained so far nonintuitive to a broader audience.

*Abstract*

Painting has played a major role in human expression, evolving subject to a complex interplay of representational conventions, social interactions, and a process of historization. From individual qualitative work of art historians emerges a metanarrative that remains difficult to evaluate in its validity regarding emergent macroscopic and underlying microscopic dynamics. The full scope of granular data, the summary statistics, and consequently, also their bias simply lie beyond the cognitive limit of individual qualitative human scholarship. Yet, a more quantitative understanding is still lacking, driven by a lack of data and a persistent dominance of qualitative scholarship in art history. Here, we show that quantitative analyses of creative processes in landscape painting can shed light, provide a systematic verification, and allow for questioning the emerging metanarrative. Using a quasicanonical benchmark dataset of 14,912 landscape paintings, covering a period from the Western renaissance to contemporary art, we systematically analyze the evolution of compositional proportion via a simple yet coherent information-theoretic dissection method that captures iterations of the dominant horizontal and vertical partition directions. Tracing frequency distributions of seemingly preferred compositions across several conceptual dimensions, we find that dominant dissection ratios can serve as a meaningful signature to capture the unique compositional characteristics and systematic evolution of individual artist bodies of work, creation date time spans, and conventional style periods, while concepts of artist nationality remain problematic. Network analyses of individual artists and style periods clarify their rhizomatic confusion while uncovering three distinguished yet nonintuitive supergroups that are meaningfully clustered in time.

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**EMERGENCIES**

**Coronavirus [COVID-19]**

## *Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### **Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates**

last update: 8 October 2020, 20:00 GMT-4

**Confirmed cases** :: 42 055 863 [week ago: 39 023 292] [two weeks ago: 36 754 395]

**Confirmed deaths** :: 1 141 567 [week ago: 1 099 586] [two weeks ago: 1 064 838]

**Countries, areas or territories with cases** :: 218Bottom of Form

### **WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 - 23 October 2020**

:: We are at a critical juncture in this pandemic, particularly in the northern hemisphere. The next few months are going to be very tough and some countries are on a dangerous track. We urge leaders to take immediate action, to prevent further unnecessary deaths, essential health services from collapsing and schools shutting again.

:: Oxygen is one of the most essential medicines for saving patients with COVID-19, and many other conditions. WHO is committed to working in solidarity with all governments, partners and the private sector to scale up sustainable oxygen supply.

:: Tomorrow marks World Polio Day week, and partners around the world – led in particular by Rotary International – are organising events and raising awareness about the need to eradicate polio.

:: Smallpox eradication is a remarkable achievement, not least because it was completed at the heart of the Cold War. Health did then and should now always come above politics and it is with sadness that this week we lost one of the great titans of smallpox eradication with the passing of Dr Mike Lane. We will continue to honour his legacy.

:: WHO is proud to announce the second Health for All Film Festival, to cultivate visual storytelling about public health.

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### **Emergencies**

#### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### **Polio this week as of 21 October 2020**

:: World Polio Day is around the corner! Observed on the 24 October, the theme for 2020 is "A win against polio is a win for global health." Mark your calendar to tune in for Rotary International's World Polio Day Online Global Update, streamed in multiple languages around the world.

:: On 19 September 2019, a polio outbreak was declared in the Philippines after a 3-year-old child and several environmental samples tested positive for polioviruses. Fifteen other children have been paralyzed by polio since the outbreak started. As we approach World Polio Day this year, we are celebrating the heroes who have been working tirelessly to combat polio in the Philippines.

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

:: **Afghanistan:** one WPV1 case, one WPV1positive environmental sample, 14 cVDPV2 cases and 2 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: **Pakistan:** two WPV1 cases and one WPV1 positive environmental sample

:: **Benin:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

**:: Burkina Faso:** 21 cVDPV2 cases  
**:: Côte d'Ivoire:** 15 cVDPV2 cases  
**:: Ethiopia:** four cVDPV2 cases  
**:: Mali:** six cVDPV2 case  
**:: Nigeria:** one cVDPV2 case  
**:: Somalia:** five cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample  
**:: Sudan:** 16 cVDPV2 cases  
**:: Yemen:** two cVDPV1 cases

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### **Statement of the Twenty-Sixth Polio IHR Emergency Committee**

22 October 2020 Statement

#### *Conclusion*

The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and recommended the extension of Temporary Recommendations for a further three months. The Committee recognizes the concerns regarding the lengthy duration of the polio PHEIC, but concludes that the current situation is extraordinary, with clear ongoing and increasing risk of international spread and ongoing need for coordinated international response...

...Based on the current situation regarding WPV1 and cVDPV, and the reports provided by affected countries, **the Director-General accepted the Committee's assessment and on 19 October 2020 determined that the situation relating to poliovirus continues to constitute a PHEIC, with respect to WPV1 and cVDPV.** The Director-General endorsed the Committee's recommendations for countries meeting the definition for 'States infected with WPV1, cVDPV1 or cVDPV3 with potential risk for international spread', 'States infected with cVDPV2 with potential risk for international spread' and for 'States no longer infected by WPV1 or cVDPV, but which remain vulnerable to re-infection by WPV or cVDPV' and extended the Temporary Recommendations under the IHR to reduce the risk of the international spread of poliovirus, effective 19 October 2020.

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### **WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

#### **Burkina Faso**

**:: Burkina Faso :** les tradipraticiens de santé de la région du Sud-Ouest à l'école de ...

21 octobre 2020

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Angola - *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 Floods - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*  
MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Mozambique - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*  
occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*  
HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*  
Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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#### **WHO Grade 1 Emergencies** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

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#### **UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

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

#### **Syrian Arab Republic**

:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Situation Report No. 21 - As of 20 October 2020

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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## **UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies**

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

### **COVID-19**

:: Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report 49: occupied Palestinian territory, issued 22 October 2020, information for period: 5 March - 22 October 2020

### **East Africa Locust Infestation**

:: Desert Locust situation update - 19 October 2020

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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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

23 October 2020

PI/2290

### **United Nations World Data Forum Concludes with More than 10,000 Producers, Users Connecting to Advance Solutions for Trusted Data in COVID-19 Response**

The first virtual meeting of the United Nations World Data Forum concluded with the launch of the data community's response to COVID-19, stressing the increased demand for relevant, timely and trusted data and statistics as a critical part of building back a more equitable, sustainable and resilient future.

22 October 2020

SG/SM/20355

### **Support for Learning Recovery Will Succeed by Investing in Those at Greatest Risk of Being Left Behind, Secretary-General Tells Global Education Meeting**

21 October 2020

GA/SHC/4299

### **COVID-19 Could Push up to 175 Million People into Extreme Poverty, Expert Warns Third Committee, amid Calls for Repairing Entrenched Social Inequities**

Between 150 million and 175 million more people will fall into extreme poverty, due to the epic fallout from COVID-19, the Special Rapporteur on the topic told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, as delegates raised concerns about the plight of the world's most vulnerable in a series of interactive dialogues.

20 October 2020



SG/SM/20351

**Secretary-General, in Central Sahel Conference Video Message, Appeals for \$2.4 Billion to Cover Humanitarian Needs through Next Year, Warning Region 'at Breaking Point'**

19 October 2020

GA/SHC/4297

**Cases of Enforced Disappearance Climb to Nearly 1,000 Daily, United Nations Expert Warns Third Committee, as Delegates Call for Upholding Key Human Rights Treaties**

19 October 2020

GA/L/3620

**Electronic Registration of Treaties Critical in Addressing Geographical Imbalance, Speakers Stress, as Sixth Committee Concludes Debate on Strengthening Framework**

As the Sixth Committee (Legal) concluded its debate on strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework today, speakers highlighted the importance of developing online tools to facilitate the treaty process and the need to correct the geographic imbalance in the registration of these instruments.

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Top News*

**Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on the Colombian Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition**

**Nigeria: Bachelet condemns army killings, calls for "root and branch" reform of the security forces**

**Leprosy: Brazil children sent to 'preventoriums' long overdue justice, says UN expert**

**UN expert calls for Israel to end practice of administrative detention and immediately release Maher Al-Akhras**

**UN human rights experts urge Denmark to halt contentious sale of "ghetto" buildings**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Council News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

[States must combine fight against poverty with drive for green economy – UN expert](#)

21 October 2020

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

[UN experts call veto of Ecuador's Organic Health Code a missed opportunity to advance gender equality and health care](#)

21 October 2020

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

[Statement by Karima Bennouna - Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](#)

22 October 2020

[UN expert calls for urgent action to prevent climate change from leading to cultural extinction](#)

22 October 2020

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest news*

**[Mexico: UN experts say proposed budget cuts could hurt vital services for women](#)**

16 October 2020

### **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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

23 October 2020

**[Humanitarian Coordinator a.i. in South Sudan condemns incidents against humanitarian workers and activities in Renk, Upper Nile](#)**

20 October 2020

**[With Central Sahel at 'breaking point', donors announce \\$1.7 billion to scale up aid](#)**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Event*

**[Modeling COVID-19 to inform humanitarian operations](#)**

Oct 28, 2020 10:00 AM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**UNICEF** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press releases, Statements*

*Press release*

10/22/2020

**[Over 1.5 million children at risk due to floods in central Viet Nam – UNICEF](#)**

The children's agency is allocating an immediate \$100,000 for emergency relief

*Statement*

10/22/2020

**[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the Conference on Sustaining Support for the Rohingya Refugee Response](#)**

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*Statement*

10/20/2020

**['Toxic brew' of instability, armed violence, extreme poverty, hunger and COVID-19 putting the future of an entire generation of children and young people in the Central Sahel at risk](#)**

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the Ministerial Roundtable Meeting on the humanitarian situation in the Central Sahel Region

*Press release*

10/19/2020

**[1 in 6 children lives in extreme poverty, World Bank-UNICEF analysis shows](#)**

The pre-COVID-19 analysis reveals that 356 million children struggle to survive on less than \$1.90 a day, two-thirds of them in sub-Saharan Africa

*Press release*

10/19/2020

**[UNICEF to stockpile over half a billion syringes by year end, as part of efforts to prepare for eventual COVID-19 vaccinations](#)**

*Initial preparatory work – in partnership with Gavi and WHO – will include purchasing boxes for the safe disposal of syringes and mapping out cold chain equipment to ensure delivery of effective vaccines*

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Conference on Sustaining Support for the Rohingya Refugee Response 22 October 2020  
Joint Closing Announcement by Co-Hosts](#)**

22 Oct 2020

**[UNHCR calls for protection, support for civilians affected by violence in southern Afghanistan](#)**

20 Oct 2020

**[UNHCR calls for solidarity, support and solutions for Rohingya refugees ahead of an urgent donor conference](#)**

20 Oct 2020

**[UNHCR's life-saving flights from Libya resume after seven-month suspension](#)**

16 Oct 2020

**[Peruvian football club Alianza Lima partners with UNHCR to support refugees](#)**

16 Oct 2020

**[UNHCR warns of mounting needs in Sahel as forced displacement intensifies](#)**

16 Oct 2020

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[75 Years of the United Nations: Why Care?](#)**

2020-10-24 22:52

By IOM Director General António Vitorino

The 75th anniversary of the United Nations takes place at a paradoxical moment. The major issues on the international agenda – not least the Covid-19 pandemic -- demand responses that require stronger international...

### **ILO and IOM Sign Agreement to Strengthen Collaboration on Migration Governance**

2020-10-23 22:35

Geneva - The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) today signed an Agreement to create a framework for cooperation and collaboration to enhance the benefits of migration for all.

### **COVID-19 Rapid Response, Mobile Clinics in Afghanistan Receive New Funding Support**

2020-10-23 13:00

Kabul – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is actively responding to COVID-19 across Afghanistan under the leadership of the Afghan Ministry of Public Health and the World Health Organization (WHO) with generous financial support totalling EUR 1.25 million from ...

### **Increased Support for Rohingya Response Needed to Ensure Long-Term Development and Sustainable Humanitarian Assistance**

2020-10-22 22:08

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) stands with its UN partners and the international community in calling for renewed support to more than one million Rohingya displaced across the region at a virtual donor...

### **Escalating Conflict, Mass Displacement in the Central Sahel Require Concerted Action**

2020-10-20 14:17

Geneva – A dramatic surge in violence in the Central Sahel this year has led to a worrying increase in fatalities and displacement across Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

**UNAIDS** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

21 October 2020

### **Community-led campaign encourages people living with HIV to start treatment**

A new community-led public information campaign, It is in Your Power to, aimed at encouraging people living with HIV to start antiretroviral therapy has been launched in the four largest areas of the Russian Federation.

20 October 2020

### **51st Union World Conference on Lung Health opens today as gains in reducing TB deaths risk being set back by COVID-19**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Union World Conference on Lung Health opened today under the theme "Advancing Prevention". In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference is taking place virtually for the first time in its 100-year history

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 24 Oct 2020]

23 October 2020 Departmental news

## **New book calls on world leaders to unite in response to health threats**

23 October 2020 *News release*

**Steroids boost survival of preterm babies in low-resource settings, new study finds**

22 October 2020 *News release*

**The World Health Organization and Wikimedia Foundation expand access to trusted information about COVID-19 on Wikipedia**

22 October 2020 *Statement*

**Statement of the Twenty-Sixth Polio IHR Emergency Committee**

22 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**New Study 31/A5349 on the treatment of drug-susceptible TB**

21 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**INFOSAN Quarterly Summary, 2020 #3**

21 October 2020 *News release*

**Call for entries: 2nd WHO Health for All Film Festival**

20 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**WHO 2020 Global TB Report app – now available in English, French and Russian**

19 October 2020 *News release*

**Kim Sledge and the World We Want partner with WHO Foundation to re-record unity anthem “We Are Family” in response to COVID-19 and to focus on global public health needs**

16 October 2020 *Departmental news*

**Strategic exchange with representatives from civil society and communities**

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### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

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

:: Benin boosts COVID-19 response with increased testing 23 October 2020

:: Testing at the core of Gabon’s COVID-19 battle 23 October 2020

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

*No new digest content identified*

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

:: 19 October 2020 *News release*

Need to continue extreme caution against COVID-19: WHO

The World Health Organization today cautioned against any relaxation of response actions following the recent slight decline in COVID-19 cases in South-East Asia Region...

### **WHO European Region EURO**

- :: [Epidemiologist Sergiu Sîngeorzan: "COVID-19 has taught people to wash their hands"](#) 23-10-2020
- :: [United Nations at 75: bringing humanity together for a better tomorrow](#) 23-10-2020
- :: [World Polio Day: walking the last mile together towards polio eradication](#) 23-10-2020
- :: [Obesity significantly increases chances of severe outcomes for COVID-19 patients](#) 22-10-2020
- :: [Statement by the WHO Regional Director for Europe on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict](#) 22-10-2020

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

- :: [Dr Farima is unstoppable](#) 22 October 2020

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

- :: 20 October 2020 | *Feature story*

[WHO: COVID-19 must not derail tobacco cessation efforts](#)

Many smokers in the Western Pacific Region have been prompted by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to kick the habit, but the pandemic has also brought fresh challenges for the fight against tobacco.

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

19 October 2020

*Press Release*

### [\*\*Funding shortfall, lack of protection for four million women and girls further destabilizes Central Sahel\*\*](#)

Rising violence in the Central Sahel region has created a protection crisis for women and girls, who face fear and trauma in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

### **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest from News Centre*

### [\*\*Statement on United Nations Day\*\*](#)

On 24 October, we mark United Nations Day. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of the United Nations as it turns 75, from closing a giant hole in the ozone layer, to preventing nuclear...

Posted on October 23, 2020

### [\*\*EIF and UNDP to strengthen cooperation for sustainable finance\*\*](#)

UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner, and the Chief Executive of the European Investment Fund (EIF), Alain Godard, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which re-affirms the organisations'...

Posted on October 21, 2020

### [\*\*Migrants essential to recovery of global development post COVID-19\*\*](#)



As borders re-open slowly, a new UNDP report illustrates how governments can shape migration to benefit development and boost recovery. Legal pathways, cheaper remittances, guaranteeing women's rights...

Posted on October 21, 2020

### **Business and human rights, a global priority**

Opening remarks delivered by Asako Okai at the virtual event: Business and Human Rights, A Global Priority.

Posted on October 20, 2020

### **UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

21 Oct

### **Statement to the Education post-COVID-19: Extraordinary session of the Global Education Meeting**

Higher Education plays a vital role in educating the current and next generation of leaders, driving the research agenda for both the public and private sectors, and playing a critical role in shaping the direction of national economies.

### **UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

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

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

*Meetings and events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

Press Releases/Speeches

21 Oct 2020 *Press release*

### **Mediterranean basin facing irreversible environmental damage, warns new UNEP report**

Athens/Marseille, 21 October 2020 - Rising inequality, biodiversity loss, the growing impact of climate change and unrelenting pressure on natural resources could lead to irreversible environmental damage in the...

### **UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Updates*

23 October 2020

### **Good government guarantees sustainable development**

Nothing undermines development more than disasters. The lack of strategies and planning when faced with an event of natural, human or biological origin could mean inevitable decline in a society's efforts to promote development and growth. It is therefore...

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

23 Oct 2020 | DESA

### **UN World Data Forum 2020: Over 10,000 data producers and users connect to advance solutions for trusted data in COVID-19 response**

The first virtual meeting of the United Nations World Data Forum concluded with the launch of the data community's response to COVID-19, stressing the increased demand for relevant, timely and trusted data and statistics as a critical part of building back a more equitable, sustainable and resilient future. The appeal to the entire data community to come together to support the response to the pandemic and accelerate action on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasizes the need to ensure trust and privacy in data and increase investments in data to respond more effectively to COVID-19 and future disasters.

20 Oct 2020 | DESA

### **New network connecting experts to produce and use better data for the SDGs**

The need for timely and disaggregated data and statistics for decision-making has never been as clear as during the COVID-19 crisis. Having access to reliable and trusted data can mean the difference between life and death. To help national governments build resilient and sustainable national data and information systems, a new Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians that connects data experts around the world, has been launched today at the UN World Data Forum.

20 Oct 2020 | DESA

### **Women's job market participation stagnating at less than 50% for the past 25 years, finds UN report**

Less than 50% of working-age women are in the labour market, a figure that has barely changed over the last quarter of a century, according to a new UN report launched today. Unpaid domestic and care work falls disproportionately on women, restraining their economic potential as the COVID-19 pandemic additionally affects women's jobs and livelihoods, the report warns.

**UNESCO** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Latest News*

### **Culture in crisis – New UNESCO publication offers tips for resilient creative industries beyond COVID-19**

21 Oct 2020

The health crisis has had a profound impact on the culture sector and its workers. Due to the often-informal nature of their employment, cultural professionals are often excluded from conventional social or economic safety nets, making measures tailored to workers in the creative sector vital for their survival. In the new publication Culture in crisis: Policy guide for a resilient creative sector, UNESCO provides guidance to policymakers on how to effectively address culture in COVID-19 recovery plans and rebuild the creative industry stronger.

### **How could science museums contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?**

UNESCO Montevideo promotes technical and cultural spaces to boost development based on ...

News  
10/21/2020

**The Real Price of art: International UNESCO campaign reveals the hidden face of art trafficking**

20/10/2020

UNESCO is launching an international communication campaign to make the general public and art lovers aware of the devastation of the history and identity of peoples wreaked by the illicit trade in cultural goods, which is estimated to be worth nearly \$10 billion each year. As shown by The Real Price of Art campaign, in some cases, the looting of archaeological sites, which fuels this traffic, is highly organized and constitutes a major source of financing for criminal and terrorist organizations.

The campaign marks the 50th anniversary of UNESCO's Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property adopted in 1970. Developed by UNESCO with concrete measures to combat this scourge, the Convention is a global framework of reference in this field.

The Real Price of Art campaign, created with the communication agency DDB Paris, draws on the language of the worlds of art and design to reveal the dark truth behind certain works. Each visual presents an object in situ, integrated into a buyer's home. The other side of the decor is then revealed: terrorism, illegal excavation, theft from a museum destroyed by war, the cancelling of a people's memory... Each message tells the story of an antique stolen from a region of the world (Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and Latin America)...

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*News and Stories*

**UN-Habitat and UNDP join forces to empower local authorities in Lebanon**

Thursday 22 October, 2020

**The second Urban Economy Forum held virtually**

Thursday 22 October, 2020

**Official signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between UN-Habitat and the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network**

Tuesday 20 October, 2020

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://www.wfp.org/news>  
*News releases*  
20 October 2020

**Japan helps WFP maintain food assistance to families in Palestine amidst funding crunch**

RAMALLAH – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomed a contribution of JPY 300 million (US\$2.8 million approximately) from the Government of Japan that will help WFP meet the pressing food needs of the most vulnerable Palestinian families in Gaza and the West Bank.

19 October 2020

**European Union supports WFP's cash assistance to people affected by drought and COVID-19 in Lesotho**

MASERU – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes the European Union's (EU) contribution of €2.8 million (M55.5 million) to provide much needed relief assistance to the most vulnerable people in Lesotho affected by three consecutive years of drought and the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

19 October 2020

**Humanitarian access critical if lives to be saved as conflict rages in central Sahel**

DAKAR/ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is today warning that unless humanitarian access is urgently granted to organizations like the WFP, catastrophic levels of hunger could hit hard in parts of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. The stark warning comes ahead of the High-Level Ministerial Conference on the Central Sahel in Copenhagen on 20 October 2020.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>  
*Agreement ILO/IOM*

**ILO and IOM sign agreement to strengthen collaboration on migration governance**

23 October 2020

To strengthen their work on migration and enable them to provide more policy and practical support to their members, the ILO and the IOM have signed an agreement on migration governance.

*Garment sector in Asia and the Pacific*

**Asia-Pacific garment industry suffers as COVID-19 impact ripples through supply chain**

21 October 2020

Collapsing consumer demand, government lockdown measures and disruptions to raw material imports have taken their toll on the Asia Pacific garment industry, says a new ILO report.

*Social dialogue*

**Social dialogue crucial to tackling impact of COVID-19**

20 October 2020

Agreements between governments, employers and workers help protect workers, businesses and economies during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new report says.

*World Statistics Day*

**[Building better gender data for the future](#)**

20 October 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare not only inequalities in the world of work, including between women and men, but it has also further emphasised the gender data gaps that hamper our understanding of the depth, nature and evolution of those inequalities.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[ICAO reiterates call for governments to ensure sustainable funding for national civil aviation authorities](#)**

22/10/20

**[International alignment key to recovery and safety of aviation](#)**

20/10/20

**[Recent upticks in air travel not enough, and latest dips show signs of 'second wave', ICAO tells tourism Crisis Committee](#)**

20/10/20

**IMO** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

22 October 2020

**[IMO webinars put fishing vessel safety high on agenda](#)**

A series of regional webinars will promote the importance of ratifying the Cape Town Agreement on fishing vessel safety.

22 October 2020

**[IMO working group agrees further measures to cut ship emissions](#)**

IMO forges ahead with development of new short-term measures to implement GHG strategy.

22 October 2020

**[IMO celebrates 75th anniversary of the United Nations](#)**

The International Maritime Organization joins the wider UN family in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding Charter, on 24 October.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**Statement of the Director General of the Universal Postal Union on the 75th birthday of the United Nations**

10/22/2020 — For 75 years, the United Nations has striven to deliver peace and security, human rights, the rule of law and development to the world.

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

**Global collaboration is key to recovery and achieving the SDGs**

VIENNA, 22 October 2020 - The COVID-19 pandemic has stalled the advancement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs). It is creating many challenges, yet also it unveils opportunities to build back better.

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

By Clare Naden on 19 October 2020

**Preventing the spread of infection**

A new ISO committee for biocidal surfaces has been formed to ensure we are fit for the battle against germs... The newly created ISO expert committee [ISO/TC 330](#), Surfaces with biocidal and antimicrobial properties, aims to resolve such inconsistencies by developing internationally agreed requirements and guidance. Its purpose is to develop standards for test methods to assess the biocidal performance and efficacy of any surfaces with antimicrobial activities, and their compatibility with different disinfectants and cleaning agents.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

All Regions Statements

**75 Years of the United Nations: Cooperation and Trust as Important as Ever**

23 Oct 2020

All Regions INSTO

**Canary Islands Joins Observatory Network as Members Unite to Provide Data for Tourism's Recovery**

21 Oct 2020

Africa Technical Cooperation

**UNWTO and ITC collaborate to strengthen coastal tourism in Liberia**

21 Oct 2020

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Announcements*

**23.10.2020 Statement by Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of United Nations Day**

**20.10.2020 // 2020-081 Global Access and Benefit Sharing Conference 2020: Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol**

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**USAID** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements*

**United States Announces \$81 Million in Humanitarian Assistance to Help the People of Sudan**

October 24, 2020

Statement By Acting Administrator John Barsa

Today, the day after the Republic of Sudan joined the historic Abraham Accords brokered by President Trump and made peace with the State of Israel, the United States announced \$81 million in humanitarian assistance for the people of Sudan as they confront ongoing severe challenges related to a deteriorating economy, the global pandemic, and the worst floods in more than a century.

**United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance at the Donor Conference on Sustaining Support for The Rohingya Refugee Response**

October 22, 2020

Statement by Acting Administrator John Barsa

Today, the United States announced nearly \$200 million in additional humanitarian assistance provided in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 for Rohingya refugees and host communities in the People's Republic of Bangladesh and other countries in the region, as well as for internally displaced Rohingya and other crisis-affected communities in Burma, including those who fled ethnic cleansing in Rakhine State since August 2017.

**USAID Provides Immediate Assistance in Response to Widespread Flooding in Vietnam and Cambodia**

October 20, 2020

Press Release

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing a total of \$200,000 in immediate humanitarian aid to support efforts to respond to severe flooding in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Kingdom of Cambodia.



**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** [nee DFID] [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

*Selected Press Releases. Announcements*

**Foreign Secretary statement on normalisation of Israel and Sudan relations**

Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, comments on the announcement of the normalisation of relations between Israel and Sudan.

Updated: 23 October 2020

**Minister for Africa commits £8m to mitigate famine in South Sudan**

James Duddridge's visit to South Sudan shows how the UK is helping protect the vulnerable, prevent famine across Africa and act as a force for good in the world.

Updated: 23 October 2020

**ECHO** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**EU mobilises international donors to support Rohingya refugees and countries in the region**

22/10/2020

Today the European Union, along with the United States, the United Kingdom and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees co-hosted the International Donors' Conference in solidarity with Rohingya refugees and countries in the region. The...

**Coronavirus: first rescEU ventilators dispatched to Czechia**

22/10/2020

Following a request for assistance from Czechia, the EU is immediately sending a first batch of 30 ventilators from rescEU - the common European reserve of medical equipment set up earlier this year to help countries affected by the coronavirus...

**With Central Sahel at 'breaking point', donors announce \$1.7 billion to scale up aid**

21/10/2020

Yesterday, donors announced more than \$1.7 billion to scale up lifesaving humanitarian aid to millions of people in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, and to help stem what could otherwise become one of the world's biggest humanitarian crises. Violence...

**EU steps up support for Africa's Central Sahel countries**

20/10/2020

The European Union, Denmark and Germany and the United Nations co-host a virtual Ministerial Roundtable on Africa's Central Sahel region, with the participation of donors and international organisations, as well as the countries concerned: Burkina...

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**African Union** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

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**[AU Heads of State call for respect of human rights and the rule of law](#)**

October 22, 2020

**[Building a harmonized and centralized Energy database through AEIS](#)**

October 21, 2020

**[AU and Estonia launch hackathon to develop digital solutions](#)**

October 20, 2020

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Secretariat News*

**[ASEAN launches SDG Indicators Baseline Report, Online Database for SDG Indicators](#)**

HA NOI, 23 October 2020 - The General Statistics Office (GSO) Viet Nam, in collaboration with ASEANstats and supported by the ARISE Plus Project, convened in a virtual conference to launch the ASEAN SDG Indicators Baseline Report 2020 and the ASEAN Online Database for SDG Indicators. Director General of GSO Viet Nam Dr. Nguyen Thi Huong opened the event, along with [...]

**[ASEAN education ministers call for digital transformation in education](#)**

JAKARTA, 22 October 2020 – ASEAN education ministers shared their experiences in integrating technology in education and pledged to improve the resilience of ASEAN education systems at the “Conference on the Digital Transformation of Education Systems throughout ASEAN”. The online Conference took place in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 15 October, and was attended by over 100 participants representing youth, academia, the private sector, [...]

**[ASEAN, associated entities to deepen cooperation amid COVID-19 pandemic](#)**

JAKARTA, 20 October 2020 – Today, the Secretariat hosted the 4th Forum of Entities Associated with ASEAN. This annual forum provides a platform for the ASEAN accredited Entities to bolster further cooperation with ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN sectoral bodies and ASEAN related centres, and among themselves. About 150 participants representing ASEAN parliamentarians, judiciaries, youth, civil societies, [...]

**European Commission** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest*

*Press release* 22 October 2020

**[EU mobilises international donors to support Rohingya refugees and countries in the region](#)**

*Press release* 20 October 2020

**[EU steps up support for Africa's Central Sahel countries](#)**

Today, the European Union, Denmark and Germany and the United Nations co-host a virtual Ministerial Roundtable on Africa's Central Sahel region, with the participation of donors and international organisations, as well as the countries concerned: Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

*Press release* 19 October 2020

**Sanctions and Human Rights: towards a European framework to address human rights violations and abuses worldwide**

The European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy have today put forward a Joint Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning implementation of restrictive measures (sanctions) against serious human rights violations and abuses worldwide.

*Press release* 19 October 2020

**Team Europe: The European Union disburses €25 million to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus crisis in The Gambia**

Today, the European Union disbursed €25 million of budget support for the response to the coronavirus pandemic in The Gambia. As part of the Team Europe global package, these funds will catalyse further financial assistance from development partners.

**OECD** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

**Social dialogue crucial to tackling impact of COVID-19 says Global Deal report**

20-October-2020

Social dialogue between employers, workers and government can play a central role in managing the impact of the COVID-19 crisis in the workplace and has great potential in ensuring that the livelihoods and opportunities of those hardest hit are protected, according to a new report.

**COVID-19 crisis puts migration and progress on integration at risk**

19-October-2020

Migration flows have increased over the past decade and some progress has been made to improve the integration of immigrants in the host countries. But some of these gains may be erased by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout, according to a new OECD report.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**Resolution Restoring Democratic Institutions and Respect for Human Rights in Nicaragua Through Free and Fair Elections**

October 22, 2020

**The Lack of Minimum Democratic Conditions to Guarantee Free, Fair, and Transparent Elections in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**

October 22, 2020

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**OIC Holds Permanent Representatives Meeting to Discuss Efforts to Combat COVID-19**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will hold a virtual meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah, next Monday, 26 October 2020, in light of the OIC's continuous efforts in this regard....

24/10/2020

#### **Organization of Islamic Cooperation: Institutional Efforts to Address Islamophobia**

As part of the efforts of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to deal with the file of Muslim communities and societies in non-Member States and defend their identity and rights, the OIC's Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Accountability for Human Rights Violations against the Rohingya will hold a virtual meeting on Tuesday October 20, 2020. This meeting will follow up the case filed against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ)....

19/10/2020

#### **OIC Approves New Financial Assistance to Member States and Humanitarian Institutions through the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF)**

As part of the ongoing support offered by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) through the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), a subsidiary organ of the OIC catering to the educational, health and social sectors in the Member States, the OIC Secretary General Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen approved new financial assistance for beneficial projects in Member States....

18/10/2020

#### **Group of 77** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches*

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms. Lucresha Bryan-French, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to the United Nations, at the Second Committee seventy-fifth session of the UN General Assembly, on agenda item 62: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab Population in the Occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources \(New York, 19 October 2020\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Neil Pierre, Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations, at the Dialogue of the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions with the Second Committee of the General Assembly at its 75th session \(New York, 19 October 2020\)](#)

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#### **UNCTAD** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://unctad.org/media-centre>

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News – Selected Items*

23 October 2020

**Customs railway and data experts in globe gathered in the first Global Railway Workshop towards the development of WCO Railway Guidelines**

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*WTO News and Events*

**WTO hails United Nations on its 75th anniversary**

23 October 2020

As the United Nations commemorates the 75th anniversary of its creation, its partner, the World Trade Organization, pays tribute to the UN for the vitally important contribution it makes to the lives of billions around the world. The WTO is grateful for the excellent cooperation between the two organizations.

**Services trade drops 30% in Q2 as COVID-19 ravages international travel**

23 October 2020

Global trade in services in the second quarter of 2020 plunged by a record 30% year-on-year, with the travel sector particularly hard hit by COVID-19 and associated restrictions. Declines in services trade were recorded across all regions and most services sectors except for computer services, which was buoyed by a shift towards remote working and a rising demand for digitalization.

**Members discuss intellectual property response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

20 October 2020

At the meeting of the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) on 15-16 October 2020, WTO members discussed how best to use the global intellectual property (IP) system to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. Members also discussed the extension of the transitional period for least developed countries (LDCs) to implement the TRIPS Agreement and a submission on the competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through the protection of IP rights.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

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

*News*

**Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, at a media briefing in Khartoum, Sudan: "There is an urgent need for justice in Sudan. Sustainable peace and reconciliation are built on the stabilizing pillar of justice."**

Statement 19 October 2020 Office of the Prosecutor

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**World Bank** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

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**Building Resilience at Scale**

China shows that proactive planning, policies and measures can reduce the risks from natural disasters. China has long experienced its fair share of natural disasters. Last year alone, the country had more...

Date: October 23, 2020 Type: Opinion

**Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel**

The new Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel (GEEAP), co-hosted by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and the World Bank and convened by the Building Evidence in Education (BE2) global...

Date: October 22, 2020 Type: Brief

**1 in 6 children lives in extreme poverty, World Bank-UNICEF analysis shows**

The pre-COVID-19 analysis reveals that 356 million children struggle to survive on less than \$1.90 a day, two-thirds of them in Sub-Saharan Africa NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, October 20, 2020 – An estimated...

Date: October 20, 2020 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News, Announcements*

October 19, 2020

**Building a Resilient Recovery in the Middle East and Central Asia**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**Dissecting Africa's Covid-19 response in the extractives sector: diversification, enhancing local content, offer solutions**

23-Oct-2020 - The African Development Bank's African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC) and the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) hosted a dialogue on responses by governments and the industry to the COVID-19 pandemic in the extractive sector, focusing on South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, and Kenya. The session, held 21 October and moderated by ALSF Director Stephen Karingizi, brought together policymakers and stakeholders to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of these measures in focal countries.

### **Development finance institutions pledge to sustain COVID-19 mitigation, livelihood recovery**

22-Oct-2020 - Multilateral development finance institutions on Wednesday pledged to continue to collaborate in their efforts to mitigate the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate the recovery of economies and livelihoods. At an extraordinary virtual meeting to discuss the impact of their responses to the pandemic and the worsening debt situation, the organizations said that sustaining their joint efforts would protect livelihoods, especially among vulnerable populations, preserve macroeconomic stability and promote a stronger private sector...

#### **Asian Development Bank** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

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

#### **ADB Urges Southeast Asian Countries to Close Digital Divide, Promote Equitable Growth Amid COVID-19**

ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa today urged Southeast Asian countries to expand investments in digital infrastructure and ensure equitable access to technology as economies recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

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#### **African Heads of State call on world leaders to increase investment in IFAD to end rural hunger and poverty**

19 OCT

#### **As FAO turns 75, its mission to end hunger and nourish the world is as relevant today as ever**

#### **Islamic Development Bank** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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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 24 Oct 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Amref Health Africa** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Aravind Eye Care System** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Blue Shield International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://theblueshield.org/category/bsi-news/>

*BSI News*

#### **BSI Support ICC in DRC Case**

22 Oct 2020

Working together with the Antiquities Coalition and Genocide Watch, Blue Shield International presented an Amicus Curiae brief to the International Criminal Court (ICC) in support of the Prosecutor, in The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda, a case regarding the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. An amicus curiae brief is a brief submitted by an [...]

### **BRAC** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest*

October 19, 2020

**Stepping up hand hygiene: How to make hand hygiene more accessible and inclusive**

October 18, 2020

**Building resilience amidst growing food insecurity crisis**

October 18, 2020

**Study explores COVID-19 impact on the lives of garment workers**

**Clubhouse International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://drc.ngo/>

*Press Releases*

*Bangladesh*

**Three years on: Rohingyas at a crossroad**

22. October 2020

Almost one million Rohingyas live as refugees in make-shift homes in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar – a district that has become known for hosting the world's largest refugee camp. Years after a violent mass displacement of Rohingyas from their villages in Myanmar, the outlook of their return is looking bleak.

*Ukraine*

**Two years of demining have cleared 630K m2 of land in Ukraine**

23. October 2020

Danish Refugee Council – Danish Demining Group (DRC-DDG) officially handed over two fields to the local authorities of Myrna Dolyna, which the organisation's deminers had been clearing of explosive ordnance, including mines, for more than two years.

*Burkina Faso*

**Central Sahel is rapidly becoming one of the world's worst humanitarian crises**

20. October 2020

Unprecedented levels of armed violence, rights violations, and displacement amplified by the consequences of climate change are drastically affecting the lives of people in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger – the Central Sahel region. The situation is increasingly becoming a complex humanitarian crisis that is widely ignored.

**ECPAT** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News from ECPAT*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*All news*

**A new Source: free, user friendly and accessible resources for all users!**

PUBLISHED ON October 16th 2020

The Source platform provides access to resources on matters of Disability and Inclusion from peer reviewed journal articles, COVID-19 guidelines and the unique evidence produced by the Inclusive Futures programme.

To accomplish international agendas such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), partnership of governments, the private sector, civil society, and citizens alike will be required to generate knowledge to ensure we leave "no one behind". Source offers its users an easy way to find this knowledge with its large databases of over 10,000 resources and you can upload your own resources to share with the Disability community.

**Heifer International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**We must not forget that prohibiting nuclear weapons is the beginning – not the end – of our efforts**

Statement by ICRC President Peter Maurer on the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)

25-10-2020 | Statement

**Nigeria: Access for first responders, restraint by security forces needed amidst protests**

Concerned by the escalating violence and the rising number of victims, the ICRC is calling for restraint as protests continue in several Nigerian cities."Security Forces should apply non-violent means before resorting to the use of force and firearms

21-10-2020 | News release

**IFRC** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

*Europe*

**Red Cross warns: Vigilance needed as Europe's intensive care beds fill up**

IFRC has warned people not to take their foot off the brake as hospital intensive care units in many cities across Europe near capacity.

22 October 2020

*Vietnam*

**Five million swamped by catastrophic floods in Vietnam**

Kuala Lumpur/Hanoi/Geneva, October 20, 2020 – Red Cross is ramping up relief as catastrophic floods have affected five million people in central Vietnam. At least 178,000 homes have been submerged in floodwaters that h ...

20 October 2020

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Update / Alert*

**We Are Helping People Displaced by the Conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh**

October 21, 2020

International Medical Corps is responding to a crisis in the Caucasus, where a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh has displaced about 100,000 ethnic Armenians who are fleeing the fighting. With the conflict continuing and the weather turning colder, local officials do not expect displaced families to be able to ...

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Media highlights [Selected]*

*Press Release*

**As COVID-19 increases global food insecurity, less children are receiving nutrition support across conflict-affected states**

October 22, 2020

*Press Release*

**Civilian deaths in Sahel states increase 1,870 percent as military response fails to stop violence and humanitarian needs spike, warns IRC**

October 20, 2020

**IRCT** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News, Blog*

*India*

**[Thousands of families in urgent need of aid amid severe flooding in India](#)**

Published: 21 October, 2020

*Palestinian Territories*

**[Plaudits for Islamic Relief project and staff at Start Network annual assembly](#)**

Published: 18 October, 2020

**Landsea** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Mediterranean migration*

**[Lives on the line as legal appeal lodged to free the Sea-Watch 4](#)**

Press Release 23 Oct 2020

*South Sudan*

**[Worsening flooding increases health risks](#)**

Project Update 22 Oct 2020

*Iraq*

**[Humanitarians behind the scenes in Iraq](#)**

Voices from the Field 20 Oct 2020

**Operation Smile** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

### **Poor countries denied \$5.7 trillion in aid because of rich countries' 50-year failure to deliver on aid promises**

23 October 2020

Poor countries have lost out on \$5.7 trillion in aid over the last 50 years - equivalent to \$114 billion a year - because rich countries have reneged on their "solemn promise" to deliver 0.7 percent of their national income in international aid, a new Oxfam report revealed today.

### **Europe and North Africa must review their cooperation to protect the rights of migrants**

22 October 2020

### **Conditions in 'Moria 2.0' camp are abysmal, say GCR and Oxfam**

21 October 2020

The new temporary camp on the Greek island of Lesbos is even worse than the original Moria camp, with inadequate shelter, hardly any running water, limited healthcare services, and no access to legal aid, said the Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) and Oxfam in their latest 'Lesbos Bulletin' news update.

### **True value of climate finance is just a third of that reported by developed countries**

19 October 2020

The true value of money provided by developed countries to help developing nations respond to the climate crisis may be just a third of the amount reported, according to Oxfam estimates published today.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*Africa/Burkina Faso/Mali/Niger | 19. Oct 2020*

### **Covid-19 and conflict forced over 12 million children from school across Africa's Central Sahel region**

A staggering 12 million children missed up to four months of school across Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger due to Covid-19 restrictions. Meanwhile, 776,000 children were prevented from attending school the entire year due to insecurity, new figures by the Norwegian Refugee Council have revealed.

**Pact** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

October 16, 2020

### **Zewud Debebe joins Pact as chief human capital officer**

Pact, an international nonprofit, announced that Zewud Debebe has joined the organization as its new chief human capital officer. Debebe, an accomplished...

**Partners In Health** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

**In Mexico, New Clinicians Ready for 'Year of Constant Growth'**

Each year, 10 clinicians arrive in Chiapas, Mexico to complete their social service year with PIH. This year's cohort will work in marginalized areas of this region, where access to health care is difficult and challenges have only intensified during COVID-19.

October 19, 2020

**PATH** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

23 October 2020 - *Armenia*

**Nagorno-Karabakh fighting leaves children who fled the conflict in distress**

21 October 2020 - *Pakistan*

**Pakistan floods: 1.4 million children at risk of homelessness and disease**

20 October 2020 - *Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger*

**Central Sahel conference fails to acknowledge needs of children caught up in conflict, disaster and Covid-19**

19 October 2020 - *Global*

**Millions of out-of-school children at increased risk of violence – Save the Children**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*All News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Tostan** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Blogs & Updates*

October 23, 2020

**Lethal Force in Response to Peaceful Demands for Rights and Justice Deepens Women's Inequity – Our Stand in Nigeria**

Nigeria

**World Vision** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**Ministry lauds NGO World Vision for aiding government's response to COVID-19**

October 20th 2020

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

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

*Press Release* | October 22, 2020

**EFF Urges Vallejo's Top Officials to End Unconstitutional Practice of Blocking Critics on Social Media**

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) told the City of Vallejo that its practice of blocking people and deleting comments on social media because it doesn't like their messages is illegal under the First Amendment, and demanded that it stop engaging in such viewpoint discrimination, unblock all members of the...

*Press Release* | October 20, 2020

**Video Hearing Wednesday: Advocacy Orgs Go to Court to Block Trump's Retaliation Against Fact-Checking**

San Francisco – On Wednesday, October 21 at 5 pm ET/2 pm PT, voter advocacy organizations will ask a district court to block an unconstitutional Executive Order that retaliates against online services for fact-checking President Trump's false posts about voting and the upcoming election. Information on attending the video hearing...

**Freedom House** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

*Latest Updates*

**Nigeria: Freedom House Condemns Attacks on Peaceful Protesters**

*Press release*

October 21, 2020



## **A Life Devoted to the Cause of Global Freedom**

*Perspectives*

October 20, 2020

*Arch Puddington, who retired last month after 50 years in the struggle, shares insights from his remarkable career.*

## **Human Rights Watch** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

October 23, 2020

### **Azerbaijan: Cluster Munitions Used in Nagorno-Karabakh**

Azerbaijan has repeatedly used widely banned cluster munitions in residential areas in Nagorno-Karabakh.

*United States*

October 23, 2020 Report

### **US: Heat Emergency Plans Missing Pregnancy, Racial Justice**

Middle East/North Africa

October 22, 2020

*Report*

### **Lebanon: Flawed Domestic Blast Investigation**

*Middle East/North Africa*

October 23, 2020 News Release

### **Iran: Prisoners Who Reported Abuse Charged**

## **Transparency International** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press*

### **Nigeria must stop using violence against protesters**

Governance reforms, including to security sector, are urgently needed

Transparency International condemns the Nigerian state's excessive use of force and the continued perpetration of violence against peaceful protesters. Protests that began with demands for an end to...

23 October 2020

### **COVID-19 crisis demands actions not words from G20 anti-corruption meeting**

The G20 anti-corruption ministerial meeting taking place tomorrow, 22 October, must result in concrete steps that will prevent corruption from undermining the global coronavirus response and...

21 October 2020

### **Golden passports: Infringement procedures against Cyprus and Malta the right move**

Transparency International welcomes the European Commission's decision to launch infringement procedures against Cyprus and Malta over apparent breaches of Union law. The move follows multiple...

20 October 2020

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*News/ Statements*

**[Ending Violence in a time of COVID-19 - Join Statement Korean translation](#)**

October 20, 2020

by End Violence

**CONCORD** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*News*

**[The UK has a clear opportunity to demonstrate international climate leadership](#)**

22 Oct 2020

In an open letter to UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, The Elders call for greater climate leadership from the UK COP Presidency ahead of COP26. First published in The Times.

*Climate Change*

*Statement*

**[The Elders call for urgent action to address multilateral failings exposed by COVID-19](#)**

22 Oct 2020

The Elders call on world leaders to urgently strengthen, defend, and realise the potential of the multilateral system, to end the current disarray in the global order.

*Ethical Leadership*

**[The COVID-19 recovery must super-charge progress towards the 2030 Agenda](#)**

22 Oct 2020

Mary Robinson underscores the importance of youth, peace and climate action in ensuring that the world "builds back better" after COVID-19

Climate Change, Conflict, Ethical Leadership

*Speech*

**[The Elders reflect on the 20 years since the UN 1325 Resolution on Women Peace and Security](#)**

19 Oct 2020

As we mark the 20th anniversary of UN Resolution 1325, The Elders reflect on what women in conflict mediation means to them.

**Evidence Aid** [to 24 Oct 2020]

*Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.*

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

*New Resources Language*

[Rapid, point-of-care antigen and molecular-based tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection \(search on 25 May 2020\)](#) Added October 22, 2020

[Similarities and differences between COVID-19, SARS and MERS \(research from before March 2020\)](#) Added October 22, 2020

[Barriers to immunization among newcomers](#) Added October 22, 2020

[Ethical guidelines for the provision of videoconferencing-based mental health treatments](#)  
Added October 20, 2020

[Financial interventions and movement restrictions to manage movement of healthcare workers between public and private organizations in LMICs](#) Added October 20, 2020

[Interventions to improve vaccination uptake and cost effectiveness of vaccination strategies in newly arrived migrants](#) Added October 20, 2020

**Gavi** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Getty Conservation Institute** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News/Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>  
*Latest resources, events, content*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.interaction.org/>  
*Global & Public Policy Positions*  
**[Fundamentals for U.S. Development and Humanitarian Assistance](#)**  
InterAction | Oct 23, 2020

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*  
**[There's a Lie You've Heard about Haiti](#)**  
Elizabeth Courtney | Oct 23, 2020

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*  
**[Joint Humanitarian NGO Statement: Rohingya Donor Conference](#)**  
InterAction | Oct 22, 2020

*Challenges to Civil Society*  
**[2023 Prudent Assumptions and Critical Uncertainties](#)**  
Deborah Willig | Oct 22, 2020

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://www.3ieimpact.org/>  
*Publications/Events/Blogs*  
**[How effective are safety net programmes at protecting people from the socio-economic effects of COVID-19?](#)**  
Other briefs 3ie 2020 This brief synthesises relevant evidence on the relative effectiveness of social safety net programmes in humanitarian and crisis settings, particularly in response to COVID-19.

**CHS Alliance** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://chsalliance.org/>  
*Our Impact*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

[http://www.alnap.org/  
News/Blog/Events](http://www.alnap.org/News/Blog/Events)  
Event

**Rising to the challenge: How can humanitarian evaluation better support system-wide learning?**

Date: 26 Oct 2020

Time: 14:00 - 15:30, GMT

Join ALNAP for a lively discussion on the current value and role of evaluation in supporting system-wide learning. We will discuss how evaluation practice can better inform decisions on building back better during COVID-19 and what needs to be done to overcome current obstacles to system-wide learning. Is the lack of system-wide learning due to how evaluations are conducted, or to how evaluations are commissioned and utilised after completion? How can the sector as a whole become more strategic in identifying evidence gaps and areas where evaluative evidence is abundant, but not fully utilised?

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>  
News  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>  
News/Events  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://www.urd.org/en/>  
Publications, Events  
News  
*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>  
Resources – Weekly Blog Posts Selections  
**Aid policy and practice in the wake of Covid-19**

Selection#29 (11th-18th October)

This week we return to blog posts on aid policy in the wake of Covid-19. Topics include Uganda's successes, how women are disproportionately affected, and addressing the effect on hunger and food

insecurity. A UN Food Systems Summit which focuses on private sector engagement and sidelines civil society raises concern. The need to reconsider state fragility, and north-south comparisons, in light of the pandemic is also important, while in Yemen, the combination of war, floods, and Covid-19 is contributing to an ever-worsening crisis.

Other blog posts continue to raise the human rights violations resulting from migrant deterrence strategies of the EU and the US. Non-Covid blogs this week include the fragility of Sudan's peace agreement and the politics of aid in Somalia.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

**[Girls to know: The next generation is already leading the way](#)**

Published by UN Women

Published 19 October 2020

Around the world, girls are driving change. They are activists and advocates on the front lines of movements for social and racial equality. They are calling for urgent climate action and demanding space at decision-making tables in their communities, countries and beyond.

**[World Mental Health Day - Addressing Mental Health in Emergencies](#)**

Published by World Health Organization

Published 19 October 2020

The onset of meaningful community self-help and social support for the Rohingya people.

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings**

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

*Accessed 24 Oct 2020*

*Latest Research*

*Arms Control*

**[US nonproliferation cooperation with Russia and China](#)**

Robert Einhorn

Friday, October 23, 2020

*Health Care Policy*

**[Federal policy options to realize the potential of APCDs](#)**

Matthew Fiedler and Christen Linke Young

Friday, October 23, 2020

*Report*

**[The case for Australia to step up in Southeast Asia](#)**

Hervé Lemahieu

October 2020

*Report*

**[Competencies for the 21st century: Jurisdictional progress](#)**

Robert Taylor, Charles Fadel, Helyn Kim, and Esther Care

Thursday, October 22, 2020

*Climate Change*

**[Pledges and progress: Steps toward greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the 100 largest cities across the United States](#)**

Sam Markolf, Inês M.L. Azevedo, Mark Muro, and David G. Victor

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**Center for Global Development** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Publications, News and Events*

October 23, 2020

**[How to Improve Education Outcomes Most Efficiently? A Comparison of 150 Interventions Using the New Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling Metric](#)**

Limited resources mean that policymakers must make tough choices about which investments to make to improve education. Although hundreds of education interventions have been rigorously evaluated, making comparisons between the results is challenging. This paper proposes using learning-adjusted years of schooling (LAYS)—which combines access and quality and compares gains to an absolute, cross-country standard—as a new metric for reporting gains from education interventions.

Noam Angrist , David Evans , Deon Filmer , Rachel Glennerster , F. Halsey Rogers and Shwetlena Sabarwal

October 22, 2020

**[Testimony before the USITC on COVID-19 Related Medical Supply Chains](#)**

On Wednesday, September 23, CGD Senior Fellow Prashant Yadav appeared before the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) at a virtual hearing examining “COVID-19 Related Goods: The U.S. Industry, Market, Trade, and Supply Chain Challenges.” His testimony focused on trade and supply chain issues for COVID-19 related medical products and he offered recommendations for building more resilient supply chains.

Prashant Yadav

October 21, 2020

**Women's Economic Empowerment in West Africa: Towards a Practical Research Agenda**

Evidence on 'what works' to promote women's economic empowerment has expanded in recent years but remains geographically unbalanced, with English speaking countries and those with more longstanding research traditions better represented. Recognizing the importance of context specificity in understanding and advancing gender equality, we seek to fill a gap in the literature by reviewing interventions, policies, and broader socio-economic trends within West Africa and the extent to which they have contributed to progress in narrowing economic gender gaps in the region.

Mayra Buvinic , Megan O'Donnell and Shelby Bourgault

October 21, 2020

**The Impact of COVID-19 Lockdowns and Expanded Social Assistance on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico**

Based on the economic sector in which household members work, we use microsimulation to estimate the distributional consequences of COVID-19-induced lockdown policies in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. Our estimates of the poverty consequences are worse than many others' projections because we do not assume that the income losses are proportionally equal across the income distribution.

Nora Lustig , Valentina Martinez Pabon , Federico Sanz and Stephen D. Younger

October 20, 2020

**The Macroeconomics of Pandemics in Developing Countries: An Application to Uganda**

How should policies to control the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic differ across countries? We extend recent contributions integrating economic and epidemiological models for the United States to a developing country context, Uganda.

Tillmann von Carnap , Ingvild Almås , Tessa Bold , Selene Ghisolfi and Justin Sandefur

**CSIS** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

**Japan's Leadership Role in a Multipolar Indo-Pacific**

October 23, 2020 No region will be more important to global peace and prosperity in the coming years than the Indo-Pacific. Under the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" vision, Japan is well positioned to play a leading role in shaping the rules and norms that should govern the region's future.

*Report*

**A New Framework for U.S. Leadership on Climate Migration**

October 23, 2020 | Erol Yayboke, Janina Staguhn As the impact of climate change on displacement and migration continues to grow, the U.S. must define a new framework for leadership, taking action to slow the effects of climate change, reform its own immigration policies, and lead multilateral efforts.

*Report*

**The War Comes Home: The Evolution of Domestic Terrorism in the United States**



October 22, 2020 | [Seth G. Jones](#), [Catrina Doxsee](#), [Nicholas Harrington](#) There is growing concern over the threat from domestic terrorists motivated by political, racial, ethnic, economic, health, and other grievances. This analysis updates an original CSIS data set to assess trends in domestic terrorism from January to August 2020.

*Report*

**[Toward a Stronger U.S.-Taiwan Relationship](#)**

October 21, 2020 | [Bonnie S. Glaser](#), [Michael J. Green](#) This task force report explains why Taiwan matters to the U.S., the framework for U.S. policy toward Taiwan, and the trends that affect a variety of aspects of U.S. policy toward Taiwan.

*Report*

**[Military Forces in FY 2021: The Budget and Strategy Overview: Four Challenges and a Wild Card](#)**

October 20, 2020 | [Mark F. Cancian](#) CSIS Senior Adviser Mark Cancian annually produces a series of papers on US military forces. This first white paper in the series analyzes what DOD did with military forces in FY 2021 and four challenges and a wild card that military forces face in the future.

*Report*

**[Analytic Appendix: Additional Data on Detailed Patterns in MENA Arms Transfers](#)**

October 20, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The military dynamics of the MENA region continue to evolve with the changing nature of security and security forces, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

*Report*

**[The Military Dynamics of the Middle East and North Africa](#)**

October 20, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The military dynamics of the MENA region continue to evolve with the changing nature of security and security forces, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

*Report*

**[The Guyanese Diaspora](#)**

October 19, 2020 | [Linnea Sandin](#) This latest report from the CSIS Americas Program outlines how Guyana's engagement with its diaspora will become even more important in the context of its oil discovery.

*Report*

**[The Fabulous Five: How Foreign Actors Prop up the Maduro Regime in Venezuela](#)**

October 19, 2020 | [Moises Rendon](#), [Claudia Fernandez](#) The Maduro regime continues to survive due to support from five key allies: Russia, China, Cuba, Iran, and Turkey. These allies have distinct financial and geopolitical motivations for propping up the Maduro regime and thus merit specific and nuanced policy approaches.

**ODI** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

**[Linking constituent engagement and adaptive management: lessons from practitioners](#)**

Working and discussion papers | October 2020 | Stephanie Buell, Megan Campbell and Jamie Pett

A discussion of how development programmes can ensure that constituent engagement informs meaningful adaptation.

### **Changing gender relations on return from displacement to the newly merged districts of Pakistan**

Working and discussion papers | October 2020 | Simon Levine

In this follow-up study, we explore whether the transformation in gender roles and relations that had occurred in displacement was continued on return.

### **RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]**

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

*Publications*

### **Urban Institute Guide for Racial Equity in the Research Process**

Researchers at the Urban Institute have been considering how to shape and evolve the research and communications processes to ensure that our work is inclusive, respectful, and incorporates a racial equity lens. Though we originally developed this guide as an internal resource, we are releasing it publicly to share what we are learning and solicit feedback from our peers in the academic and nonprofit sectors. We

[DEI Council Working Group on Content and Communications](#)

October 22, 2020

Working Paper

### **Urgent Action Needed to Address Children's Unmet Health Care Needs During the Pandemic**

It has become increasingly clear that the pandemic has had dramatic spillover effects on receipt of health care services unrelated to the coronavirus. In this brief, we review the evidence on children's unmet health care needs during the pandemic and identify promising strategies to address these gaps, as well as barriers to widespread implementation of these strategies. We find large declines in childhood

[Stacey McMorrow](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Clara Alvarez Caraveo](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#)

October 22, 2020

Brief

### **Policy Strategies to Build a More Inclusive Economy with Cooperatives**

In this report, we provide an overview of how policy can help cooperatives build healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities. We describe four broad policy goals: level the playing field, help grow the number of cooperatives in underserved markets, help grow the size and market share of existing cooperatives, and support cooperatives in reaching underserved people and communities. We also identify six

[Brett Theodos](#), [Leiha Edmonds](#), [Corianne Payton Scally](#)

October 20, 2020

Research Report

### **Policies for an Aging Labor Force**

Each year, millions of older workers leave the labor force and retire prematurely, often because of health shocks. The COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn have only exacerbated this. In this brief, we explore how providing workplace accommodations can help more workers remain in the labor force. Although we focus on workers over age 55, workplace accommodations could also help many younger workers who

[Jack Smalligan](#), [Chantel Boyens](#)

October 19, 2020

Brief

### **Simplifying Student Aid**

Simplifying the student aid application process and making the system easier for students and families to understand and navigate has long been high on the agenda of policymakers and advocates for college access. Despite progress, the process for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) remains daunting for many students and families, and the formula for computing expected family

[Sandy Baum](#), [Kim S. Rueben](#)

October 19, 2020

Brief

**The Wistar Institute** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Media*

**Make the Reskilling Revolution a Priority in the Recovery, Urge Experts at Jobs Summit**

News 22 Oct 2020

**Tech-Driven Changes in Job Markets Threaten Social Contract with Workers**

News 21 Oct 2020

**Recession and Automation Changes Our Future of Work, But There are Jobs Coming, Report Says**

News 20 Oct 2020

**Socially Responsible, Low-Carbon Capitalism Can Ensure 'Job-Full' Recovery From COVID-19**

News 20 Oct 2020

## **Antivirals, Spaceflights, EdTech, and Hyperloops: 20 Markets That Will Transform Economies**

News 20 Oct 2020

## **World Economic Forum Launches Call to Action for Governments to Set Targets beyond GDP Growth to Guide Economic Recovery**

News 20 Oct 2020

## **Half of Working Adults Fear for Their Jobs, But More Than Two Thirds Think Their Employers Will Help Them Retrain**

News 19 Oct 2020

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### ***:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch***

*We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.*

#### **Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*News*

#### **Mouse study uncovers links between unsung brain cells and Huntington's disease — and possible path for human therapies**

October 21, 2020

Astrocytes, once thought of as inert 'brain glue,' may turn out to be key players in Huntington's and other neurodegenerative diseases.

*News*

#### **New cell line lets researchers use CRISPR to reversibly switch off genes**

October 20, 2020

'CRISPR interference' technique enables study of basic cell biology and disease in human stem cells

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases and Statements*

OCTOBER 19, 2020

#### **At 2020 Grand Challenges Annual Meeting, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Grand Challenges Partners Announce New Initiatives to Advance Global Health Innovation**

Researchers and scientists from around the world convene to accelerate R&D to address COVID-19 and other global health challenges

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Release*

October 20, 2020

**[President Bill Clinton announces new commitments to advance economic growth and address racial disparities amid COVID-19](#)**

**Co Impact** [to 24 Oct 2020]

[www.co-impact.io](http://www.co-impact.io)

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*The Latest*

News 19 October 2020

**[Ford Foundation Appoints Samantha Power to Board of Trustees](#)**

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**[Getty Foundation Releases Impact Report on Decades of Diversity Internships](#)**

October 22, 2020

**GHIT Fund** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>  
*Latest Updates*  
[Refreshing our strategy to combat digital disinformation](#)  
U.S. Democracy  
By Vanessa Tucker  
October 22, 2020

[Hewlett 50 Arts Commissions explore themes that matter to local Bay Area communities](#)  
Performing Art  
By Heath Wickline  
October 22, 2020

[Global nonprofit leaders on why women's time and work must be part of future policy choices](#)  
Global Development and Population  
By Sarah Jane Staats  
October 19, 2020

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>  
*Press Release*  
*Our News, Prize Event*  
[2020 Hilton Humanitarian Prize Events](#)  
October 23, 2020  
A series of virtual conversations that will focus on the theme, "The Future of Humanitarian Action: Writing the Next Chapter."

**IKEA Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/>  
*Stories*  
[Celebrating renewable energy heroes on World Energy Day](#)  
Watch our new film for World Energy Day, which highlights how local renewable energy heroes like Josephat Mang'eni are helping people in their local communities afford a better life. Josephat...  
October 20, 2020

[Solar power keeps food cool in Kenya](#)  
On the eve of World Energy Day (22 October) we're sharing a film we made with our partner SunFunder to show how renewable energy can transform people's lives. Christine Kalekye...  
October 19, 2020

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

October 22, 2020 *News Release*

**[Analysis: COVID-19 Ranks as a Top 3 Leading Cause of Death in the U.S., Higher than in Almost All Other Peer Countries](#)**

A new KFF analysis examines leading causes of death and mortality rates in the United States and comparable countries. The U.S. has a higher COVID-19 mortality rate than many of its peer countries, with COVID-19 ranking as the nation's third-leading cause of death in 2020, behind only heart disease and...

October 21, 2020 *News Release*

**[Health Policy Resources for Covering the 2020 Elections](#)**

As the 2020 Election Day approaches, many candidates continue to focus on health care issues, including on the public health and economic response to COVID-19, the future of the Affordable Care Act, health care costs and abortion. To help reporters understand and cover these issues, KFF offers independent, non-partisan policy...

October 20, 2020 *News Release*

**[Abortion at SCOTUS: Potential Cases this Term and Possible Rulings](#)**

A new KFF issue brief examines the implications of a Supreme Court with a solid conservative majority. Two abortion cases have pending requests for Supreme Court review: *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and *FDA v. ACOG*. If the Court chooses to take these cases, abortion laws and who can...

October 20, 2020 *News Release*

**[Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine Across the U.S. – A Look at Key Issues](#)**

Government officials hope to identify one or more safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines over the next few months as part of a multi-agency effort known as Operation Warp Speed. If and when they succeed, their focus will shift to making sure people across the country can access the vaccine. A...

October 20, 2020 *News Release*

**[Poll: Most Americans Say President Trump is Intervening with the FDA's and CDC's Coronavirus Work, But Trust the Agencies at Least a Fair Amount to Do the Right Thing](#)**

As COVID-19 cases rise across much of the country, most Americans think that the president is intervening with the public health agencies working to address the pandemic, the latest KFF Health Tracking Poll finds. Similar majorities say both that President Trump is intervening with the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to review...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.macfound.org/>  
*News, Events, What We're Learning*  
[\*\*Law Enforcement's Broad Searches of Mobile Phones\*\*](#)  
October 22, 2020  
*Grantee Research*

More than 2,000 law enforcement agencies have used mobile device forensic tools to extract full copies of data on people's cell phones hundreds of thousands of times, often without warrants, according to a [report](#) from [Upturn](#). Law enforcement has overused these tools in cases ranging from graffiti and car crashes to drug-related offenses to violent crimes. The MacArthur-supported report documents the adoption, lack of constraints, and makes policy recommendations that could restrict their use.

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://mellon.org/>  
*Mellon News, Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://www.moore.org/news>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundations** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>  
*Press releases* October 22, 2020  
[\*\*Soros Economic Development Fund Invests in Race and Gender Equity\*\*](#)

Through the Soros Economic Development Fund, its impact investing arm, Open Society is supporting efforts to reduce bias against businesses owned by women and people of color.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]  
<http://www.packard.org/news/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*



**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

October 21, 2020

**[The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Announces Over \\$10.5 Million for Philadelphia Artists, Organizations](#)**

October 21, 2020

**[SPARK Receives New Data from Merck and Kyorin](#)**

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[The Rockefeller Foundation Awards New Grants to Scale Up Covid-19 Testing in India](#)**

10.19.20

New York | October 19, 2020 – To support the expansion of Covid-19 testing and contact tracing across India, The Rockefeller Foundation announced two new grants to The Center for Cellular and Molecular Platforms and PATH. The grants, totaling \$5.5 million, will support domestic manufacturing of critical testing materials and the deployment of scalable testing programs, essential to mitigating the virus' spread. Additionally, the grants will advance efforts to leverage data and technology to strengthen pandemic surveillance and response. These grants are part of a broader effort to accelerate equitable access to testing technology in India as a key lever to contain the spread of Covid-19 and reduce test positivity rates...

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 24 Oct 2020]

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Names Melvin J. Galloway as Chief Operating Officer](#)**

October 19, 2020

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Opinion* | 20 October 2020

**[Wellcome's bold ambitions to improve health through our new strategy](#)**

Jeremy Farrar, Director, Wellcome

Today, I'm delighted to introduce a new vision and strategy for Wellcome that I hope will have significant positive impacts on the course of human health over the next two decades.

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 24 Oct 2020]

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

*Newsroom/Blog Posts*

*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.*

**AJOB Empirical Bioethics**

Volume 11, 2020 Issue 4  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 22, Number 10: E831-905 October 2020  
<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/caring-native-americans>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Infection Control**

October 2020 Volume 48, Issue 10, p1133-1286  
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

October 2020 Volume 59, Issue 4, p469-620  
<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Public Health**

October 2020 110(S3) Supplement 3 2020  
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 103, Issue 4, October 2020  
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/4>  
*Editorial*

oa [\*\*It Ain't Over Till It's Over: The Triple Threat of COVID-19, TB, and HIV\*\*](#)

Alexander W. Kay, Tara E. Ness, Leonardo Martinez and Anna M. Mandalakas  
Pages: 1348–1349

*Perspective Piece*

oa [\*\*Accelerating Clinical Evaluation of Repurposed Combination Therapies for COVID-19\*\*](#)

Craig R. Rayner, Louis Dron, Jay J. H. Park, Eric H. Decloedt, Mark F. Cotton, Vis Niranjana, Patrick F. Smith, Michael G. Dodds, Fran Brown, Gilmar Reis, David Wesche and Edward J. Mills  
Pages: 1364–1366

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.20-0995>

oa [\*\*Polio in Afghanistan: The Current Situation amid COVID-19\*\*](#)

Attaullah Ahmadi, Mohammad Yasir Essar, Xu Lin, Yusuff Adebayo Adebisi and Don Eliseo Lucero-Prisno III

Pages: 1367–1369

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.20-1010>

oa **[How Do We Combat Bogus Medicines in the Age of the COVID-19 Pandemic?](#)**

[Wubshet Tesfaye](#), [Solomon Abrha](#), [Mahipal Sinnollareddy](#), [Bruce Arnold](#), [Andrew Brown](#), [Cynthia Matthew](#), [Victor M. Oguoma](#), [Gregory M. Peterson](#) and [Jackson Thomas](#)

Pages: 1360–1363

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.20-0903>

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

20 October 2020 Volume 173, Issue 8

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

*Research and Reporting Methods*

**[How to Quantify and Interpret Treatment Effects in Comparative Clinical Studies of COVID-19](#)**

FREE

[Zachary R. McCaw](#), PhD, [Lu Tian](#), ScD, [Jason L. Vassy](#), MD, MPH, [Christine Seel Ritchie](#), MD, MSPH, ... et al.

Trials evaluating treatments for COVID-19 often use the time to a positive outcome as a key end point. In the presence of death as a competing risk, commonly used survival analysis techniques may not be appropriate. This article discusses issues with the current practice and presents alternative, more clinically interpretable approaches.

*Ideas and Opinions*

**[COVID-19 Clinical Trials: A Teachable Moment for Improving Our Research Infrastructure and Relevance](#)**

FREE

[Stephen E. Kimmel](#), MD, MSCE, [Robert M. Califf](#), MD, MACC, [Natalie E. Dean](#), PhD, ... et al.

This commentary posits the need for rapid evaluation of COVID-19 therapies as an inflection point spurring a much-needed rethinking of our research enterprise.

**Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Issue 377 - October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 288 November 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/288/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMJ Global Health**

October 2020 - Volume 5 - 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

### **[Outpatient health care utilization and health expenditures of asylum seekers in Halle \(Saale\), Germany - an analysis of claims data](#)**

*Asylum seekers are a vulnerable group with special needs in health care due to their migration history and pre-, peri- and postmigratory social determinants of health. However, in Germany access to health care...*

Authors: Andreas Niedermaier, Anna Freiberg, Daniel Tiller, Andreas Wienke and Amand Führer

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:961

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 October 2020

## **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

**Identifying interventions with Gypsies, Roma and Travellers to promote immunisation uptake: methodological approach and findings**

*In the UK, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) communities are generally considered to be at risk of low or variable immunisation uptake. Many strategies to increase uptake for the general population are relevant ...*

Authors: Lisa Dyson, Helen Bedford, Louise Condon, Carol Emslie, Lana Ireland, Julie Mytton, Karen Overend, Sarah Redsell, Zoe Richardson and Cath Jackson

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1574

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 October 2020

**Parental concerns and uptake of childhood vaccines in rural Tanzania – a mixed methods study**

*Vaccine hesitancy has been recognized as an important barrier to timely vaccinations around the world, including in sub-Saharan Africa. In Tanzania, 1 in 4 children is not fully vaccinated. The objective of th...*

Authors: Lavanya Vasudevan, Joy Noel Baumgartner, Sara Moses, Esther Ngadaya, Sayoki Godfrey Mfinanga and Jan Ostermann

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1573

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 October 2020

**The modules of mental health programs implemented in schools in low- and middle-income countries: findings from a systematic literature review**

*Secondary schools in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) provide health promotion, preventive, and early intervention services. Nevertheless, literature indicates that the modules of these services are ei...*

Authors: Solomon Musa Gimba, Paul Harris, Amornrat Saito, Hyacinth Udah, Averil Martin and Amanda J. Wheeler

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:1581

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 October 2020

**BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMJ Open**

October 2020 - Volume 10 - 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 98, Number 10, October 2020, 645-724  
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/10/en/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 46, Issue 6 Pages: 651-750 November 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 108 October 2020  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/108/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

September 2020 Volume 42 Issue 9 p1625-1846, e161-e208  
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 17 Issue 5, October 2020  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/5>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>  
[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

[Researching the delivery of health and nutrition interventions for women and children in the context of armed conflict: lessons on research challenges and strategies from BRANCH Consortium case studies of Somalia, Mali, Pakistan and Afghanistan](#)

Authors: Michelle F. Gaffey, Anushka Ataullahjan, Jai K. Das, Shafiq Mirzazada, Moctar Tounkara, Abdirisak A. Dalmar and Zulfiqar A. Bhutta  
Content type: Research in practice  
20 October 2020

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 96 September 2020  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/96/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 3, Issue 5 / October 2020  
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/5>

*Editorials*

**[Commissions, Consensus, and CRISPR](#)**

Rodolphe Barrangou

Pages:316–317

Published Online:20 October 2020

**[Nobel Dreams Come True for Doudna and Charpentier](#)**

Rodolphe Barrangou

Pages:317–318

Published Online:20 October 2020

*Perspective*

**[Reactions to the National Academies/Royal Society Report on Heritable Human Genome Editing](#)**

Misha Angrist, et al.... See all authors

Pages:332–349

Published Online:20 October 2020

<https://doi.org/10.1089/crispr.2020.29106.man>

In September 2020, a detailed report on Heritable Human Genome Editing was published. The report offers a translational pathway for the limited approval of germline editing under limited circumstances and assuming various criteria have been met.

*Research Articles*

**[Human Germ Line and Heritable Genome Editing: The Global Policy Landscape](#)**

Françoise Baylis, Marcy Darnovsky, Katie Hasson, and Timothy M. Krahn

Pages:365–377

Published Online:20 October 2020

<https://doi.org/10.1089/crispr.2020.0082>

Discussions and debates about the governance of human germline and heritable genome editing should be informed by a clear and accurate understanding of the global policy landscape. This policy survey of 106 countries yields significant new data. A large ...

**Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 8, issue 3, September 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-3>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

October 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 5

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Developing World Bioethics**



Volume 20, Issue 3 Pages: 115-171 September 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 30, Issue 6, 2020  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>  
***New sectoral perspectives on international NGOs: scale, dynamics and influences. Guest Editors: Nicola Banks, Lau Schulpen, and Dan Brockington***  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 38, Issue 5 Pages: 539-681 September 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 15, Issue 7, 2020  
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 14 - Issue 2 - April 2020  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disasters**

Volume 44, Issue 4 Pages: 619-752 October 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 21 Issue 10 5 October 2020  
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 26, Number 10—October 2020  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 32 September 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/32/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 5 Pages: 1-40 September–October 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

***Participants with autism • Big data and pragmatic trials • Covid-19 research***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Summer 2020 (34.2) July 2020

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2020/summer-2020-34-2/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 30, Issue Supplement\_4, September 2020

[https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/Supplement\\_4](https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/Supplement_4)

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy**

Volume 95 August 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/95/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 12, issue 5, October 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/12-5>

***Genebanks and Food Security in a Changing Agriculture***

**[In this issue - October 2020](#)**

Serge Savary

Plant breeding is vital to ensuring food security, locally to globally. No progress in plant breeding in producing varieties that are adapted locally would be possible without genetic resources. Public gene banks have been created to harbour, conserve, maintain, and distribute genes all over the world. Gene

banks have the heavy task of ensuring that genetic diversity is preserved for the future, where climates will have changed, where nutritional needs will have evolved, and where agrosystems will have been transformed. Gene banks are also the repository of history, culture, and traditions, in the form of seeds and DNA. The welfare of public gene banks that can share genetic resources with anyone in need of plant material for breeding purposes is essential. In humanity's capability to adapt to the challenges of population growth, climate change, and nutritional needs, the role of public gene banks is paramount.

The October Issue of Food Security starts with a Special Section on Genebanks, co-edited by Conny Almekinders (Editorial Board of Food Security and WUR The Netherlands), Melinda Smale (Michigan State University, USA) and Nelissa Jamora (Global Crop Diversity Trust, Bonn, Germany). This Special Section starts with an Introductory article by Melinda Smale and Nelissa Jamora, titled Valuing genebanks.

A series of articles on the themes follows:

- :: an economic analysis of the value of gene banks (Douglas Gollin);
- :: an assessment of the impact of IRRI's gene bank on rice breeding in Eastern India (Donald Villanueva et al.);
- :: a study on gene flows and genetic diversity in relation with CIMMYT's gene bank (Vanessa Ocampo-Giraldo et al.);
- :: an example of CIP's potato gene bank on the development of new potato varieties in sub-Saharan Africa (Vivian Bernal-Galeano et al.);
- :: an assessment of CIAT's bean gene bank in the development of improved bean varieties in Rwanda (Stefania Sellitti);
- :: a study of the contribution of the World Agroforestry gene bank to agro-forest systems in Kenya (Kavengi Kitonga et al.);
- :: a study of the role played by gene banks in controlling taro leaf blight in the Pacific through host plant resistance (Sefra Alexandra);
- :: an illustration of the role of genetic diversity in expanding the size of the genepool of wheat (Hafid Aberkane et al.); and
- :: an assessment of the meanings of gene banks in a European country (Czechoslovakia; Nik Tyack and Milan Ščasný).

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 643 June 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/issue64>

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

June 2020

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

### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 2

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Gates Open Research**

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Geoheritage**

Volume 12, Issue 3, September 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/12/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Health Action**

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/12/sup1?nav=tocList>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 8, No. 3 October 01, 2020

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Public Health**

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 11

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

*Article*

**[Unmet healthcare needs among migrants without medical insurance in Montreal, Canada](#)**

[Valéry Ridde](#), [Joséphine Aho](#), [Elhadji Malick Ndao](#), [Magalie Benoit](#), [Jill Hanley](#), [Solène Lagrange](#),  
[Amandine Fillol](#), [Marie-France Raynault](#) & [Patrick Cloos](#)

Pages: 1603-1616

Published online: 27 May 2020

### **Globalization and Health**

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

*Research*

**Understanding the trends in international agreements on pricing and reimbursement for newly marketed medicines and their implications for access to medicines: a computational text analysis**

Authors: Kyung-Bok Son

14 October 2020

**Health Affairs**

Vol. 39, No. 10 October 2020

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

***Children's Health***

**Health and Human Rights**

Volume 22, Issue 1, June 2020

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-1-june-2020/>

***Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights***

[Reviewed earlier]

**Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 15 - Issue 4 - October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 35, Issue 8, October 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/8>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Health Research Policy and Systems**

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

[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 31, Issue 19-20 / October 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/19-20>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 42, Number 3, August 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42690>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 78, October 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/inclusion-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-humanitarian-action-what-now/>

### **Disability inclusion in humanitarian action**

*by HPN October 2020*

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed from Islamic Relief Worldwide, is disability inclusion in humanitarian action. Persons with disabilities are not only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, but also face barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance. At the same time, global commitments and standards and the IASC Guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action all emphasise how persons with disabilities are also active agents of change. Disability and age-focused organisations have led on testing and demonstrating how inclusion can be done better. Yet despite this progress, challenges to effective inclusion remain.

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. Simone Bula, Elizabeth Morgan and Teresa Thomson look at disability inclusion in humanitarian response in the Pacific, and Kathy Al Jubeh and Alradi Abdalla argue for a 'participation revolution', building on learning from the gender movement. Tchaurea Fleury and Sulayman AbdulMumuni Ujah outline how the Bridge Article 11 training initiative is encouraging constructive exchange between humanitarian and disability actors. The lack of good, disaggregated data is highlighted by Sarah Collinson; Frances Hill, Jim Cranshaw and Carys Hughes emphasise the need for training resources in local languages and accessible formats; and Sophie Van Eetvelt and colleagues report on a review of the evidence on inclusion of people with disabilities and older people.

Rebecca Molyneux and co-authors analyse the findings of a review of a DFID programme in north-east Nigeria, while Carolin Funke highlights the importance of strategic partnerships between disability-focused organisations, drawing on her research in Cox's Bazar. Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed describes Islamic Relief Worldwide's approach to mainstreaming protection and inclusion, while Pauline Thivillier and Valentina Shafina outline IRC's Client Responsive Programming. The edition ends with reflections by Mirela Turcanu and Yves Ngunzi Kahashi on CAFOD's SADI approach.

## **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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

[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

## **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

## **International Health**

Volume 12, Issue 5, September 2020  
<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/5>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**International Human Rights Law Review**

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

**The International Journal of Children's Rights**

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 3 (Aug 2020)  
<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/3/chil.28.issue-3.xml>  
***Special Issue: Article 5 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Families, Guidance and Evolving Capacities***  
[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol 7, No 10 (2020) October 2020  
<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/67>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Volume 47 August 2020  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/47/suppl/C>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

**International Journal of Epidemiology**

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

**International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 26, Issue 11, 2020  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 13 Issue 4 2020  
<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/4>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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September 2020 Volume 98, p1-502

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### **JAMA**

October 20, 2020, Vol 324, No. 15, Pages 1483-1580

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

*Original Investigation*

#### **Lifetime Prevalence of Cervical Cancer Screening in 55 Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

Julia M. Lemp, MSc; Jan-Walter De Neve, ScD; Hermann Bussmann, MD; et al.

has active quiz

JAMA. 2020;324(15):1532-1542. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.16244

This cancer epidemiology study characterizes lifetime cervical cancer screening prevalence in low- and middle-income countries overall and by region; per capita gross domestic product; and patient rurality, education, and household wealth.

*Viewpoint*

#### **The COVID-19 Pandemic and the \$16 Trillion Virus**

David M. Cutler, PhD; Lawrence H. Summers, PhD

free access has active quiz has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2020;324(15):1495-1496. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.19759

In this Viewpoint, 2 Harvard economists estimate the cumulative financial costs of the COVID-19 pandemic in the US to date from lost domestic output and health reduction at more than \$16 trillion, as a way to put the lesser costs of public health measures, such as population testing, contact tracing, and isolation, in perspective.

#### **The 2020 Lasker Awards and the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Joseph L. Goldstein, MD

free access

JAMA. 2020;324(15):1497-1498. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.17056

In this Viewpoint, the chair of the 2020 Lasker Medical Research Awards reflects on the history of the award program and its recipients as a stand-in for the 2020 awards, which are not being given because



of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and anticipates the most important research leading to COVID-19 treatment and control will be candidates for future recognition.

### **JAMA Network**

#### **[COVID-19 Update October 24, 2020](#)**

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

### **JAMA Pediatrics**

October 2020, Vol 174, No. 10, Pages 919-1012

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

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### **JBIR Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports**

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October 2020 Volume 67, Issue 4, p461-622

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### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

Vol. 69 (2020)

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 45, issue 5, October 2020

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 45 Pages 1-392 (September–October 2020)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/45/suppl/C>

*Research article Abstract only*

#### **[Deep learning-based weathering type recognition in historical stone monuments](#)**

Mehmet Ergün Hatir, Mücahit Barstuğan, İsmail İnce

Pages 193-203

Research articleAbstract only

### *Abstract*

Stone cultural heritages provide meaningful value and information about the culture, religion, economics, and esthetics of the period in which they were built. However, these heritages tend to lose their features due to weathering effects. Human-induced misrecognition in conservation and restoration practices used with these structures may lead to the disappearance of important architectural traces or serious mistakes that can affect monuments' structural integrity. In this study, recognition models based on deep learning (DL) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) were developed to eliminate human errors that may arise in weathering recognition.

### *Research article Abstract only*

#### **Virtual museums. Captured reality and 3D modeling**

Daniel Alejandro Loaiza Carvajal, María Mercedes Morita, Gabriel Mario Bilmes

Pages 234-239

### *Abstract*

Virtual spaces for the dissemination of cultural heritage and virtual experimentation were developed combining 3D image acquisition techniques like digital photogrammetry (captured reality) and computer 3D modeling. This is a novelty in peripheral countries, particularly in Latin-America, since there is almost no development of this kind of virtual museums in the region. Two virtual scenes are presented in the frame of a digitization project of the collections of Argentine museums.

### **Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

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### **Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**

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### **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

October 2020 - Volume 74 - 10

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/74/10>

*Child health*

#### **Effect of vaccination on children's learning achievements: findings from the India Human Development Survey** (25 June, 2020)

Beyond the prevention of illness and death, vaccination may provide additional benefits such as improved educational outcomes. However, there is currently little evidence on this question. Our

objective was to estimate the effect of childhood vaccination on learning achievements among primary school children in India.

Catherine Arsenault, Sam Harper, Arijit Nandi

**Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine**

Volume 13, Issue 3 Pages: 179-249 August 2020

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Volume 16, Issue 2, 2020

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Volume 31, Number 3, August 2020

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Volume 6, Issue 4, 2020

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***Special Issue: Innovation in Supply Networks***

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**[Innovation in supply networks—A research framework and roadmap](#)**

Subodha Kumar, Sriram Narayanan, Fabrizio Salvador

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First Published: 23 October 2020

**Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews**

Volume 7, Issue 4 (2020)

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**[Prevention, Detection and Response to incidences of substandard and falsified medical products in the Member States of the Southern African Development Community](#)**

Authors: Stanislav Kniazkov, Sakhile Dube-Mwedzi and Jean-Baptiste Nikiema

Content type: Review  
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### **The Milbank Quarterly**

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### **Nature**

Volume 586 Issue 7830, 22 October 2020

[http://www.nature.com/nature/current\\_issue.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html)

### ***Vaccine design***

The cover image draws on aspects of Bauhaus artist Paul Klee's famous notebooks to reimagine the quest for a vaccine against SARS-CoV-2. The drive to create an effective vaccine to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic has seen researchers move from genetic sequence of the virus to clinical trials at unprecedented speed. This week's issue features a number of papers that probe design strategies and [clinical trial results](#) for [vaccine candidates](#) to combat the virus. In addition, [a Review](#) presents a round-up of vaccines in development, noting that signs so far suggest that a safe and effective vaccine could be realized on a timescale of months rather than years.

*Editorial* | 21 October 2020

### ***Why decoding the immune response to COVID matters for vaccines***

*Nature's second progress report on the pandemic looks at the key factors to making vaccines safe, effective and welcomed by the public.*

... Trust and verify

COVID-19 vaccines will be considered for approval by the World Health Organization (WHO) under its emergency-use listing — in which a vaccine is approved for use while trials are still taking place. The WHO and national regulators are working under tremendous pressure from governments and the pharmaceutical industry, but all sides must realize that there can be no short cuts to regulatory approval. Public trust in vaccines is essential, which is why regulators must be allowed to complete their work without interference.

Vaccine hesitancy presents further challenges. Any new vaccine must be carefully monitored for adverse effects, especially in vulnerable populations. As we have written before, overcoming vaccine hesitancy will also require radical transparency from drug companies and their academic partners.

Much of the coronavirus vaccine effort is an example of just what can be achieved when researchers, clinicians, funders, regulators, corporations — in short, people — come together to act in the common good. A working vaccine is essential, but it must be safe and effective, and it needs to be distributed equitably and to those who need it most. Until it arrives, and probably for a long time afterwards, people must stick to solutions that work — rigorous testing, tracing and isolating — and change their behaviour to help curb the virus's spread.

### **Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 38 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/38/issues/10>

### ***SARS-CoV-2 detection***

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### **Nature Communications**

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### **Nature Genetics**

Volume 52 Issue 10, October 2020

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### **Nature Medicine**

Volume 26 Issue 10, October 2020

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/26/issues/10>

#### ***Patient-partnered clinical research***

The path to productive collaboration between researchers and patients is not always easy, with language differences, knowledge gaps and power dynamics setting considerable barriers along the way. In this issue, we explore how patient- and community-led research is achievable if both sides make it a priority. The cover, designed by illustrator Sarah Lippett, a person living with a rare disease who explores her diagnostic odyssey in her work, shows how effective and equitable patient–researcher collaboration can be transformative to research.

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### **Nature Reviews Genetics**

Volume 21 Issue 10, October 2020

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Volume 19 Issue 10, October 2020

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### **New England Journal of Medicine**

October 22, 2020 Vol. 383 No. 17

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

*Medicine and Society*

#### **[Tribal Truce — How Can We Bridge the Partisan Divide and Conquer Covid?](#)**

Lisa Rosenbaum, M.D.

### **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

Volume 49 Issue 5, October 2020

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## **Pediatrics**

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## **Pharmaceutics**

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## **PLoS Medicine**

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### **[Tuberculosis, human rights, and law reform: Addressing the lack of progress in the global tuberculosis response](#)**

Matthew M. Kavanagh, Lawrence O. Gostin, John Stephens

Policy Forum | published 23 Oct 2020 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003324>

Summary points

:: Tuberculosis (TB) remains the world's leading infectious killer with 10 million annual cases and only limited progress in recent years when it comes to reducing new cases. Progress is hampered by continuing gaps in detection and treatment.

:: With evidence that TB programs are hampered by the legal environment, we analyze the degree to which law reform is needed to align with promises at the United National High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis to promote human rights and dignity in the TB response.

:: Exploring the laws at key points of vulnerability to TB in 20 high TB-burden countries (HBCs) shows that internationally recognized rights related to medical isolation, privacy, home inspection, and medical examination are insufficiently protected in the laws of most of these countries.

:: Exploration of the legal environment for migration shows that restrictions or bans on travel and immigration for those with TB is the norm, along with limitations on access to medical care, in contravention of international standards.

:: Fundamental human rights, expected in other areas of public life, are often missing for people with TB. This is likely contributing to reluctance among people with TB to engage with health systems. Law

reform is urgently needed to align national laws with global human rights agreements and public health standards and help close major gaps in TB diagnosis and treatment.

### **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2020)

#### **[The economic impact and cost-effectiveness of combined vector-control and dengue vaccination strategies in Thailand: results from a dynamic transmission model](#)**

Gerhart Knerer, Christine S. M. Currie, Sally C. Brailsford

Research Article | published 23 Oct 2020 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0008805>

#### **[The neglected challenge: Vaccination against rickettsiae](#)**

Anke Osterloh

Review | published 22 Oct 2020 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0008704>

### **PLoS One**

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

*Research Article*

#### **[Post-traumatic stress, social, and physical health: A mediation and moderation analysis of Syrian refugees and Jordanians in a border community](#)**

Tara M. Powell, Oe Jin Shin, Shang-Ju Li, Yuan Hsiao

Research Article | published 23 Oct 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0241036>

#### **[In search of a “vocabulary for recreation”: Leisure-time physical activity among humanitarian migrants in regional Australia](#)**

Arianne C. Reis, Komla Lokpo, Matthew Bojanic, Sandro Sperandei

Research Article | published 14 Oct 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0239747>

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

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

*Article*

#### **[The human quest for discovering mathematical beauty in the arts](#)**

Stefano Balietti

PNAS first published October 23, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2018652117>

In the words of the twentieth-century British mathematician G. H. Hardy, “the human function is to ‘discover or observe’ mathematics” (1). For centuries, starting from the ancient Greeks, mankind has hunted for beauty and order in arts and in nature. This quest for mathematical beauty has led to the discovery of recurrent mathematical structures, such as the golden ratio, Fibonacci, and Lucas numbers, whose ubiquitous presences have been tantalizing the minds of artists and scientists alike. The captivation for this quest comes with high stakes. In fact, art is the definitive expression of human

creativity, and its mathematical understanding would deliver us the keys for decoding human culture and its evolution (2). However, it was not until fairly recently that the scope and the scale of the human quest for mathematical beauty was radically expanded by the simultaneous confluence of three separate innovations. The mass digitization of large art archives, the surge in computational power, and the development of robust statistical methods to capture hidden patterns in vast amounts of data have made it possible to reveal the—otherwise unnoticeable to the human eye—mathematics concealed in large artistic corpora. Starting from its inception, marked by the foundational work by Birkhoff (3), progress in the broad field of computational aesthetics has reached a scale that would have been unimaginable just a decade ago. The recent expansion is not limited to the visual arts (2) but includes music (4), stories (5), language phonology (6), humor in jokes (7), and even equations (8); for a comprehensive review, see ref. 9.

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[Google Scholar](#)

### **The pandemic exposes human nature: 10 evolutionary insights**

Benjamin M. Seitz, Athena Aktipis, David M. Buss, Joe Alcock, Paul Bloom, Michele Gelfand, Sam Harris, Debra Lieberman, Barbara N. Horowitz, Steven Pinker, David Sloan Wilson, and Martie G. Haselton  
PNAS first published October 22, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2009787117>

#### *Abstract*

Humans and viruses have been coevolving for millennia. Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19) has been particularly successful in evading our evolved defenses. The outcome has been tragic—across the globe, millions have been sickened and hundreds of thousands have died. Moreover, the quarantine has radically changed the structure of our lives, with devastating social and economic consequences that are likely to unfold for years. An evolutionary perspective can help us understand the progression and consequences of the pandemic. Here, a diverse group of scientists, with expertise from evolutionary medicine to cultural evolution, provide insights about the pandemic and its aftermath. At the most granular level, we consider how viruses might affect social behavior, and how quarantine, ironically, could make us susceptible to other maladies, due to a lack of microbial exposure. At the psychological level, we describe the ways in which the pandemic can affect mating behavior, cooperation (or the lack thereof), and gender norms, and how we can use disgust to better activate native “behavioral immunity” to combat disease spread. At the cultural level, we describe shifting cultural norms and how we might harness them to better combat disease and the negative social consequences of the pandemic. These insights can be used to craft solutions to problems produced by the pandemic and to lay the groundwork for a scientific agenda to capture and understand what has become, in effect, a worldwide social experiment

### **Sanctuary policies reduce deportations without increasing crime**

David K. Hausman

PNAS first published October 19, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2014673117>

#### *Significance*

Opponents of sanctuary policies, including the federal government, assert that they harm public safety. This report shows that that claim is not supported by the evidence. This report estimates the effect of sanctuary on deportations, finding that sanctuary policies reduce deportations by one-third, but that those policies do not reduce deportations of people with violent criminal convictions. It also finds that sanctuary has no measurable effect on crime.

#### *Abstract*

The US government maintains that local sanctuary policies prevent deportations of violent criminals and increase crime. This report tests those claims by combining Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportation data and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) crime data with data on the implementation dates of sanctuary policies between 2010 and 2015. Sanctuary policies reduced deportations of people who were fingerprinted by states or counties by about one-third. Those policies also changed the composition of deportations, reducing deportations of people with no criminal convictions by half—without affecting deportations of people with violent convictions. Sanctuary policies also had no detectable effect on crime rates. These findings suggest that sanctuary policies, although effective at reducing deportations, do not threaten public safety.

### **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

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<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/prehospital-and-disaster-medicine/latest-issue>

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### **Preventive Medicine**

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### **Proceedings of the Royal Society B**

14 October 2020 Volume 287 Issue 1936

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rspb/current>

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### **Public Health**

Volume 187 Pages A1-A2, 1-190 (October 2020)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/public-health/vol/187/suppl/C>

*Research article Open access*

**[Identifying research questions for HIV, tuberculosis, tuberculosis-HIV, malaria, and neglected tropical diseases through the World Health Organization guideline development process: a retrospective analysis, 2008–2018](#)**

S. Hargreaves, J. Himmels, L.B. Nellums, G. Biswas, ... D. Maher

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*Research article Abstract only*

**[A qualitative study examining UK female genital mutilation health campaigns from the perspective of affected communities](#)**

D. Salmon, E.K. Olander, A. Abzhaparova

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### **Public Health Ethics**

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Volume 13, Issue 1, April 2020  
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### **Public Health Reports**

Volume 135 Issue 5, September/October 2020  
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### **Qualitative Health Research**

Volume 30 Issue 12, October 2020  
<http://qhr.sagepub.com/content/current>  
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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

Volume 39, Issue 3, September 2020  
<http://rsq.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>  
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### **Research Ethics**

Volume 16 Issue 3-4, July-October 2020  
<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/reab/current>  
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### **Reproductive Health**

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>  
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#### **[Socio-economic and demographic predictors of unmet need for contraception among young women in sub-Saharan Africa: evidence from cross-sectional surveys](#)**

Authors: Bright Opoku Ahinkorah, Edward Kwabena Ameyaw and Abdul-Aziz Seidu

Content type: Research

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#### **[Socio-economic and demographic determinants of female genital mutilation in sub-Saharan Africa: analysis of data from demographic and health surveys](#)**

Authors: Bright Opoku Ahinkorah, John Elvis Hagan Jr, Edward Kwabena Ameyaw, Abdul-Aziz Seidu, Eugene Budu, Francis Sambah, Sanni Yaya, Eric Torgbenu and Thomas Schack

Content type: Research

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### **Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)**

<https://www.paho.org/journal/en>

*Latest articles*

20 Oct 2020

**[A renewed framework for the essential public health functions in the Americas](#)**

*Special report* | English | <https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52801>

This report presents the results of a consensus decision making process conducted to elaborate a renewed conceptual framework of the essential public health functions for the Americas. The emerging framework consists of four pillars encompassing action-oriented components relating to the new scope and concerns of public health. The four pillars call for adopting a human rights approach to public health, addressing the social determinants of health, ensuring access to both individuals and population-based services, and expanding the stewardship role of health authorities through a collaborative implementation of public health functions. Public health functions were conceptualized as a set of capacities that are part of an integrated policy cycle the encompasses four stages: assessment, policy development, allocation of resources, and access. The framework provides a road map for evaluation and development by health authorities of integrated enabling public health policies through intersectoral collaboration. The application of the framework would require engaging countries working to improve public health through national assessments and systematic incorporation of these findings into quality improvement efforts and sectoral and intersectoral decision-making processes around policy and investments priorities promoted by governments. Work is ongoing in the definition of a list of public health functions that gives operational clarity to each dimension of this framework and guides performance evaluation.

**Risk Analysis**

Volume 40, Issue 9 Pages: 1691-1886 September 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current>

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**Risk Management and Healthcare Policy**

<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

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*Original Research*

**[Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Toward Prevention and Early Detection of COVID-19 and Associated Factors Among Religious Clerics and Traditional Healers in Gondar Town, Northwest Ethiopia: A Community-Based Study](#)**

Asmelash D, Fasil A, Tegegne Y, Akalu TY, Ferede HA, Aynalem GL

*Risk Management and Healthcare Policy* 2020, 13:2239-2250

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**Science**

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*Editorial*

**[Saving the poor and vulnerable](#)**

By Ian L. Boyd

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### *Summary*

Right now, warm surface water is moving into the western Pacific Ocean in the form of a “La Niña.” It is a sentinel for a complex set of connections that drive weather patterns from the Horn of Africa to Botswana and normally presages drought in East Africa. This event soon will be ringing alarm bells within the World Food Programme (WFP). Even as this United Nations–led agency celebrates its well-deserved award of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize, the relentless challenge of preventing hunger marches on.

### **Science, politics, and public health**

By William Roper

Science 23 Oct 2020 : 385

#### *Summary*

There is an idea on the part of scientists that politics is dirty, and a companion idea on the part of politicians that science, by its continual qualifications and revisions, is, if not irrelevant, then at least out of touch with the constraints of a democracy: What seems optimal from the perspective of science may be impossible to implement in the political arena.

### *Feature*

### **Undermining CDC**

By Charles Piller

Science 23 Oct 2020 : 394-399 Restricted Access

*Deborah Birx, President Donald Trump's COVID-19 coordinator, helped shake the foundation of a premier public health agency.*

#### *Summary*

When Deborah Birx, a physician with a background in HIV/AIDS research, was named coordinator of the White House Coronavirus Task Force in February, she was widely praised as a tough, indefatigable manager and a voice of data-driven reason. But a Science investigation found that some of her actions have undermined the effectiveness of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Interviews with nine current CDC employees, including senior agency leaders, and 20 former agency leaders and public health experts—and a review of more than 100 official emails, memos, and other documents—suggest Birx's privatization of CDC's system for gathering COVID-19 hospital data fits a pattern in which she sometimes promoted President Donald Trump's policies or views against scientific consensus. In the process, she helped create an existential crisis at the world's preeminent public health agency.

### **How CDC foundered**

By Charles Piller

Science 23 Oct 2020 : 396 Restricted Access

*The agency's missteps were multiplied by political interference.*

#### *Summary*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created some of its own problems during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as issuing flawed tests in February and confusing guidance on aerosol transmission. But the agency's compromised standing derives mostly from attacks by President Donald Trump and his surrogates, often including Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Trump and his appointees have prevented CDC leaders from speaking basic truths and replaced its widely praised guidelines for reopening schools and the economy with weaker ones. The result has been an agency that has lost its moorings during a public health crisis.

## *Policy Forum*

### **Set ambitious goals for biodiversity and sustainability**

By Sandra Díaz, Noelia Zafra-Calvo, Andy Purvis, Peter H. Verburg, David Obura, Paul Leadley, Rebecca Chaplin-Kramer, Luc De Meester, Ehsan Dulloo, Berta Martín-López, M. Rebecca Shaw, Piero Visconti, Wendy Broadgate, Michael W. Bruford, Neil D. Burgess, Jeannine Cavender-Bares, Fabrice DeClerck, José María Fernández-Palacios, Lucas A. Garibaldi, Samantha L. L. Hill, Forest Isbell, Colin K. Khoury, Cornelia B. Krug, Jianguo Liu, Martine Maron, Philip J. K. McGowan, Henrique M. Pereira, Victoria Reyes-García, Juan Rocha, Carlo Rondinini, Lynne Shannon, Yunne-Jai Shin, Paul V. R. Snelgrove, Eva M. Spehn, Bernardo Strassburg, Suneetha M. Subramanian, Joshua J. Tewksbury, James E. M. Watson, Amy E. Zanne

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*Multiple, coordinated goals and holistic actions are critical*

#### *Summary*

Global biodiversity policy is at a crossroads. Recent global assessments of living nature (1, 2) and climate (3) show worsening trends and a rapidly narrowing window for action. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has recently announced that none of the 20 Aichi targets for biodiversity it set in 2010 has been reached and only six have been partially achieved (4). Against this backdrop, nations are now negotiating the next generation of the CBD's global goals [see supplementary materials (SM)], due for adoption in 2021, which will frame actions of governments and other actors for decades to come. In response to the goals proposed in the draft post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) made public by the CBD (5), we urge negotiators to consider three points that are critical if the agreed goals are to stabilize or reverse nature's decline. First, multiple goals are required because of nature's complexity, with different facets—genes, populations, species, deep evolutionary history, ecosystems, and their contributions to people—having markedly different geographic distributions and responses to human drivers. Second, interlinkages among these facets mean that goals must be defined and developed holistically rather than in isolation, with potential to advance multiple goals simultaneously and minimize trade-offs between them. Third, only the highest level of ambition in setting each goal, and implementing all goals in an integrated manner, will give a realistic chance of stopping—and beginning to reverse—biodiversity loss by 2050.

## **Science Translational Medicine**

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### *Editorial*

### **Achieving healthy human longevity: A global grand challenge**

By Victor J. Dzau, Elizabeth M. Finkelman, Celynne A. Balatbat, Eric M. Verdin, Roderic I. Pettigrew  
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With continued advances in science and technology, there is great potential to extend our healthspan as we age.

## **Social Science & Medicine**

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/262/suppl/C>

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## **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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## **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Summer 2020 Volume 18, Number 3

[https://ssir.org/issue/summer\\_2020#](https://ssir.org/issue/summer_2020#)

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

## **Systematic Reviews**

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

[Accessed 24 Oct 2020]

### **[A systematic literature review of researchers' and healthcare professionals' attitudes towards the secondary use and sharing of health administrative and clinical trial data](#)**

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#### *Abstract*

A systematic literature review of researchers and healthcare professionals' attitudes towards the secondary use and sharing of health administrative and clinical trial data was conducted using electronic data searching. Eligible articles included those reporting qualitative or quantitative original research and published in English. No restrictions were placed on publication dates, study design, or disease setting. Two authors were involved in all stages of the review process; conflicts were resolved by consensus. Data was extracted independently using a pre-piloted data extraction template. Quality and bias were assessed using the QualSyst criteria for qualitative studies. Eighteen eligible articles were identified, and articles were categorised into four key themes: barriers, facilitators, access, and ownership; 14 subthemes were identified. While respondents were generally supportive of data sharing, concerns were expressed about access to data, data storage infrastructure, and consent. Perceptions of data ownership and acknowledgement, trust, and policy frameworks influenced sharing practice, as did age, discipline, professional focus, and world region. Young researchers were less willing to share data; they were willing to share in circumstances where they were acknowledged. While there is a general consensus that increased data sharing in health is beneficial to the wider scientific community, substantial barriers remain.

## **Torture Journal**

2020 Volume 30 - No. 1

<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/147>

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### **Trauma, Violence, & Abuse**

Volume 21 Issue 5, December 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

Volume 37 September–October 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/travel-medicine-and-infectious-disease/vol/37/suppl/C>

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### **Tropical Medicine & International Health**

Volume 25, Issue 10 Pages: i-iv, 1167-1305 October 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13653156/current>

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### **UN Chronicle**

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

*Article*

*75th Anniversary of the United Nations*

**[We All Must Take Action](#)**

Jane Goodall

*[See Week in Review for full text]*

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

Volume 15, Issue 3, 2020

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### **World Heritage Review**

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<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/94/>

*Current Issue*

**[Interpretation and COVID-19](#)**

The year 2020 began with an unprecedented health crisis that has affected each one of us, and we still cannot predict its long-term effects. Not only have we been touched in our personal lives. Lockdown has perturbed our work, our communities and our industries, at times with devastating consequences. And this crisis is not yet over.

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