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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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## **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights** **[Press Conference opening statement](#)**

9 December 2020

**2020 is a year none of us will ever forget. A terrible, devastating year that has scarred so many of us, in so many ways.**

At least 67 million people infected, and 1.6 million dead, in a pandemic that is far from over. A devastating impact on countries' economies and on employment, income, education, health and food supply for hundreds of millions of people.

A massive setback to development, to efforts to alleviate poverty and to raise the status of women and girls.

**2020 has taken its toll not only across all regions and virtually all countries, but also on the full range of our human rights**, be they economic, social, cultural, civil or political. COVID-19 has zeroed in on the fissures and fragilities in our societies, exposing all our failures to invest in building fair and equitable societies. It has shown the weakness of systems that have failed to place a central focus on upholding human rights.

Recent weeks have seen extraordinary progress in vaccine development. This is testimony to the ingenuity and determination of humans in a time of crisis. But vaccines alone cannot resolve the pandemic, or heal the damage it has caused.

States need not only to distribute these vaccines equitably all over the world – they need to rebuild economies, repair the damage done by the pandemic, and address the gaps that it has exposed.

**We face three very different possible futures:**

***:: We can emerge from this crisis in an even worse state than when it began – and be even less well prepared for the next shock to our societies.***

***:: We can struggle mightily to get back to normal – but normal is what brought us to where we are today.***

***:: Or we can recover better.***

The medical vaccines that are being developed will hopefully eventually deliver us from COVID-19, albeit not for many months yet. But they will not prevent or cure the socio-economic ravages that have resulted from the pandemic, and aided its spread.

**But there is a vaccine to hunger, poverty, inequality, and possibly – if it is taken seriously – to climate change, as well as to many of the other ills that face humanity.**

**It is a vaccine we developed in the wake of previous massive global shocks, including pandemics, financial crises and two World Wars.**

**The name of that vaccine is human rights.** Its core ingredients are embedded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, whose 72nd anniversary we celebrate tomorrow, on Human Rights Day. The Universal Declaration is made actionable through the obligations that almost all States have undertaken by ratifying one or both of the International Covenants spanning all five areas of human rights.

The Universal Declaration also gave birth to other important international treaties to better protect the rights of specific groups such as children, women, people with disabilities and migrant workers; and ones aiming to tackle forms of discrimination which lead to the greater inequalities, poverty and lack of development that have fed and fertilized the socio-economic devastation caused by COVID-19.

**COVID-19 has shone a stark spotlight on our failure to uphold those rights to the best of our ability, not just because we couldn't, but because we neglected to – or chose not to.**

The failure of many countries to invest sufficiently in universal and primary healthcare, in accordance with the right to health, has been exposed as extremely short-sighted. These vital preventive measures are costly, but nothing like as costly as failing to invest in them has proved to be.

Many governments failed to act quickly or decisively enough to halt the spread of COVID-19. Others refused to take it seriously, or were not fully transparent about its spread.

Astoundingly, even to this day, some political leaders are still playing down its impact, disparaging the use of simple measures such as wearing masks and avoiding large gatherings. A few political figures are even still talking casually of "herd immunity," as if the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives is a cost that can be easily borne for the sake of the greater good. Politicizing a pandemic in this way is beyond irresponsible – it is utterly reprehensible.

Worse still, rather than bringing us together, the response to the pandemic has in some places led to further division. Scientific evidence and processes have been discounted, and conspiracy theories and disinformation have been sown and allowed – or encouraged – to thrive.

**These actions have plunged a knife into the heart of that most precious commodity, trust. Trust between nations, and trust within nations. Trust in government, trust in scientific facts, trust in vaccines, trust in the future.** If we are to bring about a better world in the wake of this calamity, as our ancestors undoubtedly did in the wake of World War II, we have to rebuild that trust in each other.

It has been shocking, but sadly not at all surprising, to see the disproportionate toll of COVID-19 on individuals and groups who are marginalized and suffer discrimination – in particular people of African descent, those from ethnic, national or religious minorities, and indigenous peoples. This has been the case in some of the world's richest countries, where the mortality rate of some racial and ethnic minorities has been up to three times that of the overall population.

When COVID-19 hit, members of discriminated groups and indigenous peoples were over-exposed to contagion because of their low-paid and precarious work in specific industries. Many of the people we suddenly started to recognize and refer to as essential – health care workers, cleaners, transport workers, shop employees – come from such minorities.

They were also under-protected because of limited access to health-care and social protections, such as sick leave and unemployment or furlough pay. They were less able to isolate themselves once infected – due to inadequate living conditions, limited access to sanitation, the inability to work from home. This meant the virus could spread much more easily within their communities, and from those communities back into wider society.

**Over the past 11 months, the poor have become poorer, and those suffering systemic discrimination have fared worst of all.**

Children in homes with limited or no Internet access or computer equipment have fallen behind in their education, or dropped out of it altogether, with girls especially badly affected. In terms of basic economic security, employment, education, housing and food, the pandemic is having a negative impact that is so vast and so wide-ranging it is almost impossible for us to grasp its enormity.

Had adequate social and economic protections been in place for a much higher proportion of the world's population, in poor countries and in rich ones – had we applied the human rights vaccine – we would not be in such a bad state as we are today. COVID-19 has very clearly demonstrated that inequalities and discrimination not only harm the individuals who are directly affected, and unfairly impacted – they create shock waves that ripple across the whole of society.

This was shown most graphically when the coronavirus ripped its way through shockingly ill-prepared and underequipped institutions such as care homes for older people and people with disabilities, orphanages, migrant dormitories and prisons. A compelling case, if ever there was one, for better regulated institutions and increased alternatives to incarceration.

Those who were most critical to saving lives were themselves inexcusably put at risk, with shortages of masks and protective clothing as the pandemic surged through the wards. Health workers are only some 2-3 percent of national populations, yet they comprise around 14 percent of COVID cases reported to the WHO.

**The impact on women has been particularly devastating.** Because of the horrendous increase in domestic violence all across the world, and because a large proportion of women work in the informal sector and in health care. And because many were left with no choice but to withdraw from the labour market in order to care for children no longer able to go to school, and for older people and the sick. In some areas, women's rights risk being set back decades, including through more limited access to sexual and reproductive rights.

If we are to recover better, women will need to play a much greater role in decision-making and priority-setting. It is no coincidence that in a world where so few countries have women leaders, several of the countries viewed as having handled the pandemic most effectively were in fact led by women.

Discrimination also lies at the heart of another of 2020's defining features, when racial injustice and police brutality were brought sharply into focus by the killing of George Floyd and the worldwide protests that followed. In many countries, we saw a burgeoning realization of persistent racial injustice and systemic racism, raising unresolved histories of racist oppression, and demanding far-reaching structural changes.

**In countries in conflict, COVID has added an additional layer to already multi-faceted human rights calamities. In Yemen,** a perfect storm of five years of conflict and violations, disease, blockades, and shortage of humanitarian funding, set against an existing backdrop of poverty, poor governance and lack of development, is pushing the country remorselessly towards full-scale famine. There has been no shortage of warnings about what will happen in Yemen in the coming months, but a distracted world is doing little to prevent this very preventable disaster.

**Rights to free expression, to assemble and to participate in public life have been battered during the pandemic. Not because of warranted restrictions on movement to constrain the spread of COVID, but by the actions of some governments taking advantage of the situation to shut down political dissent and criticism,** including by arresting civil society actors and journalists. Some appear to have also been using COVID fears and restrictions as a way to tilt elections in favour of the ruling party.

The contribution of civil society to surviving the pandemic and recovering better once it is over, will be absolutely vital, and the curtailing of civil society's contributions is one of the surest ways of undermining that recovery, by removing one of the key remedies.

**The pandemic has left us exposed, vulnerable, and weakened. Yet, in its devastation, it has also provided clear insights on how we can turn disaster into an opportunity to reset our priorities and improve our prospects for a better future.**

Even with stretched resources, the main ingredient that we need to build that future is political will. The will to put our money where it is most needed – not wanted, needed. The will to fight corruption, because in many countries, even very poor countries, there is more money available, but much is lost when it goes straight into the pockets of a few. We need to address inequality, including with tax reforms that could help fund major socio-economic improvements.

Similarly, richer countries need to help poorer countries survive this crisis and recover better. Repairing the frayed system of multilateralism will be essential to manage the recovery. The work must begin at home, but leaders in powerful countries need to once again recognize that, more than ever, our world can only meet global challenges through global cooperation.

**Narrow nationalistic responses will simply undermine collective recovery. The first test of this will be our ability to ensure that new COVID vaccines and tools reach everyone who needs them. The pandemic has highlighted over and over again that no one is safe until everyone is safe.**

Will we seize this moment to devise ways to recover better? Will we properly apply the human rights vaccine that can help us build more resilient, prosperous and inclusive societies? Will we take the immediate necessary steps to combat the biggest existential threat of all, climate change?

Let's hope so. Because if we do not, especially with regard to climate change, 2020 will simply be the first step on the road to further calamity.

We have been warned.

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## **Global Governance – AI**

### **UNESCO joins Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence as observer**

10/12/2020

*UNESCO has joined, as the only other international institution besides the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Council and the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) as an observer with the possibility of actively participating in the work of these bodies.*

The first meeting of the GPAI Council, organized on 4 December 2020, was opened by Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and Emmanuel Macron, President of France, and attended by Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Social and Human Sciences. This ministerial-level body provides strategic direction to GPAI and is responsible for all major decisions, including on membership and participation.

In her intervention, Gabriela Ramos underscored the importance for GPAI to address the challenges derived from AI and COVID and to maximize the impact of AI to tackle other challenges for humankind such as climate change. She also insisted on diversity and inclusion in AI technologies, including gender and the global south, and proposing co-creation and tailor-made solutions. Moreover, she offered support in enlarging GPAI membership with representatives from Africa, given UNESCO's engagement with the region.

Gabriela Ramos appealed to GPAI members to ensure synergies with important international initiatives, and in particular UNESCO's work on a Recommendation on Ethics of AI, the first global standard-setting instrument currently in the process of being elaborated. She also highlighted the tools proposed in the Recommendation, including an ethical impact assessment and readiness index.

GPAI is a multistakeholder initiative bringing together leading experts from science, industry, civil society, international organizations and government that share values to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on AI-related priorities.

The GPAI initiative was conceived by Canada and France during their G7 presidencies and launched in June 2020. It counts 15 founding members, including 14 countries and one international organization:

Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Four more countries are to join following the first meeting of the Council: Brazil, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain. GPAI intends to enlarge its membership in the future to include other countries and regions.

GPAI is supported by a Secretariat hosted by the OECD and two Centres of Expertise: one in Montreal (the International Centre of Expertise in Montreal for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence) and one in Paris (at the French National Institute for Research in Digital Science and Technology or INRIA).

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## Governance – Theory

### [Hewlett Foundation announces new, five-year \\$50 million Economy and Society Initiative to support growing movement to replace neoliberalism](#)

December 8, 2020

Menlo Park, Calif. — The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation today announced a five-year, \$50 million commitment to help develop a new intellectual paradigm to replace neoliberalism—the framework that has dominated our economic and political debates for more than forty years. The new Economy and Society Initiative will help develop a new “common sense” about how the relationship between governments, markets, and people should be structured to meet society’s biggest challenges.

**“Neoliberalism’s emphasis on free-market absolutism has outlived its usefulness, as evidenced by the fact that it’s worsening some of our biggest problems, like skyrocketing wealth inequality and the unfolding climate crisis. But addressing problems like these requires more than one-off policy ideas, activist pressure, and incremental change. We need a new way of thinking about policy, law, and the proper role of government to shift the underlying terms of debate and open up space for solutions that neoliberalism is currently choking off,”** Hewlett Foundation President Larry Kramer said.

The Hewlett Foundation undertook an exploratory grantmaking effort two years ago to learn more about growing movements to forge alternatives to neoliberalism. It found academics, think tanks, advocates, and others—on both the right and left, in the United States and internationally—advancing such ideas. Proposals being investigated included the end of unchecked free trade; renewed interest in industrial policy and antitrust; “pre-distribution” rather than redistribution efforts; and solutions to climate change that go beyond what markets can do. But these ideas and their proponents have yet to cohere into a holistic intellectual framework and movement in the way neoliberalism did a half century ago. So, in addition to funding the generation of creative new ideas, the Hewlett Foundation will work to tie these ideas together into a coherent intellectual framework and movement to supersede neoliberalism, one better capable of addressing society’s most pressing problems, from economic and racial inequality, to climate change.

In launching this new initiative, the Hewlett Foundation is mindful of how an earlier generation of funders helped create, nurture, and promote neoliberalism. The remarkable success of their philanthropic effort was enabled by their focus on big ideas, and it offers valuable lessons for our work

today. Just as philanthropy effectively spurred the development and ascendance of neoliberalism, the Hewlett Foundation will support an ideologically diverse set of ideas and thinkers capable of leading a shift every bit as widespread and profound.

**"The Hewlett Foundation's Economy and Society Initiative is joining a growing movement of ideas. We want to support the people and organizations building a new understanding of how the economy works, the aims it should serve, and how it should be structured to serve those aims,"** Jennifer Harris, director of the Economy and Society Initiative, said. "It's not our job to come up with the final form of a successor to neoliberalism, it's our job to seed the debates, ideas, and iterative thinking that can get us there."

The Hewlett Foundation is joined by a growing group of funders interested in nurturing a movement to supersede neoliberalism.

Since 2018, the Hewlett Foundation's exploratory effort to develop new ideas in economic and political thought has awarded nearly than \$20 million in grants to a diverse set of recipients, including Oren Cass of American Compass, Rev. William Barber II's Repairers of the Breach, and the Roosevelt Institute, led by Felicia Wong. The new Economy and Society Initiative will continue to support the cultivation of ideas for replacing the current paradigm—wherever they come from. The Initiative will fund thinkers and organizations in the United States and abroad, with the aim of supporting ideas that reach beyond America's shores.

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## Energy

### **[The Rockefeller Foundation Announces Call to Action to Provide Sustainable Energy for One Billion People by 2030](#)**

*Development finance, global energy, and multilateral agencies commit to accelerate electrification as the cornerstone of an equitable, global economic recovery*

NEW YORK | December 10, 2020 – The Rockefeller Foundation today announced the formation of a global coalition aimed at providing sustainable energy for one billion people within this decade. Organizations joining this [call to action](#) include the African Development Bank, CDC the UK's development finance institution, European Investment Bank, International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Today one in ten of the world's people (800 million) lack access to electricity, including half the population of Sub-Saharan Africa. Another 2.8 billion people lack access to electricity that is reliable enough to secure their livelihoods or power modern healthcare facilities and schools. The pandemic has only exacerbated the inequality of global energy access.

**"In this era of unprecedented crises—including the coronavirus pandemic—we have a responsibility and remarkable opportunity to harness the power that can lead to a more equitable, safer world,"** said Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation,



"Our goal is ambitious yet achievable: to bring reliable and sustainable electricity, powered by renewable technologies, to a billion people by the decade's end. Our success will empower millions of people to participate in a modern economy, growing economic opportunity for us all."

As the world begins to focus on vaccine distribution and stimulus to help bring about a rapid end to the devastation of Covid-19, **the new coalition is focused on unleashing the full potential of distributed renewable energy systems, including technologies such as mini-grids; grid-connected local generation, and storage; renewable power solutions for industrial and commercial clusters; and stand-alone commercial appliances.** Over the past decade, technological breakthroughs have made these systems more affordable and easier to deploy; harnessing their impact is essential for rapidly providing electricity to power modern economies and critical social services.

**Additional signatories of the call to action include the:**

- :: Africa Mini-Grid Developers Association
- :: Global Association for the Off-grid Solar Energy Industry (GOGLA)
- :: Gridworks (development and investment platform backed by UK CDC)
- :: International Solar Alliance
- :: Power Africa (government-led partnership coordinated by USAID)
- :: Power for All
- :: Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)
- :: Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)
- :: UN Climate Change Conference COP26 Presidency (UK)

...As founding members of this Coalition, the organizations commit to:

**:: Launch a global partnership to end energy poverty**, bringing together local, national, regional, and international leaders, and institutions from the public and private sectors to unleash the full potential of distributed renewable energy systems (DRE) to improve the livelihoods of a billion people.

**:: Mobilize and coordinate concrete DRE roadmaps** to unlock public and private capital flows into DRE technologies that will create local jobs, promote sustainable livelihoods, and build an environmentally smart, resilient electricity grid of the future.

**:: Identify and support appropriate regulatory, policy, and financial regimes** in partnership with national leadership in order to build capacity and create an environment to increase renewable energy technology investments and associated economic development partnerships.

**:: Collaborate to enhance project development and new financing instruments** to catalyze billions of dollars of additional annual investment in DRE projects in underserved markets...

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## **COVID-19 – Financial Response**

**[Bill and Melinda Gates call for collaboration, continued innovation to overcome challenges of delivering COVID-19 scientific breakthroughs to the world](#)**

*Gates Foundation pledges additional \$250 million to accelerate development and equitable distribution of COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines to end the pandemic*

SEATTLE, December 9, 2020 – **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation today announced it will commit an additional \$250 million to support the research, development, and equitable delivery of lifesaving tools in the global effort against COVID-19.** Marking the end of a year focused on the scientific breakthroughs needed to end the pandemic, the foundation calls for global commitments to making these innovations available in 2021 to everyone who needs them.

“Everyone, everywhere deserves to benefit from the science developed in 2020,” said Melinda Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation. “We are confident that the world will get better in 2021, but whether it gets better for everyone depends on the actions of the world’s leaders and their commitment to deliver tests, treatments, and vaccines to the people who need them, no matter where they live or how much money they have.”

**Today’s commitment, the foundation’s largest single contribution to the COVID-19 response to date, builds on the partnerships and expertise it has established over the last 20 years.** This funding will support continued innovation to develop tests, treatments, and vaccines that are easier to scale and deliver, to ensure there are many options that are less expensive and can be used in different settings. Today’s commitment will also support the delivery of new COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

**Getting these innovations to where they are needed will require the same level of planning, urgency, and collaboration it took to develop them.** It will require manufacturing tests, doses of treatments, and vaccines quickly and safely; securing sufficient funding to buy and distribute them; organizing logistical infrastructure and supply chains; preparing clinics and health workers to administer them; and sharing accurate information with communities so people understand and trust what they are receiving. **Part of today’s funding will enable countries to use cutting-edge technology and delivery systems to plan and implement the rollout of vaccines. It will also support efforts to engage communities in the process to increase trust and improve communication about new COVID-19 interventions...**

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## **EMERGENCIES**

### **Coronavirus [COVID-19]**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

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

Last update: 5 December 2020, 9:02 am GMT-5

**Confirmed cases ::** 69 808 588 [week ago: 65 257 767] [two weeks ago: 61 299 371]

**Confirmed deaths ::** 1 588 854 [week ago: 1 513 179] [two weeks ago: 1 439 784]

**Countries, areas or territories with cases ::** 220

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## Weekly epidemiological update - 8 December 2020

### *Overview*

Globally in the past week, cases of COVID-19 have remained at approximately 4 million new cases, while new deaths have continued to increase to over 73 000. This brings the cumulative numbers to over 65.8 million reported cases and 1.5 million deaths globally since the start of the pandemic.

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## Emergencies

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

### Polio this week as of 09 December 2020

**:: Aidan O’Leary appointed new WHO polio eradication director** – Mr Aidan O’Leary will assume the responsibilities of Director for Polio Eradication at WHO, effective 1 January 2021. Mr O’Leary will succeed Mr Michel Zaffran, who will enter a well-deserved retirement end-February 2021. Mr O’Leary is from Ireland and is currently Head of Office in Yemen for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). He has served as the Chief of Polio Eradication in Pakistan for UNICEF and spent three years working in Afghanistan (between 2011 and 2014) as Head of Office, OCHA. He has extensive experience in emergency settings, including in Iraq and Syria, where he also held the position of Head of Office for OCHA.

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

**:: Pakistan:** five WPV1 positive environmental samples, six cVDPV2 cases and eight cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

**:: Central African Republic:** one cVDPV2 case

**:: Chad:** nine cVDPV2 cases

**:: Somalia:** one cVDPV2 case

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### ***Editor’s Note:***

A number of country pages below did not load at inquiry.

### WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

### **Iraq**

:: An increasing number of suicide cases in Iraq worries public health experts amid COVID-19 pandemic Baghdad Iraq, 9 December 2020 – The growing number of suicide cases in Iraq over the past years is a worrying public health concern that can no longer be ignored. If not addressed, it will keep taking a heavy toll on individuals and communities in the country...

### **Burkina Faso**

:: L'OMS appuie la revue intra action de la riposte contre la COVID-19 au Burkina Faso  
10 décembre 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*

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 12 Dec 2020]

### **Kenya**

:: Keeping to the universal health coverage path in Kenya 11 December 2020

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified*

Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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## [UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies](#)

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

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Response Update No. 13 - 9 December 2020

### **Yemen**

:: Yemen Situation Report, 9 Dec 2020

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

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

### **COVID-19**

:: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Weekly Epidemiological Update (8 December 2020)

### **East Africa Locust Infestation**

:: Desert Locust situation update - 10 December 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

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GA/12300

### **General Assembly Adopts 4 Humanitarian Aid Resolutions, as Delegates Brace for COVID-19's Broader Impact amid Threat of Famine, Economic Hardship**

The General Assembly adopted four humanitarian-focused resolutions today, with delegates warning of ever-growing challenges in 2021 as the broader effects of the COVID-19 pandemic — including prolonged economic hardship and threat of major famine — begin to take hold.

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SC/14383

### **Public Statement by Chair of Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict**

The Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, in connection with the examination of the fifth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the

Philippines (S/2020/777), agreed to convey the following messages through a public statement by the Chair of the Working Group.

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SC/14380

**Syria's Chemical Weapons Declaration Cannot Be Considered Accurate, Complete, Director-General Tells Security Council**

Syria's initial declaration of chemical weapons on its territory cannot be considered accurate and complete, the head of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) said during a Security Council videoconference meeting on 11 December, while Damascus and its allies insisted that those stockpiles had been confirmed all destroyed by 2014.

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SG/SM/20493

**Human Solidarity 'A Moral Imperative', Secretary-General Tells Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Urging Efforts to Turn COVID-19 Crisis into Opportunity for Change**

7 December 2020

SC/14375

**Security Council 1718 Sanctions Committee Approves Updates to Notice on Exemption Procedure for Humanitarian Assistance to Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 12 Dec 2020]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

*Top News*

**Press Conference opening statement**

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Cambodia: UN experts alarmed by 'naming and shaming' of COVID victims**

**Water: Futures market invites speculators, challenges basic human rights - UN expert**

**Saudi Arabia: UN experts alarmed by Loujain Al-Hathloul trial, call for immediate release**

**UN expert urges independent assessment of Bhasan Char and verification of voluntary relocation**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

**Human Rights Council adopts decisions to pave the way for its work in 2021**

07/12/2020

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**[Cambodia: UN experts alarmed by 'naming and shaming' of COVID victims](#)**

11 December 2020

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

10 December 2020

**[Palestinian family evicted from its home in East Jerusalem](#)**

08 December 2020

**[Donors pledge over US\\$370 million to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund](#)**

08 December 2020

**[Global Humanitarian Policy Forum 2020: A case for transformation? The longer-term implications of the COVID-19 pandemic \(9-10 December 2020\)](#)**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press releases, Statements*

*Press release 12/11/2020*

**[Update on UNICEF's response for Ethiopian refugees in Sudan and host communities](#)**

*Press release 12/11/2020*

**[Child poverty will remain above pre-COVID levels for at least five years in high-income countries - UNICEF](#)**

In high-income countries, only 2 per cent of fiscal stimulus was allocated specifically to support children during the first wave of COVID-19; a better balance of spending that provides more direct support to children is urgently needed

*Statement 12/10/2020*

**[Life a 'waking nightmare' for 12 million children in Yemen](#)**

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the Averting famine in Yemen: What can we do now and in 2021 event

*Press release 12/07/2020*

**[COVID-19: UNICEF warns of continued damage to learning and well-being as number of children affected by school closures soars again](#)**



UNICEF calls on governments to prioritize the reopening of schools, take all actions possible to make classrooms as safe as possible and avoid nationwide school closures

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Urgent support needed for Venezuelan refugees and migrants facing trauma and hardship](#)**

11 Dec 2020

**[IOM and UNHCR chiefs stress that COVID-19 underlines the urgent need for universal health coverage](#)**

11 Dec 2020

**[Statement attributable to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi on the situation in Ethiopia's Tigray region](#)**

11 Dec 2020

**[Yemenis displaced by conflict now face threats of looming famine](#)**

11 Dec 2020

**[Ethiopian refugees report obstacles to reach safety in Sudan as numbers approach 50,000](#)**

11 Dec 2020

**[US\\$1.44 billion needed to support refugees and migrants from Venezuela amid COVID-19](#)**  
**[Joint UNHCR-IOM Press Release](#)**

10 Dec 2020

**[Record 20,000 students engage in refugee policies through the 2020 Model UN Refugee Challenge](#)**

9 Dec 2020

**[Forced displacement passes 80 million by mid-2020 as COVID-19 tests refugee protection globally](#)**

9 Dec 2020

**[Central America and Mexico reaffirm commitment to address the needs of hundreds of thousands forced to flee](#)**

8 Dec 2020

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[IOM Condemns Killing of Aid Workers in Northern Ethiopia](#)**

2020-12-11 23:48

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) presents its deepest condolences to the Danish Refugee Council and the International Rescue Committee following the killing of four humanitarian workers in Tigray, Ethiopia.

### **IOM and UNHCR Chiefs Stress that COVID-19 Underlines the Urgent Need for Universal Health Coverage**

2020-12-11 16:59

Geneva – Ahead of International Universal Health Coverage Day (12 December), as the world struggles to curb COVID-19, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and the Director General of IOM António Vitorino, stressed that health services must be inclusive of all...

### **USD 1.44 Billion Needed to Support Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela amid COVID-19**

2020-12-10 18:39

Geneva – Today, IOM, the International Organization for Migration, and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, launch a USD 1.44 billion regional plan to respond to the growing needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, and the communities hosting them, across 17 countries in Latin...

**UNAIDS** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

11 December 2020

### **The shero of Butha-Buthe: Matšeliso Setoko**

9 December 2020

### **PrEP in the City: campaign for transgender women aims to increase PrEP uptake in Thailand**

7 December 2020

### **New HIV infections among gay men and other men who have sex with men increasing**

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 12 Dec 2020]

11 December 2020 *Departmental news*

### **Call for Action: Managing the Infodemic**

A global movement to promote access to health information and mitigate harm from health misinformation among online and offline communities

11 December 2020 *Departmental news*

### **Leading through example: Norway paves the way to ensure equal access to COVID-19 treatments and develops trailblazing flagship initiative on noncommunicable diseases**

11 December 2020 *News release*

### **WHO, IFRC sign memorandum of understanding on emergency medical teams**

The World Health Organization and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) today launched a new collaboration to strengthen the delivery of emergency medical and health services during humanitarian crises.

11 December 2020 *Departmental news*

**[New checklist supports schools to reopen and prepare for COVID-19 resurgences](#)**

10 December 2020 *Statement*

**[Statement from the 'civil society' track of the 3rd Global Infodemic Management Conference](#)**

9 December 2020 *News release*

**[WHO reveals leading causes of death and disability worldwide: 2000-2019](#)**

Noncommunicable diseases now make up 7 of the world's top 10 causes of death, according to WHO's 2019 Global Health Estimates, published today. This is an increase from 4 of the 10 leading causes in 2000. The new data cover the period from 2000 to 2019 inclusive.

The estimates reveal trends over the last 2 decades in mortality and morbidity caused by diseases and injuries. They clearly highlight the need for an intensified global focus on preventing and treating cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases, as well as tackling injuries, in all regions of the world, as set out in the agenda for the UN Sustainable Development Goals...

8 December 2020 *News release*

**[WHO launches year-long campaign to help 100 million people quit tobacco](#)**

8 December 2020 *Departmental news*

**[Strategic partnerships for global health: Luxembourg and WHO convene strategic dialogue](#)**

8 December 2020 *Departmental news*

**[Retention of the health workforce in rural and remote areas: a systematic review](#)**

7 December 2020 *Departmental news*

**[G20 First-time Released Report on Digital Health Interventions for Pandemic Management](#)**

The first G20 report in area of digital health, Report on Digital Health Implementation Approach to Pandemic Management, was announced in advent of the G20 Summit. This report promptly outlines digital health emergency responses landscape and proposed actions and implementation recommendations. WHO assumes leadership in multiple strategic recommendation areas in this report, and is committed to support countries to enhance capacity in leveraging digital intervention for emergency response through strengthened international collaboration...the report can be downloaded from [digitalhealthtaskforce.org](https://digitalhealthtaskforce.org).

7 December 2020 *Departmental news*

**[WHO announces forthcoming updates on the systematic screening for tuberculosis](#)**

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## **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

### **WHO African Region AFRO**

:: [Keeping to the universal health coverage path in Kenya](#) 11 December 2020

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

*No new digest content identified*

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

:: 11 December 2020 News release

WHO, national regulators and vaccine manufacturers in South-East Asia Region discuss COVID-19 vaccines

*[See Milestones above for detail]*

### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: Youth perspectives in focus at high-level meeting on schooling during COVID-19 pandemic 11-12-2020

:: COVID-19: a stark reminder of the importance of universal health coverage 11-12-2020

:: Cities of the WHO European Region unite to stop COVID-19 and build a better urban life 10-12-2020

:: New data from WHO/Europe shows links between gender and noncommunicable diseases 09-12-2020

:: Italy: over 20% of children are overweight, says new report 09-12-2020

:: COVID-19 and influenza: sharing knowledge across WHO as Europe heads into winter 09-12-2020

:: Schooling in the time of COVID-19: Opening statement at high-level meeting on keeping schools open and protecting all children amid surging COVID-19 cases 08-12-2020

:: Turkey shielded its elderly from COVID-19 by protecting health workers in nursing homes 07-12-2020

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

:: WHO Regional Director's statement for virtual press briefing, 8 December

8 December 2020 – As winter starts across the Region, the pandemic continues to take a worrying course. A few countries have made progress in controlling the outbreak, while others are still seeing unprecedented increases in the number of cases, and sometimes even the number of deaths. Following a sharp increase in the number of cases over the past few week, Islamic...

:: Islamic Advisory Group reiterates commitment to polio eradication amid COVID-19 pandemic

7 December 2020, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia – The Islamic Advisory Group for Polio Eradication (IAG) in its seventh annual meeting acknowledged the unprecedented challenges to polio eradication posed by the disruptions to health care delivery, including to routine immunization and polio vaccination campaigns, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The IAG noted with concern that children were becoming increasingly...

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified*

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Meetings and events*

8 December 2020 *Press Release*

**Playing for Change and the United Nations Population Fund stand for human rights with a special release of "Peace Through Music," a global virtual event for social justice**

WATCH ON YOUTUBE DECEMBER 10, 2020 AT 12PM PST/3PM EST/8PM GMT

7 December 2020 *Press Release*

**Staggering challenges face 54 million women and young people as COVID-19 adds to humanitarian emergencies**

\$818 million is needed to provide essential and life-saving services to women and girls affected by crises in 2021

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest from News Centre*

**UNDP launches new COVID-19 Data Futures Platform**

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) launched today a new COVID-19 Data Futures Platform – an open access and interactive platform that aggregates multiple sources of information across UNDP and UN...

Posted on December 10, 2020

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Posted on December 10, 2020

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

10 Dec 2020 *Press release*

**Six environmental trailblazers honoured as UNEP Champions of the Earth**

The Champions of the Earth award is the UN's highest environmental honour, annually recognizing outstanding leaders from government, civil society and the private sector The Champions of the Earth inspire, defend,...

09 Dec 2020 *Press release*

**[Green pandemic recovery essential to close climate action gap – UN report](#)**

Green pandemic recovery can bring 2030 emissions close to levels needed for 2°C goal, with more needed for 1.5°C goal. Pandemic-linked fall in 2020 emissions of up to 7% will have negligible impact on climate change...

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

10 Dec 2020 | DESA

**[Natural Capital for a Green Recovery](#)**

UN DESA, the Bennett Institute for Public Policy at the University of Cambridge and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany are hosting a [webinar](#) to discuss how incorporating natural capital—or the contributions of nature—into official statistics can help make nature count in business and policy decisions.

08 Dec 2020 | DESA

**[The three things that made these countries more successful in fighting COVID](#)**

When the outbreak of a new virus in Wuhan, China made world news back in December 2019, few people imagined we were about to face the global crisis that COVID-19 has unleashed. And even those who did, predicted that richer countries would remain relatively unscathed by the virus, with their well-funded health infrastructure with highly trained and experienced personnel and cutting-edge facilities. Developing and least developed countries, on the other hand, were expected to be hit the hardest.

07 Dec 2020 | DESA

**[No, the pandemic did not help climate action](#)**

As the deadly COVID-19 pandemic brought the world to a standstill, greenhouse gas emissions plummeted by a record amount. Yet, in the grand scheme of climate change, this historic reduction was but a blip with little impact on atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.

**UNESCO** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Latest News*

**[World Press Freedom Conference 2020: UNESCO & OHCHR receive €7m from Netherlands to reinforce freedom of expression](#)**

Paris, December 10 – The new partnership between UNESCO and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will strengthen press freedom and the safety of journalists, with an endowment of seven million euros announced by Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok at the 2020 World Press Freedom Conference co-organized by UNESCO and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on 9 and 10 December.

The partnership will aim to put in place activities that support an independent and free press, ensure the safety of journalists – with particular focus on women journalists – promote access to information, and fight against impunity for crimes committed against media professionals...

**UNESCO joins Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence as observer**

10/12/2020

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**FIFA and UNODC join forces to encourage football to speak out against match-fixing**

09/12/2020

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 12 Dec 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*News & Stories*

**Opinion piece by Executive Director on how cities can build a healthier future for all**

8 December 2020

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News releases*

10 December 2020

**Ireland makes EUR 2.2 million contribution to support WFP response to northern Mozambique displacement crises**

MAPUTO – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes a contribution of EUR 2.2 million (USD 2.60 million) from Ireland for its support to the internally displaced people (IDPs) from Cabo Delgado in Northern Mozambique.

10 December 2020

**WFP Chief urges world to use its wealth to prevent famine in Nobel acceptance speech**

Transcript as delivered of the speech given by UN World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley during today's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance ceremony.

9 December 2020

**Funds from Korea help WFP provide emergency food assistance to Syrians in need**

CAIRO – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has received a fresh contribution package totalling US\$3.8 million from the Government of the Republic of Korea to help WFP provide food assistance for conflict-affected Syrians, inside their country and in three neighbouring countries.

9 December 2020

**Ministry of Emigration & Egyptian Expatriate Affairs and WFP launch “Bedaya Digital” initiative**

CAIRO – The Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs (MOEEA) and the World Food Programme (WFP) launched today the e-learning platform, ‘Bedaya Digital,’ under the presidential initiative ‘Life-Saving Boats’ that aims at raising awareness on the dangers of illegal immigration. Innovation and technology Refugees and migration

9 December 2020

**U.S. Government supports WFP to tackle hunger and boost the livelihoods of vulnerable communities in Malawi**

Lilongwe, Malawi – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today welcomes a generous contribution of US\$ 10.3 million from the United States Government, through USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), to provide emergency assistance to vulnerable households and support the livelihoods of communities in Malawi.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

Fourth meeting of the Social Protection, Freedom and Justice for Workers Network

**COVID-19 crisis, a wake-up call on social protection for workers**

11 December 2020

Workers’ Organizations exchange experiences and discuss trade union advocacy strategies for strengthening social protection systems.

*COVID-19 and price inflation*

**COVID-19 drives up food prices worldwide**

10 December 2020

COVID-19 restrictions have altered consumer spending patterns. In particular, lockdown measures have affected the supply of and demand for certain products and, hence, their prices.

*Maritime Labour Convention*

**ILO Governing Body calls for urgent action on seafarer COVID-19 crisis**

08 December 2020

Its resolution addresses the plight of hundreds of thousands of seafarers who have been trapped at sea for as many as 17 months or longer because of pandemic restrictions.

*News*

**Saudi Arabia ratifies ILO conventions setting out safeguards with crucial importance for the response to COVID-19**

07 December 2020



Saudi Arabia ratifies the Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95) and the Hygiene (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1964 (No. 120).

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**[Implementation of ICAO guidance key to tourism sector's recovery](#)**

9/12/20

**[ICAO leadership urges agility, partnership, to hasten the pace of aviation innovation](#)**

8/12/20

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

**[Standing up for stranded seafarers on UN Human Rights Day](#)**

IMO Secretary-General highlights plight of seafarers as new video tells seafarer stories  
10 December 2020

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

By Barnaby Lewis on 10 December 2020

**[Celebrating Human Rights Day](#)**

This year, Human Rights Day is focussed on the impact of COVID-19, asking how do we fully recover and build back a world that is better, more resilient, just, and sustainable?

[ISO 26000](#), the International Standard for social responsibility, is one of the most widely used and recognized ISO standards. 2020 marks ten years since its first publication.

By Clare Naden on 8 December 2020

### **[Fighting economic evil on International Anti-Corruption Day](#)**

ISO joins the battle with new standards in development.

The future [ISO 37000](#), *Guidance for the governance of organizations*, provides a framework to guide governing bodies and groups on how to meet their responsibilities.

By Clare Naden on 7 December 2020

### **[The right result in medical laboratories](#)**

Improving the accuracy of microbial pathogen testing with new International Standard just published

[ISO 17822](#), *In vitro diagnostic test systems – Nucleic acid amplification-based examination procedures for detection and identification of microbial pathogens – Laboratory quality practice guide*, details quality practices for the design, validation and verification of methods needed for testing microbial pathogens in human samples.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

*All Regions Affiliate Members*

### **[Towards a modernized legal framework for the UNWTO Affiliate Membership](#)**

11 Dec 2020

*All Regions COVID-19, UNWTO Global Tourism Crisis Committee*

### **[Portugal Hosts UNWTO Crisis Committee on Harmonization of cross-border travel procedures](#)**

10 Dec 2020

*Asia and the Pacific*

### **[UNWTO Works With Government of Indonesia to Restart Tourism in Bali](#)**

08 Dec 2020

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

### **[World Intellectual Property Indicators Report: Trademark and Industrial Design Filing Activity Rose in 2019; Patent Applications Marked Rare Decline](#)**

Worldwide trademark and industrial design-creation activity rose in 2019 even as the number of global patent applications dipped slightly on weaker demand in IP powerhouse China, WIPO's benchmark World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) report showed.

Dec 7, 2020 [PR/2020/871](#)

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Announcements*

**5.12.2020-16.12.2020 // SBSTTA-SBI-SS-02 Special virtual session for SBSTTA-24 and SBI-03 on biodiversity, One Health and COVID-19**

**11.12.2020 Statement by Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of the eighth special session ..**

**11.12.2020 Tipping point? Experts say the Paris agreement changed the climate on climate**

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**USAID** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements*

**International Human Rights Day**

December 10, 2020

*Statement by Acting Deputy Administrator John Barsa*

Today, we celebrate International Human Rights Day. In 1948, looking to the United States' Bill of Rights as a model, the United Nations General Assembly established the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the "inherent dignity" and "equal and inalienable rights" of mankind.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** [nee DFID] [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases. Announcements*

**UK announces travel bans and asset freezes for human rights violators**

10 December 2020 — Press release

UK announces travel bans and asset freezes for 11 Russian, Venezuelan, Gambian and Pakistani human rights violators.

**ECHO** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**Statement by Commissioner Lenarčič on the killing of Danish Refugee Council and International Rescue Committee aid workers in Tigray, Ethiopia**

11/12/2020

Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič, issued the following statement: "I strongly condemn the killing of four humanitarian workers in a refugee camp in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, including three staff members from the Danish..."

**Commissioner for Crisis Management Lenarčič launches 7th European Civil Protection Forum**

11/12/2020

Today, Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič kick-starts the 7th European Civil Protection Forum. In a warm-up session, dedicated to the topic of Cross-sectoral cooperation in times of crisis, the Commissioner, as well as various...

### **Coronavirus: 50 ventilators sent to Ukraine through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism**

11/12/2020

A shipment of 50 ventilators, sent by Denmark, was delivered this week to Ukraine, following the country's request for assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. This assistance comes on top of several deliveries of personal protective...

### **The European Commission publishes the new report on disaster risks in the EU**

07/12/2020

Today, the European Commission has published the 'Overview of Natural and Man-made Disaster Risks the European Union May Face'. The 2020 edition presents the latest available evidence on disaster risks, such as floods, wildfires or diseases, that...

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### **African Union** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

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

### **AU signs MoU with EU's International Centre for Migration Policy Development**

December 13, 2020

### **Visa openness solutions can boost Africa's economic recovery**

December 10, 2020

### **Joint Statement of ECOWAS, AU and UNOWAS on the Post-election situation in Ghana**

December 09, 2020

### **Preliminary Statement: AUEOM to the Elections in the Republic of Ghana**

December 09, 2020

### **Survey reveals 95% of African SMEs did not receive government aid during COVID19**

December 09, 2020

### **ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Secretariat News*

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **European Commission** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest*

*Questions and answers* 11 December 2020

### **Questions and Answers: Conditional Marketing Authorisation of COVID-19 Vaccines in the EU**

*Press release 7 December 2020*

**Coronavirus response: Commission welcomes agreement on crucial VAT relief for vaccines and testing kits**

The Commission has welcomed the adoption today of important new measures which will enable Member States to relieve EU hospitals, medical practitioners and individuals of Value-Added Tax (VAT) when acquiring coronavirus vaccines and testing kits.

*Press release 7 December 2020*

**European Union and African Union sign partnership to scale up preparedness for health emergencies**

Today, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention launched a new partnership initiative to strengthen the capacity of Africa CDC to prepare for and respond to public health threats in Africa.

**OECD** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**Statement of the OAS Secretary General on International Anti-Corruption Day**

December 9, 2020

**OAS Permanent Council to Analyze Political Situation in Venezuela**

December 7, 2020

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**OIC Member States reiterate their resolve to collaborate in the production and distribution of vaccines and medicines**

11/12/2020

The Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed their resolve to push for collaboration in the production and distribution of vaccines and medicines. They made this pledge during a two-day virtual workshop which took place over 09-10 December 2020. The workshop brought together officials from National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs); Pharmaceutical companies, researchers and scientists from across the OIC Member States. The workshop, which was organized and hosted by the Indonesian Food and Drug Authority in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat, attracted over 200 participants and discussed a range of critical issues related to its theme "Enhancing Collaboration in Research, Manufacturing, Management of Medicines and Vaccines in the OIC Member States"...

**Group of 77** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**UNCTAD** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

11 Dec 2020 –

**[Precautionary Principle: UNCTAD'S Quadrennial Conference Postponed Amid Covid-19 Rebound](#)**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2020/040

Geneva, Switzerland

11 Dec 2020

**[Jordanian Woman Techpreneur Scoops UN Business Award](#)**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2020/039

Geneva, Switzerland

09 Dec 2020

**[COVID-19 drives large international trade declines in 2020](#)**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2020/037

Geneva, Switzerland

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News – Selected Items*

2 December 2020

**[WCO Council maps the road ahead to ensure the recovery, renewal and resilience of the Customs and trade community for a sustainable supply chain](#)**

11 December 2020

**[The global Customs community reaffirms its commitment to facilitate the cross-border movement of COVID-19 vaccines](#)**

At its 137<sup>th</sup> Session, the Customs Co-operation Council unanimously adopted a Resolution on the Role of Customs in Facilitating the Cross-Border Movement of Situationally Critical Medicines and Vaccines. The Resolution marks an important milestone in the efforts of the global Customs community to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on economies and societies worldwide. It prescribes specific measures to be implemented by WCO Members and the Secretariat in view of supporting the COVID-19 vaccine global distribution effort, which is expected to be the world's largest and fastest vaccine distribution operation ever...

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 12 Dec 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*

## **Report shows marked decline in trade restrictions by WTO members amidst COVID-19 pandemic**

11 December 2020

The Director-General's latest annual overview of trade-related developments shows a marked slowdown in the number of trade-restrictive and trade-facilitating measures adopted by WTO members related to goods trade over the past year. The report, presented at a 11 December meeting of the WTO's Trade Policy Review Body (TPRB), notes the decrease observed in regular measures between mid-October 2019 and mid-October 2020 was mainly the result of the sharp decline in overall global trade since the COVID-19 outbreak. The document at the same time provides information about the numerous trade-facilitating and support measures introduced by WTO economies in response to the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in order to ensure a solid economic recovery.

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### **IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **International Court of Justice** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

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

*News*

## **19th session of the Assembly of States Parties opens in The Hague on 14 December**

Information 11 December 2020

## **Statement of the Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, on the conclusion of the preliminary examination of the situation in Nigeria**

Statement 10 December 2020 Office of the Prosecutor

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**World Bank** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*

**[Advancing Research on Climate Change: World Bank Grants \\$60 Million to Help Strengthen the Resilience of the Agricultural Sector in Africa](#)**

WASHINGTON, December 10, 2020 - The World Bank Board of Directors today approved a \$60 million International Development Association (IDA)\* grant to help African countries strengthen the resilience

Date: December 10, 2020 Type: Press Release

**[The World Bank Group Mounts the Fastest and Largest Health Crisis Response in its History to Save Lives from COVID-19](#)**

Date: December 07, 2020 Type: Immersive Story

**IMF** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News, Announcements*

December 12, 2020

**[Address at the International Conference on "Policy of Neutrality and Its Role in Ensuring International Peace, Security and Sustainable Development"](#)**

December 11, 2020

**[Four Cornerstones of Payments in the Digital Age](#)**

December 10, 2020

**[Financial Inclusion and Cybersecurity in the Digital Age](#)**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[African Development Bank, 11 leading Multilateral Development Banks, IMF launch first joint report on financing the sustainable development goals](#)**

10-Dec-2020

**[Food security, agriculture, AfCTA, crucial for Africa's post-COVID-19 recovery - African Economic Conference](#)**

09-Dec-2020

**[Regional Development Banks Heads discuss common challenges, opportunities to build back better post COVID-19](#)**

09-Dec-2020



**Africa must forge strong partnerships, effectively manage its abundant natural resources, to rebuild faster post-COVID-19 - International Forum on African Leadership**

07-Dec-2020

**Asian Development Bank** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country level announcements are added each week]  
11 Dec 2020

**\$9 Billion ADB Facility to Help Members Access and Distribute COVID-19 Vaccines**

ADB has launched a \$9 billion vaccine initiative—the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)—offering rapid and equitable support to its developing members as they procure and deliver effective and safe vaccines.

10 Dec 2020

**ADB Joins 11 Leading Multilateral Development Banks and IMF in Launching First Joint Report on Financing SDGs**

The Asian Development Bank joined 11 multilateral development banks and the International Monetary Fund today in launching a first-ever joint report on financing the Sustainable Development Goals.

7 Dec 2020

**New CAREC Gender Strategy to Promote Women's Empowerment**

Ministers and senior officials from the 11 member countries of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program have endorsed a new strategy to promote women's empowerment by ensuring regional projects...

7 Dec 2020

**CAREC Endorses Long-Term Strategy to Promote Safe, Sustainable, and Inclusive Tourism**

Ministers and senior officials from the 11 member countries of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program have endorsed a new long-term strategy to promote safe, sustainable, and inclusive tourism...

7 Dec 2020

**ADB President Urges CAREC Countries to Boost Regional Cooperation and Embrace Digitalization to Strengthen COVID-19 Recovery**

More rapid digitalization and leveraging the private sector can support the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, accelerate regional cooperation, drive innovation, and help countries adapt to new and evolving...

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

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

News

Beijing, China, Dec. 11, 2020

## **AIIB Joins MDBs to Launch the First Joint Report on Financing the Sustainable Development Goals**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) joined a group of 11 multilateral development banks (MDBs) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in launching a first-ever joint report on financing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

News

11 DEC

## **Pope Francis joins 25 countries to fight against poverty and hunger in first round of pledges to IFAD**

10 DEC

## **IFAD joins with partners to build resilience and boost development in the Sahel**

09 DEC

## **Des députés français se mobilisent pour soutenir le développement agricole et l'action du FIDA sur le terrain**

08 DEC

## **Mozambique and IFAD to increase resilience and food and nutrition security in the face of climate change and COVID-19**

08 DEC

## **Eliminating poverty and hunger high on global agenda as countries pledge funds to IFAD**

07 DEC

## **Multi-million euro contribution from Germany to IFAD will help avert a COVID-19 food crisis**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Irak*

**Retourner et reconstruire la vie à Sinjar**

Posté le 11 décembre 2020

En Irak, avec l'augmentation du nombre de rapatriés à Sinjar, Action contre la Faim répond aux besoins croissants de réhabilitation des services et des infrastructures.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**HIV Testing and Adherence to Anti-Retroviral Therapy Reduces as COVID-19 Takes Toll on Low-Income Patients**

December 10, 2020

Study conducted by Amref Health Africa reveals that HIV testing and ART initiation reduced by 56%...

**Alternative Rite of Passage Model Lowers the Prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation in Kajiado County by 24%**

December 10, 2020

Impact study on impact of Amref-led programme reveals decline in early child marriage and teenage pregnancy,...

**Amref Launches Study on COVID-19 Response Governance**

December 10, 2020

COVID-19 Response Governance Mapping Initiative outlines need for accountability and transparency at all levels of governance...

**Amref Unveils Impact Study Findings on Lived Experiences of Kenyan Youth during COVID-19 Pandemic**

December 10, 2020

Health, social and economic effects of the pandemic on young people offer insights for future policy...

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*BSI News*

**BSI supports CPP on NATO Exercise Loyal Leda 2020**

09 Dec 2020

Blue Shield International (BSI) was invited to support NATO Exercise Loyal Leda 2020 (LOLE20), a Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation scheduled exercise to train and evaluate the Combat Readiness certification of HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) as a warfighting Corps Headquarters. BSI took part in its capacity as a cultural property protection (CPP) expert [...]

**BRAC** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest*

December 11, 2020

**A study on accessible healthcare in Bangladesh: Challenges to overcome**

December 10, 2020

**30 ways BRAC prevents violence against women and children in Bangladesh**

**Clubhouse International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://drc.ngo/>

*Press Releases*

**Ethiopia Statement**

11. December 2020

The Danish Refugee Council is deeply saddened to confirm the death of three colleagues in Tigray Region, Ethiopia last month.

**ECPAT** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News from ECPAT*

**How Sexual Crimes against Children have changed over time**

09/12/2020

**Fountain House** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GE2P2 Global** [to 12 Dec 2020]

*A foundation/501[c]3 and a public benefit corporation focused on advancing ethical and scientific rigor in research and evidence generation – informing governance, policy and practice*

[www.ge2p2.org](http://www.ge2p2.org)

*News, Publications, Webinars*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

**Cash transfers by HI: a vital addition to humanitarian aid**

*Emergency / Health / International* | PUBLISHED ON December 8th 2020

HI provides cash transfers as part of its humanitarian assistance. This new form of aid is vital in vulnerable countries suffering the disastrous social impact of Covid-19

**Heifer International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**Pandemic shows that we must build resilience and address humanitarian challenges for the long-term**

As delivered by Ms. Laetitia Courtois, Permanent Observer to the UN and Head of Delegation, ICRC New York President, 2020 has been a year unlike any other in recent memory.

11-12-2020 | Statement

**Religious leaders and ICRC using Islamic teachings to fight the spike of COVID-19 in Gaza**

The campaign, which comprises seven animated videos, will use the Hadeeth and verses of the Quran to spread awareness of measures and help flatten the ascending curve of the virus. "In this 'living with the virus' phase of the pandemic, people tend to

07-12-2020 | News release

**IFRC** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

*Global*

### **WHO, IFRC sign memorandum of understanding on emergency medical teams**

The World Health Organization and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) today launched a new collaboration to strengthen the delivery of emergency medical and health services during humanitarian crises.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and IFRC Secretary-General Mr Jagan Chapagain signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate on implementing the Emergency Medical Team (EMT) initiative.

"We thank the IFRC for their support from the onset of the EMT Initiative and we look forward to this continued partnership in improving the quality of care in emergencies," said Dr Tedros. "With the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant increase in emergencies around the world, this agreement could not come at a better time."

Mr Chapagain said IFRC was committed to working side-by-side with WHO in providing life-saving health services to communities affected by humanitarian emergencies.

"This MoU will allow us to standardize our emergency health response work and provide increased support for National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies which play such a crucial role in emergency response," Mr Chapagain said. "We are very committed to working together with WHO to provide quality emergency health services that communities desperately need in times of crisis."

The MoU, also known as the Red Channel Agreement, is the culmination of years of collaboration between IFRC and the WHO Emergency Medical Team Initiative.

The new agreement will bring more synergies to health emergency response between the two international organizations, particularly in technical standards, accountability, and coordination.

It aligns the IFRC's system with that of the WHO Emergency Medical Teams global classification system, in doing so recognizing the IFRC's Emergency Response Units as EMTs and heightens the involvement of IFRC teams and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the capacity building efforts of the EMT network.

### **Campaign showcases how cash assistance helps refugees in Turkey regain control of their lives**

Ankara/Berlin/Geneva, 8 December 2020 – A digital campaign that connects inspiring and talented refugees in Turkey with influencers across Europe has been launched today by the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The ca ...

8 December 2020

### **International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Updates / Alerts*

### **Masks for Frontline Workers: The Right Gift at the Right Time**

December 8, 2020

USA Written by By Sonia Lowman, Senior Communications Specialist

### **IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Media highlights [Selected]*

*Statement*

**IRC statement on death of staff member in Ethiopia**

December 10, 2020

**IRCT** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**"Good Neighbours" consortium receives Martin Luther King Award for its work with refugees**

10th December 2020

An inter-faith initiative between Islamic Relief Sweden, the Church of Sweden and the Stockholm mosque has been announced as the recipient of this year's prestigious Martin Luther King Award in Sweden.

**Landsea** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

December 11, 2020

**Mercy Corps Calls For Urgent Climate Adaptation Funding at Climate Ambition Summit**

On the eve of the Climate Ambition Summit co-hosted by the UK, global organisation Mercy Corps has called for more...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Photo Story*

**A year in pictures 2020**

11 Dec 2020

*Nigeria*

**Killings, looting and abductions in Zamfara state**

Project Update 9 Dec 2020

**Operation Smile** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**Climate Ambition Summit lacked real ambition**

12 December 2020

Responding to the Climate Ambition Summit proceedings, Tim Gore, Head of Climate Policy at Oxfam said: "The Climate Ambition Summit lacked real ambition. World leaders must step up in the next 12 critical months to pull the world back from the brink of catastrophic climate change."

**Sanofi/GSK vaccine delay a bitter blow for world's poorest countries**

11 December 2020

The news that the Sanofi/GSK vaccine will not be ready until the end of 2021 is a bitter blow for poorer nations. Sanofi-GSK was set to provide nearly one third of COVAX doses – the global vaccine purchasing facility upon which many of the poorest countries depend.

**Climate-fuelled La Niña in East Africa will drive millions into hunger**

11 December 2020

Over 50 million people are in need of immediate food assistance in the Horn East and Central Africa, with numbers expected to rise significantly as the region braces for harsh, climate fuelled La Niña conditions, said Oxfam today. The warning comes as world leaders prepare to meet for a virtual Climate Ambition Summit.

**Oxfam Reaction to the December European Council**

10 December 2020

Commenting at the close of the EU council meeting where leaders agreed on a new EU 2030 climate target and discussed the EU's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Evelien van Roemburg, head of Oxfam's EU advocacy office said: "The new, more ambitious, EU 2030 target still falls short of what is needed and what is fair. The EU must take urgent practical steps to deliver above and beyond this target."

**Oxfam safeguarding and culture improvement plan, April-Sept 2020**

10 December 2020

Oxfam reports every six months against its Safeguarding and Culture Improvement Plan. The latest report covering the period April to Sept 2020 is published today.



## **UNEP Emissions Gap Report - Reaction**

9 December 2020

The United Nations Environment Programme's 2020 report shows that the over-consumption of a wealthy minority is fuelling the climate crisis, yet it is poor communities and young people who are paying the price.

## **Campaigners warn that 9 out of 10 people in poor countries are set to miss out on COVID-19 vaccine next year**

9 December 2020

Nearly 70 poor countries will only be able to vaccinate one in ten people against COVID-19 next year unless urgent action is taken by governments and the pharmaceutical industry to make sure enough doses are produced.

## **Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest news*

*Global/Cameroon* | 11. Dec 2020

### **Gender-based violence beyond the crises**

As seen with the covid-19 pandemic, gender-based violence is often exacerbated by crises. But in order to combat violence towards women and girls, we need to address the underlying causes that were already in place before emergency struck, writes Delphine Brun, senior GenCap adviser at OCHA Cameroon.

*South Sudan* | 10. Dec 2020

### **Nobel Peace Prize to WFP: "Giving people emergency food is only the beginning"**

"We must work to make people less dependent on food aid and more self-sufficient", says Helen Kape Peters in NORCAP. Helen, who herself has experienced food insecurity as a refugee, believes this is one of the most important issues facing Nobel Peace Prize winner World Food Programme (WFP), and partners such as NORCAP, in the coming years.

*Yemen* | 10. Dec 2020

### **Yemen: People still killed and maimed daily two years since Stockholm Agreement**

A new wave of violence has flared in the governorate at the heart of Yemen's Stockholm Agreement, threatening the ceasefire signed in December 2018 to halt fierce fighting in Hodeidah port city. Two years on from that agreement, over a thousand people (1,249) have been maimed or killed by armed conflict in Hodeidah governorate. This single governorate accounts for almost a quarter of all deaths and injuries in Yemen since the agreement was inked.

*El Salvador/Guatemala/Honduras* | 08. Dec 2020

### **Hundreds of thousands still waiting for humanitarian aid in Honduras and Guatemala**

More than four weeks since tropical storms Eta and Iota devastated Honduras and Guatemala, more than 400,000 people remain in temporary shelters, while thousands are living on the streets in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

*Ethiopia* | 08. Dec 2020

### **"Aid into Ethiopia's Tigray region can no longer wait", NRC urges**

Reacting to the ongoing access challenges into Ethiopia's Tigray region, Norwegian Refugee Council's Secretary General, Jan Egeland, said:

**Pact** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

**[Community Health Workers Connect Patients to Care in U.S. COVID Response](#)**

With PIH's support, states and municipalities battling COVID-19 are hiring and training residents as community health workers to connect patients and their families with care and support.

December 11, 2020

**[On Human Rights Day, PIH Calls for Support of People's Vaccine](#)**

PIH and partners urge the U.S. government to support a People's Vaccine, which would be free and available to all.

December 10, 2020

**[In Rural Mexico, PIH Community Health Workers Accompany COVID-19 Patients](#)**

Compañeros En Salud, as Partners In Health is known in Mexico, works with nine rural communities in the coffee-growing Sierra Madre region of Chiapas. As part of that work, CES hires and trains local residents to serve as community health workers—especially crucial during the COVID-19 response.

December 10, 2020

**[On The Line: Contact Tracers Accompany COVID-19 Patients In Massachusetts](#)**

Since Partners In Health launched its contact tracing partnership with the state of Massachusetts in April, contact tracers have made roughly 750,000 calls across the state—connecting COVID-19 patients with vital care and resources. In this multimedia feature, contact tracers share first-hand accounts.

December 10, 2020

**PATH** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Release*

**[Advancing Zambia's goal to end malaria, PATH receives new award from the President's Malaria Initiative](#)**

A new cooperative agreement will accelerate malaria burden reduction and elimination goals in Zambia.

December 8, 2020 by PATH

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

10 December 2020 - Syria

**Number of out of school children doubles in northern Syria as coronavirus, poverty take their toll**

8 December 2020 - Syria

**SYRIA: Save the Children welcomes repatriation of 70 children from North East, urges evacuation of medical cases**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*All News*

*Innsbruck*

**SOS Children's Villages appoints new Chief Executive Officer**

December 10 2020 - SOS Children's Villages appoints Ingrid Maria Johansen as CEO, effective 4 January 2021.

*#CovidUnder19*

**What does the pandemic mean for children?**

December 9 2020 - The #CovidUnder19 Global survey is an initiative led by children and young people that aims to understand the impact of the pandemic and related measures from the view of children and young people.

*Cameroon*

**Struggling but enduring, a story of single parenthood in Cameroon**

December 7 2020 - The death of a husband often means hardship for many single mothers in Central Africa. Often, they show incredible resilience to rise above such difficult circumstances to break the cycle of stigma.

**Tostan** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Blogs & Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<http://wwi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**[Aid agency warns: "Children left out of crucial climate summit"](#)**

December 8th 2020

**[Charitable spirit alive after difficult year as global survey shows over three quarters of...](#)**

December 8th 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* | December 10, 2020

**[Unfiltered: How YouTube's 'Content ID' Helps Shape What We See Online](#)**

San Francisco –YouTube is supposed to be a vibrant space for new creativity, but in practice creators are sharply hampered by the site's "Content ID" system. A new [whitepaper](#) from the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) takes a deep dive into the confusing process of getting a video past YouTube's...

**Freedom House** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

*Latest Updates*

**[Freedom House Welcomes New Trustees](#)**

*Press release*

December 10, 2020

**[The Impact of COVID-19 on Indigenous Peoples in Southern Africa](#)**

*Perspectives*

December 10, 2020

**[Report: Digital Election Interference Widespread in Countries Across the Democratic Spectrum](#)**

*Press release*

December 7, 2020

**Human Rights Watch** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

December 13, 2020

**[Iraq: Step Toward Justice for ISIS Child Suspects](#)**

A special committee of judges to adjudicate cases of children in detention in Iraq for alleged links to the Islamic State (ISIS) appeared to comply with international human rights standards better than other Iraqi courts.

December 11, 2020 Dispatches

**[The Trump Administration's Final Insult and Injury to Refugees](#)**

Bill Frelick

Director, Refugee and Migrant Rights Division

Arms December 11, 2020

*Report*

**[Azerbaijan: Unlawful Strikes in Nagorno-Karabakh](#)**

Arms December 11, 2020

*Report*

**[Armenia: Unlawful Rocket, Missile Strikes on Azerbaijan](#)**

**Transparency International** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press*

**[Transparency International announces establishment of National Contact in Afghanistan](#)**

Transparency Afghanistan will prioritise government procurement, business integrity, access to information, and anti-corruption commitments and institutions

Transparency International is pleased to announce the establishment of Transparency Afghanistan, the global anti-corruption coalition's new National Contact in Afghanistan. The new organisation will...  
09 December 2020

**[International Anti-Corruption Day 2020: Leading economists, trade unions, diverse civil society groups call on UN General Assembly to end anonymous companies](#)**

A group comprised of leading economists, trade unions and civil society organisations tackling issues from human rights, to poverty, to business integrity, have come together for International...  
09 December 2020

**[Transparency International rejects false accusations in Brazilian media](#)**

Articles recently published in the Brazilian media concerning Transparency International and its national chapter contain false information concerning a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between...  
08 December 2020

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*News/ Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

**[The proof of the pudding is in the eating](#)**

Dec 9, 2020 | Director's Blog

To what extent has nearly a year of teleworking hampered our work? It has been harder to stay informed. It has been harder to get a sense of the bigger picture. It has been harder to influence. And, what was that about shrinking civil society space?

**The Elders** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://theelders.org/news-insight>

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*News*

**[“Prepare, Prioritise, Promote”: The Elders’ three pillars for public health after COVID-19](#)**

11 December 2020

The Elders today launched a new report, “Building Back Better for Universal Health”, setting out three key pillars to inform the leadership needed from governments and policymakers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic at a national and global level.

PDF: <https://theelders.org/sites/default/files/newsarticldocument/20201211-ELDERS-STATEMENT-Prepare-Prioritise-Promote-The-Elders-three-pillars-for-public-health-after-COVID-19.pdf>

*Reports*

**[Building Back Better for Universal Health](#)**

11 December 2020

The Elders have launched a new report calling on leaders to make the achievement of Universal Health Coverage a top priority in their government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Videos*

**[The climate crisis is not a distant threat. It is already here.](#)**

10 Dec 2020

Speaking ahead of the Climate Ambition Summit, Graça Machel calls for bold and urgent climate action.

*News*

**[The Elders discuss the role forgiveness plays in justice and conflict resolution](#)**

10 Dec 2020

The Elders will take part in the launch of the Forgiveness Forum, hosted by the Templeton World Charity Foundation.

*Guest Blog*

**[Putting GBV survivors at the centre of data collection efforts](#)**

09 Dec 2020

Nadine Tunasi from Survivors Speak Out highlights the importance of a survivor-centred approach to data collection within and beyond conflict zones

*News*

**[From Paris to 2030: a call for climate leadership](#)**

09 Dec 2020

The Elders join leading experts on climate action and sustainability to mark the fifth anniversary of the Paris Climate Agreement at a virtual event hosted together with Project Syndicate and the European Investment Bank.

**Evidence Aid** [to 12 Dec 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*

**[Physical interventions to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses \(search done on 1 April 2020\)](#)****[Added December 11, 2020](#)**

**[Dental caries prevention strategies among children and adolescents with immigrant – or low socioeconomic backgrounds- do they work](#)****[Added December 7, 2020](#)**

**[Inequalities in health care utilization among migrants and non-migrants in Germany](#)****[Added December 7, 2020](#)**

**[Impact of social support on oral health among immigrants and ethnic minorities](#)****[Added December 7, 2020](#)**

**Gavi** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News releases*

**[What do immunity passports and vaccination certificates mean for COVID-19 restrictions?](#)**

*Here's why continuing to physically distance and wear masks is vital until we can be sure how long vaccine-acquired immunity lasts.*

11 December 2020

An immunity passport is an official document that certifies “an individual has been infected and is purportedly immune to SARS-CoV-2.” In principle, this can then give an individual more freedom to travel and socialise, allowing people to enter a country if they can provide evidence that they have already recovered from COVID-19.

The theory is that by providing proof of a positive and then a negative test, the person will have had the disease and is expected to have developed antibodies or other forms of immune memory to protect them from getting ill again.

Hungary has introduced a policy allowing people to enter the country if they can provide evidence that they have already recovered from COVID-19. Iceland is planning on introducing a similar policy that will allow people who have already had COVID-19 to be exempt from the nationwide mask mandate. This raises difficult questions as some people with underlying health conditions, including autism, panic disorders and breathing difficulties, are already exempt from wearing a mask but have not necessarily recovered from infection or have any immunity to it.

In April, the World Health Organization (WHO) cautioned against the use of immunity passports saying: “there is not enough evidence about the effectiveness of antibody-mediated immunity to guarantee the accuracy of an ‘immunity passport’ or ‘risk-free certificate’.” It recently confirmed that this position has not changed.

WHO also suggested that immunity passports could in fact increase the risks of continued transmission, because those carrying one would ignore public health advice about physically distancing.

Immunity passports also raise ethical issues due to concerns that documentation could be fraudulently reproduced, and could even incentivise otherwise healthy people to “willfully seek out infection” so they could enjoy more freedom....

**Getty Conservation Institute** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**Meet the Getty Research Institute's Newest Artist in Residence**

How Gala Porras-Kim reimagines the museum

Anya Ventura | December 8, 2020

**Global Fund** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources, events, content*

**Mainstreaming of Q&A:Panel discussion**

December 14, 2020 - 11:00am to 12:30pm

Online

**Preventing statelessness and mitigating the impact of statelessness on life of affected individuals**

December 14, 2020 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Online

**Guardian's of the Planet: Children and Youth Voices on Climate Crisis and DRR**

December 17, 2020 - 4:00pm

Online

**InterAction** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

**Commemorating Human Rights Day**

Josephine Thornton | Dec 10, 2020

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*



## **The Settlements Approach Guidance Note**

Louise Thaller Mohamed Hilmi Tulio Mateo | Dec 9, 2020

*Global & Public Policy Positions*

## **Humanitarian Action Conundrums: Neutrality**

Patricia McIlreavy | Dec 8, 2020

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## **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Publications/Events/Blogs*

## **Mapping the effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition: Launch of the 3ie Food Systems Evidence Gap Map**

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) and Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA) research group were commissioned by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in February 2020 to develop an Evidence Gap Map (EGM) of the effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition outcomes. This map can help increase the discoverability of evidence and its use by decision makers working on policies and programmes.

Time: 8:00 am EST – 9:30 am EST Start Date: 14 January 2021 End Date: 14 January 2021

[Register Now](#)

## **CHS Alliance** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Development Initiatives** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News/Blog/Events*

08 Dec 2020

## **Catch up & help shape our next 33rd Annual Meeting events**

08 Dec 2020

## **Invitation to participate in ALNAP M&E initiatives**

## **Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

**[New R2HC funding call announced for 2021](#)**

09.12.2020

In early 2021, our Research for Health in Humanitarian Crisis (R2HC) programme will launch a special funding call for research proposals with the potential to create transformative change to health response within the humanitarian sector.

These research proposals must address one or more priority humanitarian health evidence gaps, and be of sufficient scale or complexity to justify the high grant value. Grants will be available for between £1-3 million to support research studies for up to three years, from late 2021.

Strategic partnerships between researchers, including in the country(s) where research will be conducted, with humanitarian practitioners, and with end users of research findings will be critical...

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News/Events*

**[Prof. Blanchet Inaugural Lecture at the University of Geneva](#)**

12/11/20

On 3 December 2020, our Director, Professor Karl Blanchet, gave his inaugural lecture as Ordinary Professor of the Department of Health and Community Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva.

Professor Blanchet lecture, with the title “La recherche au service de l’action humanitaire” is now available here in French or English...

**Groupe URD** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection*

**[Coping with Covid-19 in a warming world](#)**

Selection#36 (30th of November – 6th of December)

This week we feature climate change; in particular the need to monitor rising temperatures and its effects and how grass-roots groups working on climate change mobilised to address Covid. Our selection also includes a long-term look at climate change from Bolivia.

We continue with the theme of localisation and decolonisation with opinions on widely ranging topics; from the need to recognise the knowledge of African scholars on African politics in academia, to the role of local actors in cash transfer and voucher programmes.

Finally, we have a couple of posts on migration: on the fate of migrants in India during the pandemic and the dehumanising conditions in the UK's migration detention centres, showing that the risks faced by migrants, asylum seekers and refugees during the pandemic truly spans the north-south divide.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://inee.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

[Recording available for the fourth session of the Learning Stream on Risk Management in Practice](#)

12/7/2020

**Sphere** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020*

*Latest Research/Events*

*Report*

[What's the Fed doing in response to the COVID-19 crisis? What more could it do?](#)

[Jeffrey Cheng, Tyler Powell, Dave Skidmore, and David Wessel](#)

Friday, December 11, 2020

*Technology & Innovation*

[How the Biden administration should tackle AI oversight](#)

[Alex Engler](#)

Thursday, December 10, 2020

*Financial Institutions*

**[3 steps to improve anti-money laundering regulation](#)**

Aaron Klein

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

*Health Care Policy*

**[Achieving an equitable national health system for America](#)**

Stuart M. Butler

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

*Report*

**[Blueprints to advance racial justice and worker mobility](#)**

Alan Berube and Camille Busette

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

**Center for Global Development** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

December 10, 2020

**[Domestic Revenue Mobilization in Low Income Countries: Where To From Here?](#)**

Spending needs for financing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in developing countries are large and cannot be covered by external flows alone. This has made it imperative for these countries to raise more resources domestically over time—an urgency accentuated by the fiscal impact of COVID-19, possibly with a long-lasting impact on revenue-generating capacity.

Peter Mullins , [Sanjeev Gupta](#) and [Jianhong Liu](#)

December 10, 2020

**[The Future of Private Finance for Development in Poor Countries](#)**

This paper reviews data on private development finance flows in poor countries, identifies the lessons and questions that should shape future efforts to mobilize more finance, and develops proposals to strengthen performance.

[Nancy Lee](#) and [Mauricio Cardenas Gonzalez](#)

December 10, 2020

**[Global Mobility and the Threat of Pandemics: Evidence from Three Centuries](#)**

Countries restrict the overall extent of international travel and migration to balance the expected costs and benefits of mobility. Given the ever-present threat of new, future pandemics, how should permanent restrictions on mobility respond?

[Michael Clemens](#) and [Thomas Ginn](#)

December 10, 2020

**[Rising Debt Burdens, The Impact on Public Spending, and the Coronavirus Crisis](#)**

Even before the coronavirus crisis, since 2011 debt payments have grown rapidly for lower income countries. In this paper we analyse debt payments for 63 countries with figures available from the IMF and World Bank.

[Tim Jones](#)

December 9, 2020

**[Strengthening Approaches to Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding at the UN and IFIs: Key Ideas and Recommendations](#)**

All three of the recent UN secretary-general reports on peacebuilding and sustaining peace (2018, 2019, and 2020) take note of the need to enhance collaboration between the UN—not only its development system but also its peace and security and humanitarian arms—with international financial institutions (IFIs), namely the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

December 8, 2020

**[Some Thoughts on Country Platforms](#)**

Here are five questions that the G20 IFA Working Group might want to answer if it is to harness the energy of the enthusiasts and quell the skepticism of the cynics.

[Mark Plant](#)

December 7, 2020

**[COVID-19 and Violence against Women and Children: A Third Research Round Up for the 16 Days of Activism](#)**

This year, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence comes at a time when there is unprecedented global attention on violence against women and children (VAW/C). The theme of “Fund, Respond, Prevent and Collect!” puts a focus on the need for increased financing to support survivors and prevent future violence, as well as the importance of data collection, rigorous analysis and research to guide effective financing and policy decision making.

[Amber Peterman](#) and [Megan O'Donnell](#)

December 7, 2020

**[The COVID-19 Vaccine: Do We Know Enough to End the Pandemic?](#)**

The SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented public health challenge, spurring a global race to develop and distribute viable vaccines. By mid-2021, there will likely be multiple licensed vaccines. Although there is an urgent need for these vaccines to be made available, several critical features of any COVID-19 vaccine must be considered to ensure optimal delivery and impact.

[Rima Shretta](#) , [Kalipso Chalkidou](#) , [Ricardo Aguas](#) , [Hiral Anil Shah](#) , [Francis Ruiz](#) and [Lisa J. White](#)

December 7, 2020

**[Testimony before Canada's Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development](#)**

Jimmy Graham is a former CGD research assistant who is now a consultant on CGD and Refugees International's Let Them Work initiative.

[Jimmy Graham](#)

**CSIS** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

**[Huawei, HONOR, and China's Evolving State Capitalist Tool Kit](#)**

December 11, 2020 | [Scott Livingston](#) Huawei's recent sale of its HONOR smartphone to a nominally private company demonstrates the blurring of public and private sector in support of CCP objectives, an approach that is one element of China's evolving economic model that we call "CCP Inc."

*Report*

### **[U.S. Nuclear Warhead Modernization and "New" Nuclear Weapons](#)**

December 10, 2020 | [Rebecca Hersman](#), [Joseph Rodgers](#) The brief examines the debate surrounding the development of U.S. nuclear warheads and whether the United States is creating "new" nuclear weapons. It examines the expansion of U.S. nuclear warhead capabilities and its implications for the U.S.-UK and NATO relations.

*Report*

### **[The Hidden Costs of Cybercrime](#)**

December 9, 2020 | [James Andrew Lewis](#), [Zhanna Malekos Smith](#), [Eugenia Lostri](#) As the global losses from cybercrime approach \$1 trillion, this report focuses on those costs that organizations may be less aware of, such as opportunity costs, down time, and damaged staff morale.

*Report*

### **[Five Types of International Cooperation for Missile Defense](#)**

December 9, 2020 The United States has long worked with its allies on missile defense cooperation. Yet as missile threats proliferate, international cooperation has become increasingly important.

*Report*

### **[Lessons from the El Salvador Peace Process for Afghanistan](#)**

December 9, 2020 | [Linnea Sandin](#), [Shannon McKeown](#) Peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban began in September, providing an opportunity for peace after 40 years of conflict. As negotiations unfold, it is important to consider countries who have overcome seemingly intractable conflicts to forge peace.

*Report*

### **[Civilian Protection through Civilian Control: An Overlooked Piece of Security Sector Assistance in the Sahel](#)**

December 9, 2020 | [Alice Hunt Friend](#) There is no capacity-building for civilian control commensurate with the emphasis on building military capabilities. Humanitarian goals in the Sahel could be achieved sustainably by adjusting security sector assistance to expand civilian capacity to control the military.

*Report*

### **[Department of Defense Other Transaction Authority Trends: A New R&D Funding Paradigm?](#)**

December 8, 2020 | [Rhys McCormick](#) Other Transaction Authority (OTA) agreements are an increasingly popular tool across the Department of Defense as the United States seeks ways to maintain technological superiority against global competitors. This brief examines the recent trends in OTA usage across the...

*Report*

### **[Chronology of Possible Russian Gray Area and Hybrid Warfare Operations](#)**

December 8, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) Civil, political, and economic gray zone operations illustrate the range and depth of Russian gray zone activities, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

*Report*

**[Energy Transitions in Emerging Economies: What Success Looks Like and How to Replicate It](#)**

December 8, 2020 | [Nikos Tsafos](#), [Lachlan Carey](#) If there is a balancing act between growth and decarbonization, it is more evident in theory than in practice. In three case studies, the CSIS Energy Program sees real successes and genuine opportunities to create a prosperous, low-carbon future.

*Report*

**[The U.S.-Japan Alliance in 2020](#)**

December 7, 2020 | [Richard L. Armitage](#), [Joseph S. Nye Jr.](#), [Victor Cha](#), [Matthew P. Goodman](#), [Michael J. Green](#) Developing a more equal U.S.-Japan alliance is critical to addressing both regional and global challenges. The latest "Armitage-Nye" report identifies issues both allies should prioritize to advance their relationship as well as global security and prosperity.

**Rand** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://www.rand.org/pubs.html>

*Selected Research Reports/Journal Articles*

*Journal Article*

**[What Can DNA Exonerations Tell Us About Racial Differences in Wrongful-Conviction Rates?](#)**

We show that data on DNA exonerations can be informative about racial differences in wrongful-conviction rates.

Dec 11, 2020

David D B Bjerk, Eric Helland

*Journal Article*

**[Unintended Consequences of Products Liability: Evidence from the Pharmaceutical Market](#)**

This article explains a surprising effect of tort liability in the market for prescription drugs: punitive damages shift liability from doctors to drug companies, but not when physician malpractice liability is limited."

Dec 11, 2020

Eric Helland, Darius N. Lakdawalla, Anup Malani, Seth A. Seabury

*Journal Article*

**[The Role of Ideology in Judicial Evaluations of Experts](#)**

This article tests the legal realist theory of judicial behavior, which posits that judges' ideology impacts their legal decisions, but that the law constrains the judges' ability to exercise those preferences.

Dec 11, 2020

Eric Helland

*Journal Article*

**[Does It Matter Who Pays for Auto Injuries?](#)**

In many states, auto insurers rather than health insurers pay for a substantial fraction of the medical care following auto crashes.

Dec 11, 2020

Paul Heaton, Eric Helland

*Journal Article*

**Medicare Secondary Payer and Settlement Delay**

The Medicare Secondary Payer Act of 1980 and its subsequent amendments led to a delay in the resolution of disputes involving auto accidents of about six months.

Dec 11, 2020

Eric Helland, Jonathan Klick

*Journal Article*

**Bias in the Legal Profession: Self-Assessed Versus Statistical Measures of Discrimination**

This article uses data from the After the J.D. study to compare standard Blinder-Oaxaca measures of earnings discrimination to self-reported measures of client discrimination, other work-related discrimination, and harassment.

Dec 11, 2020

Heather Antecol, Deborah A. Cobb-Clark, Eric Helland

*Journal Article*

**Valid Inference in Single-Firm, Single-Event Studies**

This paper concerns single-firm event studies, which are especially important in the context of securities litigation. Event studies can be used to address directly the materiality and loss causation elements.

Dec 11, 2020

Jonah Gelbach, Eric Helland, Jonathan Klick

*Journal Article*

**Product Liability and Moral Hazard: Evidence from General Aviation**

We estimate the impact of tort liability on a subset of consumers who have significant control over the probability of an accident: consumers of general aviation aircraft.

Dec 11, 2020

Eric Helland, Alexander Tabarrok

*Report*

**Learn Together Surveys: 2020 Technical Documentation and Survey Results**

This report provides additional information about the sample, survey instrument, and resultant data for the 2020 Learn Together Surveys that were administered to principals and teachers via the RAND Corporation's American Educator Panels.

Dec 10, 2020

Christopher J. Young, David Grant, Laura S. Hamilton, Gerald P. Hunter, Claude Messan Setodji, Matt Strawn

*Report*

**Benchmarks for Success: Expected Short- and Long-Term Outcomes of National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Participants**

National Guard Youth ChalleNGe is a residential intervention program to help teens who have dropped out of high school. Sites can compare the outcomes of their cadets with this set of population benchmarks derived from public datasets.

Dec 10, 2020

Kathryn A. Edwards



*Journal Article*

**Blood Transfusion in the Perioperative Period**

Anemia is associated with perioperative mortality and morbidity, and blood transfusion exposes the patient to both infectious and noninfectious complications.

Dec 10, 2020

Raymond A. Zollo, Michael P. Eaton, Marcin Karcz, Robert Pasternak, Laurent G. Glance

*Journal Article*

**Use and Non-Use Values of Auckland Council Amenities: Final Report**

Auckland Council commissioned this study to quantify how much the public use and value local amenities. To fulfill the study needs, a survey was undertaken with Auckland residents to collect data on their usage of these amenities.

Dec 10, 2020

Hui Lu, Charlene Rohr, Peter Burge

*Journal Article*

**Impact of Present-on-admission Indicators on Risk-adjusted Hospital Mortality Measurement**

We sought to develop and validate a risk index for in-hospital mortality using only present-on-admission diagnoses, principal procedures, and secondary procedures occurring before the date of the principal procedure.

Dec 10, 2020

Jarrold E. Dalton, Laurent G. Glance, Edward J. Mascha, John Ehrlinger, Nassib Chamoun, Daniel I. Sessler

*Journal Article*

**Trends in Racial Disparities for Injured Patients Admitted to Trauma Centers**

We performed an observational cohort study to determine whether outcome disparities between black and white trauma patients have decreased over the last 10 years.

Dec 10, 2020

Laurent G. Glance, Turner M. Osler, Dana B. Mukamel, J. Wayne Meredith, Yue Li, Feng Qian, Andrew W. Dick

*Journal Article*

**Are Health Systems Redesigning How Health Care Is Delivered?**

An exploratory qualitative study to explore why and how health systems are engaging in care delivery redesign (CDR) activities.

Dec 10, 2020

Dennis P. Scanlon, Jillian B. Harvey, Laura J. Wolf, Jocelyn M. Vanderbrink, Bethany Shaw, Yunfeng Shi, Yasmin Mahmud, M. Susan Ridgely, Cheryl L. Damberg

*Journal Article*

**Understanding How Health Systems Facilitate Primary Care Redesign**

The objectives of this study are to understand how health systems are facilitating primary care redesign (PCR), examine the PCR initiatives taking place within systems, and identify barriers to this work.

Dec 10, 2020

Jillian B. Harvey, Jocelyn M. Vanderbrink, Yasmin Mahmud, Erin Kitt-Lewis, Laura J. Wolf, Bethany Shaw, M. Susan Ridgely, Cheryl L. Damberg, Dennis P. Scanlon

*Journal Article*

**Care Integration Within and Outside Health System Boundaries**

We developed manager and staff surveys to collect data on organizational, social, and clinical process integration, at four organizational levels: practice site, physician organization, health system, and outside health systems.

Dec 10, 2020

Sara J. Singer, Anna D. Sinaiko, Maïke V. Tietschert, Michaela J. Kerrissey, Russell S. Phillips, Veronique Martin, Grace Joseph, Hassina Bahadurzada, Denis Agniel

*Journal Article*

**The Importance of Understanding and Measuring Health System Structural, Functional, and Clinical Integration**

We explore if there are ways to characterize health systems-not already revealed by secondary data-that could provide new insights into differences in health system performance.

Dec 10, 2020

M. Susan Ridgely, Christine Buttorff, Laura J. Wolf, Erin Lindsey Duffy, Ashlyn Tom, Cheryl L. Damberg, Dennis P. Scanlon, Mary E. Vaiana

*Journal Article*

**Impact of Primary Care Worksite Health and Wellness Clinics on HbA1c Level Among Prediabetic or Diabetic Employees**

This study determined whether the use of worksite health and wellness clinics reduced hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) for prediabetic and diabetic employees.

Dec 10, 2020

Catherine C. Cohen, Simon Hollands, Harry H. Liu

*Report*

**A Model of the Spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic During a Hurricane in Virginia**

The threat of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic increases the complexity of risk management decisions during the hurricane season. This report examines the implications that a hurricane during the pandemic would have for Virginia.

Dec 9, 2020

Carter C. Price, Kelly Klima, Adrienne M. Propp, Sean Colbert-Kelly

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

## *Publications*

### **Comparing Adequacy Adjustments to Social Security**

Over the years, bipartisan recommendations for putting Social Security on a more fiscally sustainable path have used various combinations of revenue increases and benefit reductions. Many have also included reforms that would ensure adequate benefits, known as adequacy adjustments, for those who particularly depend on the income the program provides. Using Urban's DYNASIM model, this report examines the

[Melissa M. Favreault](#), [Karen E. Smith](#)

December 11, 2020

Brief

### **Employer-Sponsored Small-Dollar Loans: A Survey of Products and Employers**

Employers are increasingly collaborating with financial institutions to offer employees small-dollar loans intended to help workers cover short-term financial emergencies. To help employers and others understand the current employer-sponsored small-dollar loan (ESSDL) market and emerging issues, this report discusses the need for safe and affordable short-term loans and describes the business models, loan terms

[Heather Hahn](#), [Caleb Quakenbush](#), [Kassandra Martinchek](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Susan Sarver](#)

December 10, 2020

Research Report

### **Starting a Small-Dollar Loan Program for Your Employees**

An employer-sponsored small-dollar loan (ESSDL) can make a big difference in the lives of employees who lack access to affordable credit. As a low-cost, highly valued employee benefit, small-dollar loans may also meet important needs for companies. This checklist is designed to help employers understand the choices and trade-offs among different employer-based loan programs. For a more detailed report, see:

[Caleb Quakenbush](#), [Heather Hahn](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Susan Sarver](#)

December 10, 2020

Fact Sheet

### **New Models for Community Shareholding**

A set of emerging approaches seeks to use economic development to close the racial wealth gap through community equity investments. Sometimes referred to as neighborhood real estate investment trusts, community investment trusts, or investment cooperatives, these models offer residents the opportunity to purchase equity shares in a project and benefit financially from new development in their neighborhood.

[Brett Theodos](#), [Leiha Edmonds](#)

December 10, 2020

Brief

### **What the Housing Affordability for Renters Index Tells Us about Homeownership Prospects for Newark Renters**

An examination of the city of Newark using our housing affordability for renters index (HARI) reveals that homeownership in Newark is not affordable to Newark renters but is affordable to renters from other parts of the New York MSA and from renters in Essex County, where Newark sits. Trends in census data also confirm that Newark has been an attractive place for homebuyers in the New York MSA and that the

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Jun Zhu](#)

December 8, 2020

Brief

### **Reimagining Workplace Protections: A Policy Agenda to Meet Independent Contractors' and Temporary Workers' Needs**

Millions of workers in nonstandard arrangements, including temporary, subcontracted, and on-call workers and independent contractors, lack access to essential workplace protections or, where protections do exist, to adequate enforcement mechanisms. Building an equitable economy requires addressing these shortcomings and reimagining our system of workplace protections. This report provides a policy framework for

[Jenny R. Yang](#), [Molly Weston Williamson](#), [Shelly Steward](#), [Steven Brown](#), [Hilary Greenberg](#), [Jessica Shakesprere](#)

December 8, 2020

Research Report

### **Reimagining Workplace Protections for Temporary Workers**

Temp staffing agencies hire workers for temp jobs at host companies, and the staffing agency serves as the employer of record for the job's duration. Though initially introduced for short-term needs, staffing agencies are increasingly providing workers for long-term engagements. As temp work has grown, job quality has deteriorated, with temp workers earning 20 to 25 percent less an hour than those in permanent

[Jenny R. Yang](#), [Molly Weston Williamson](#), [Shelly Steward](#), [Steven Brown](#), [Hilary Greenberg](#), [Jessica Shakesprere](#)

December 8, 2020

Fact Sheet

### **Reimagining Workplace Protections for Independent Contractors**

The current system of workplace protections in the US leaves behind millions of independent contractors. These workers face high risks of discrimination, wage theft, and economic insecurity, yet have few legal protections to mediate these risks. This fact sheet, extracted from the report Reimagining Workplace Protections: A Policy Agenda to Meet Independent Contractors' and Temporary Workers' Needs, highlights

[Jenny R. Yang](#), [Molly Weston Williamson](#), [Shelly Steward](#), [Steven Brown](#), [Hilary Greenberg](#), [Jessica Shakesprere](#)

December 8, 2020

Fact Sheet

### **Forty Percent of Black and Hispanic Parents of School-Age Children Are Food Insecure**

As the recession persists and the White House and Congress have failed to agree on additional economic relief, families with school-age children also face uncertainty around in-person school attendance and access to school meals. In this brief, we use data from the most recent wave of the Coronavirus Tracking Survey, a nationally representative survey of nonelderly adults conducted September 11–28, 2020, to

[Poonam Gupta](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Elaine Waxman](#)

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### **Six Months into the Pandemic, 40 Percent of Parents with Young Children Have Experienced Economic Fallout**

Although the profound health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are prompting new questions about how families with young children may be affected, there has been limited attention to the specific ways that safety net policies and pandemic relief programs can be leveraged to buffer the pandemic's adverse consequences for the youngest members of US society. As a result, opportunities have been missed

[Elaine Waxman](#), [Poonam Gupta](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#)

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**The Wistar Institute** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Media*

### **Ethics by Design: New Report Helps Companies Move Beyond Compliance**

News 10 Dec 2020

:: World Economic Forum has launched “[Ethics by Design](#)” – An Organizational Approach to Responsible Use of Technology, which details steps organizations can take for the ethical use of technology

:: Report integrates psychology and behavioural economics findings with in-depth interviews to provide business, academics and civil society leaders with a set of comprehensive recommendations to build and use technology more ethically and responsibly

:: Report indicates that organizations that use technology ethically consider the potential harm to humans and society at every stage of their decision-making processes

:: Read the [full report here](#)

### **From Vaccine Delivery to Remote Working, Experts Predict Internet-Enabled Devices Will Shape Global COVID-19 Recovery**

News 09 Dec 2020

### **World Economic Forum Launches An Innovative Framework on Anti-Corruption Day**

News 09 Dec 2020

### **Nations Sign First Agreement to Unlock Potential of Emerging Tech**

News 09 Dec 2020

:: Canada, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Singapore, UAE and UK sign world's first “Agile Nations” agreement at a panel co-organized by the World Economic Forum

:: Agreement paves the way for the seven nations to help innovators navigate their rules, test new ideas with regulators and scale them across their markets

:: Collaboration builds on World Economic Forum and OECD efforts to support more effective regulation of technological innovation in the Fourth Industrial Revolution

:: Agreement welcomed by Facebook, IBM, Sherlock Biosciences, Siemens, Suade Labs and Volvo for its forward-thinking approach to regulation during the panel. Watch the video [here](#)  
:: Read the [Agile Nations Charter](#) and the World Economic Forum's toolkit for better regulation in the Fourth Industrial Revolution [here](#)

### **World Economic Forum Launches Initiative to Enable Equitable and Trusted Use of Data for Global Common Good**

News 08 Dec 2020

:: World Economic Forum announces today the first-of-its-kind global initiative on designing a governance framework to responsibly enhance the societal benefit from data  
:: Individuals, private enterprise, civil society, research and government institutions will all benefit when data assets are exchanged to stimulate the transition from traditional to data-driven economies  
:: The initiative is critical to ensuring that currently inaccessible data is available to solve key challenges, such as optimizing responses to the COVID-19 pandemic  
:: With over 50 global partners from 20 countries, including 10 governments, the Data for Common Purpose Initiative aims to drive innovation in the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution by accelerating the trustworthy and equitable use of data to unlock value  
:: Learn more about the initiative [here](#)

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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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

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### **Bill and Melinda Gates call for collaboration, continued innovation to overcome challenges of delivering COVID-19 scientific breakthroughs to the world**

Gates Foundation pledges additional \$250 million to accelerate development and equitable distribution of COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines to end the pandemic  
*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 12 Dec 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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*The Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 12 Dec 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*  
*December 8, 2020*

**[GHIT Fund Announces New Investments: A Total of 230 Million Yen in Drugs for Malaria and Chagas Disease](#)**

**Grameen Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest Updates*

**[Philanthropies commit to sustained collective action in response to the climate emergency](#)**

On the eve of the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, philanthropies, including the Hewlett Foundation, have underlined and enhanced their commitment to investing in climate solutions. In September 2018, 29 funders made a combined pledge to grant \$4 billion to tackle the climate crisis at the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS). The original group...

Environment December 11, 2020

**[Securing the future of U.S. elections](#)**

U.S. Democracy

By Vanessa Tucker

December 11, 2020

**[Moving beyond neoliberalism: Q&A with Felicia Wong](#)**

December 9, 2020

**[Economy and Society Initiative Grantmaking Strategy](#)**

In March 2018, the Hewlett Foundation's board approved a two-year, \$10 million exploratory grantmaking effort to examine potential successors to neoliberalism, the intellectual paradigm that has dominated our economic and policy debates for the past 40 years. This exploration was predicated on the belief that neoliberalism has outlived its usefulness and needs to be replaced...

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**[Hewlett Foundation announces new, five-year \\$50 million Economy and Society Initiative to support growing movement to replace neoliberalism](#)**

Menlo Park, Calif. — The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation today announced a five-year, \$50 million commitment to help develop a new intellectual paradigm to replace neoliberalism—the framework that has dominated our economic and political debates for more than forty years. The new Economy and Society Initiative will help develop a new “common sense” about...

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*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**[Modern conservatism's role in replacing neoliberalism: Q&A with Oren Cass](#)**

Economy and Society December 8, 2020

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*



**IKEA Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Stories*

**[Social business boosts livelihoods and recycling efforts in India](#)**

In India, recycling depends upon informal waste pickers who scour through waste, pick out recyclable materials and sell them to recyclers. However, their livelihoods are precarious, with irregular and unfair...

December 8, 2020

**[Buildings as a window of opportunity for climate action](#)**

Buildings are responsible for 36% of the total greenhouse gas emissions in Europe. Almost half of building-related emissions come from the production of materials like cement, steel and glass, and...

December 7, 2020

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

December 10, 2020 *News Release*

**[New National and State Estimates for Recommended COVID-19 Vaccination Priority Population](#)**

This month the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) adopted a recommendation that health care workers and long-term care residents should be the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine once it is authorized or approved by the FDA. A new KFF analysis estimates there are 15.5 million people working...

December 8, 2020 *News Release*

**[What Might President Biden Do on Health Policy Without Congressional Action?](#)**

President-elect Joe Biden campaigned on major health reforms, including building on the Affordable Care Act, better managing the COVID-19 pandemic and lowering prescription drug costs, but a narrowly divided Congress could stifle efforts to enact such major legislation. The Biden administration instead may choose to move forward on a variety...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News, Events, What We're Learning*

**Casebook to Combat Disinformation**

December 8, 2020

*Grantee Research*

The Media Manipulation Casebook has created resources on disinformation campaigns for researchers, organizers, policy makers, and others working to combat misinformation. As technological tools increase risks, the project seeks to help civil society document, detect, describe, and debunk disinformation. Technology and Social Change Research Project, hosted at grantee Shorenstein Center at Harvard University, provide resources, research, created the Casebook and includes case studies, and definitions to inform a shared vocabulary to describe media attacks.

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

*Mellon News, Press Releases*

**Monument Lab is Reimagining America's Commemorative Landscape**

*A Philadelphia-based creative studio is helping to shape the future of our public histories.*

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**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

**Experimenting with virtual community building**

December 7, 2020

The Moore Foundation's Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems (EPIQS) Initiative was established as an integrated research program that crosses the boundaries between physics, chemistry, and materials science. One of the interrelated strategies to achieve the initiative's goal is community building – creating and sustaining a collaborative research community to promote the exchange of materials, methods, and knowledge.

In 2020, the annual EPIQS investigator symposium, a community activity cherished by the first cohort of grantees, had to be reimagined. The week-long in-person gathering of all grantees was condensed to a three-day virtual symposium, nicknamed EPIQS Zoomposium. Presentations by the newest grantees were prioritized as an opportunity for them to interact and meet the rest of the cohort. Plenary sessions were organized focused on effective science communication as well as diversity, equity and inclusion in physics. Also, a theory tutorial and a group discussion on a hot topic in physics were organized for the first time. To better understand the experience of the participants in this reimagined gathering, we reached out to three of them...

**Open Society Foundations** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

December 7, 2020

**[Pew: No Rules for Tropical Tuna Fishing Is An Alarming Development for Eastern Pacific Ocean](#)**

*Commission's failure leaves huge area of ocean without management for valuable stocks*

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts expressed concern today after the annual meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) ended Friday with no consensus on management for tropical tunas, leaving billions of dollars of potential catch without rules starting Jan. 1.

IATTC—a regional fisheries management organization (RFMO) responsible for the governance of tropical tunas, including bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin, in the eastern Pacific Ocean—could not come to agreement on a measure for 2021 and instead will allow unregulated fishing for these species. This could jeopardize not only the status of these stocks but also the public's confidence in IATTC's ability to manage them. In addition, the future of current or potential Marine Stewardship Council-certified tropical tuna fisheries in these waters, as well as other eco label designations, is now uncertain...

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**[The Rockefeller Foundation Announces Call to Action to Provide Sustainable Energy for One Billion People by 2030](#)**

Development finance, global energy, and multilateral agencies commit to accelerate electrification as the cornerstone of an equitable, global economic recovery <https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/call-for-a-green-equitable-recovery> NEW YORK | December 10, 2020 – The Rockefeller Foundation today ... Dec 10 2020

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

*Press Releases*

**[Bipartisan Assembly of Governors Support Call to Action to Defeat Covid-19](#)**

Governors represent 1 in 3 Americans Recommendations call for common, comprehensive action across states COVID Collaborative also released review of state vaccine distribution plans December 10, 2020. Today, a bipartisan assembly of Governors ... Dec 10 2020

*Press Releases*

**[The Rockefeller Foundation's Interstate Testing Alliance Expands to 22 States](#)**

The State and Territory Alliance for Testing is dedicated to ramping up Covid-19 testing to reopen communities NEW YORK | DECEMBER 10, 2020 — The Rockefeller Foundation announces that its ...

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**Pressure won't help build vaccine trust: OPINION**

*Transparency, patience and vigilance are the best Rx to improve uptake.*

By Richard Besser

December 13, 2020, 6:07 AM

Dr. Richard E. Besser is a physician, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, the former acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and ABC News' former chief health and medical editor.

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 12 Dec 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.*

**SDGFunders** [to 12 Dec 2020]

<http://sdgfinders.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 12 Dec 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 12 Dec 2020]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

**Council on Foundations** [to 12 Dec 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 12: E981-1070

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/socially-situated-brain-death>

#### ***Socially Situated Brain Death***

In 1980, the Uniform Determination of Death Act (UDDA) defined death as “(1) irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions, or (2) irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem ... in accordance with accepted medical standards.” Interpreting the UDDA definition and applying neurological criteria for diagnosing brain death sound straightforward. Brain death is, however, socially situated, not observer independent, and fraught with uncertainty and ambiguity. This issue investigates some of the ethical, cultural, and legal complexities of one of medicine’s most critical tasks: being sharp and sure about who is alive and who is dead.

[Full Issue PDF.](#)

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

December 2020 Volume 48 Issue 12 p1415-1570

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

December 2020 Volume 59 Issue 6 p773-914

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

*Research Articles*

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Public Health**

December 2020 110(12)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 103, Issue 6, December 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/103/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

1 December 2020 Volume 173, Issue 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Latest Issue: Issue 378 - December 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 289, December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/289/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMJ Global Health**

December 2020 - Volume 5 - 12

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/12>

*Original research*

**Infection and mortality of healthcare workers worldwide from COVID-19: a systematic review**

(4 December, 2020)

Soham Bandyopadhyay, Ronnie E Baticulon, Murtaza Kadhum, Muath Alser, Daniel K Ojuka, Yara Badereddin, Archith Kamath, Sai Arathi Parepalli, Grace Brown, Sara Iharchane, Sofia Gandino, Zara Markovic-Obiago, Samuel Scott, Emery Manirambona, Asif Machhada, Aditi Aggarwal, Lydia Benazaize, Mina Ibrahim, David Kim, Isabel Tol, Elliott H Taylor, Alexandra Knighton, Dorothy Bbaale, Duha Jasim, Heba Alghoul, Henna Reddy, Hibatullah Abuelgasim, Kirandeep Saini, Alicia Sigler, Leenah Abuelgasim, Mario Moran-Romero, Mary Kumarendran, Najlaa Abu Jamie, Omaira Ali, Raghav Sudarshan, Riley Dean, Rumi Kissyova, Sonam Kelzang, Sophie Roche, Tazin Ahsan, Yethrib Mohamed, Andile Maqhawe Dube, Grace Paida Gwini, Rashidah Gwokya, Robin Brown, Mohammad Rabiul Karim Khan Papon, Zoe Li, Salvador Sun Ruzats, Somy Charuvila, Noel Peter, Khalil Khalidy, Nkosikhona Moyo, Osaid Alser, Arielis Solano, Eduardo Robles-Perez, Aiman Tariq, Mariam Gaddah, Spyros Kolovos, Faith C Muchemwa, Abdullah Saleh, Amanda Gosman, Rafael Pinedo-Villanueva, Anant Jani, Roba Khundkar

**Modelling interventions to control COVID-19 outbreaks in a refugee camp**

10 December, 2020)

Robert Tucker Gilman, Siyana Mahroof-Shaffi, Christian Harkensee, Andrew T Chamberlain

**BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

**Cost-effective interventions to prevent non-communicable diseases: increasing the evidence base in India and other low- and middle-income settings**

Authors: Karen Eggleston and Radhika Jain

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:379

Content type: Correspondence

Published on: 9 December 2020

**BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 12 Dec 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMJ Open**

December 2020 - Volume 10 - 12

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/12>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 98, Number 12, December 2020, 821-908

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/12/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 47, Issue 1 Pages: 1-141 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 109 November 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/109/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Clinical Therapeutics**

November 2020 Volume 42 Issue 11 p2119-2238, e209-e258

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

[Reviewed earlier]



**Clinical Trials**

Volume 17 Issue 6, December 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 12 Dec 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 98 November 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/98/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 3, Issue 5 / October 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 8, issue 4, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-4>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

December 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 6

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

Volume 107, Issue 1 September 2020

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/19348258/2020/107/1>

[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 8, 2020

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

*Article*

### **Using an adaptive approach to making gatekeepers accountable to internally displaced persons in Mogadishu, Somalia**

Erik Bryld, Christine Kamau & M. A. Mohamoud

Pages: 982-993

Published online: 23 May 2020

*Article*

### **Singing from the same song sheet? Exploring “civil society” through the eyes of NGO practitioners**

Sarah Thomas

Pages: 1016-1027

Published online: 11 Sep 2020

*Article*

### **Challenges of community-based forest management with local institutional differences between South Korea and Indonesia**

Eko Priyo Purnomo, Rijal Ramdani, Lubna Salsabila & Jin-Wook Choi

Pages: 1082-1093

Published online: 15 May 2020

## **Development Policy Review**

Volume 38, Issue 6 Pages: 683-827 November 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 15, Issue 8, 2020

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 14 - Issue 3 - June 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disasters**

Volume 45, Issue 1 Pages: 1-252 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

### *Original Articles*

#### **Educational, psychosocial, and protection outcomes of child- and youth-focused programming with Somali refugees in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia**

Janna Metzler, Mesfin Jonfa, Kevin Savage, Alastair Ager

Pages: 67-85

First Published: 19 July 2019

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 21 Issue 12 3 December 2020

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

Review 8 December 2020

#### **Antibiotic resistance and persistence—Implications for human health and treatment perspectives**

Markus Huemer, Srikanth Mairpady Shambat, Silvio D Brugger, Annelies S Zinkernagel

Bacteria that survive antibiotics challenges are one of the greatest threats to human health. While antibiotic resistance has been well studied, the survival and re-growth of fully susceptible bacteria, called antibiotic persistence, is less well understood. This review discusses the mechanisms and implications of antibiotic resistance and persistence.

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 26, Number 12—December 2020

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **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 6 Pages: 1-40 November–December 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

#### ***Video-capture studies • Benefit sharing and genomics research***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Fall 2020 (34.3) October 2020

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2020/summer-2020-34-2/>

The editors of *Ethics & International Affairs* are pleased to present the Fall 2020 issue of the journal! This Special Issue of the journal features a collection of essays organized and guest edited by Margaret P. Karns on the **seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations**. The collection contains contributions from David Malone and Adam Day, Sophie Harman, Ellen J. Ravndal, Ramesh Thakur, Susanna P. Campbell, Devaki Jain, Bertrand Ramcharan, Maria Ivanova, and Margaret P. Karns, Kirsten Haack, and Jean-Pierre Murray. Additionally, the issue includes an article by Jack McDonald on information, privacy, and just war theory and an essay by Anthony F. Lang, Jr. on constructing universal values. It also contains a review essay by Sarah C. Goff on freedom and justice in trade governance, and book reviews by Michael Blake, Elizabeth Kahn, Jamie Mayerfeld, and John Williams. [Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 30, Issue 5, October 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy**

Volume 97 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/97/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

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#### ***Recognising refugees***

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#### **Public health and corporate social responsibility: exploratory study on pharmaceutical companies in an emerging market**

*Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is studied from many perspectives and has gained unprecedented importance in recent years, especially in emerging economies. Pharmaceutical companies play a very important role in a population's well-being and health through the CSR and corporate governance practices that they apply.*

Authors: Tatiana Dănescu and Maria-Alexandra Popa

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Volume 22, Issue 2, December 2020

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### ***Special Section: Big Data, Technology, Artificial Intelligence and the Right to Health***

#### **Analyzing the Human Rights Impact of Increased Digital Public Health Surveillance during the COVID-19 Crisis**

Sharifah Sekalala, Stéphanie Dagron, Lisa Forman, and Benjamin Mason Meier

The COVID-19 pandemic has led policy makers to expand traditional public health surveillance to take advantage of new technologies, such as tracking apps, to control the spread of SARS-CoV-2. This article explores the human rights dimensions of how these new surveillance technologies are being used and assesses the extent to which they entail legitimate restrictions to a range of human rights, including the rights to health, life, and privacy. We argue that human rights offer a crucial framework for protecting the public from regulatory overreach by ensuring that digital health surveillance does not undermine fundamental features of democratic society...

#### **Human Rights and Digital Health Technologies**

Nina Sun, Kenechukwu Esom, Mandeep Dhaliwal, and Joseph J. Amon

...The COVID-19 pandemic has led policy makers to expand traditional public health surveillance to take advantage of new technologies, such as tracking apps, to control the spread of SARS-CoV-2. This article explores the human rights dimensions of how these new surveillance technologies are being used and assesses the extent to which they entail legitimate restrictions to a range of human rights, including the rights to health, life, and privacy. We argue that human rights offer a crucial framework for protecting the public from regulatory overreach by ensuring that digital health surveillance does not undermine fundamental features of democratic society.

#### ***PERSPECTIVES***

#### **Health in the Digital Age: Where Do Children's Rights Fit In?**

Louise Holly

#### **A Health Rights Impact Assessment Guide for Artificial Intelligence Projects**

Carmel Williams

#### ***VIEWPOINTS***

#### **From Information to Valuable Asset: The Commercialization of Health Data as a Human Rights Issue**

Amy Dickens

Health data is a valuable source of knowledge that states can use to advance or undermine the right to health. But the sources and use of health data are changing in our emerging global data economy. Novel forms of digitized health information are fueling a booming industry for algorithmic technologies

in health care, rendering it a huge source of scientific and commercial value. To date, the tech giants—Google, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, and Amazon—are way ahead of public health systems in capitalizing on this value. There is an urgent need for states to recognize the value of health data and use it to advance human rights. Failing to do so risks private actors gaining ever more expansive monopoly powers that threaten patients' social and economic rights.

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### **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.

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Haiyan Hao, Yan Wang

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Biao Song, Carmine Galasso, Lessandro Garciano

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**[Information overload, stress, and emergency managerial thinking](#)**

Shalini Misra, Patrick Roberts, Matthew Rhodes

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Lavinia Hirsu, Evelyn Arizpe, Julie E. McAdam

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**[Health information, attitudes and actions at religious venues: Evidence from hajj pilgrims](#)**

Hassan Taibah, Sudha Arlikatti, Simon A. Andrew, Praveen Maghelal, Bill DelGrosso

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**Protecting the heritage of humanity in the Cold War: UNESCO, the Soviet Union and sites of universal value, 1945–1970s**

Corinne Geering

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Published online: 17 Sep 2019

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Kate Cowcher

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December 8, 2020, Vol 324, No. 22, Pages 2238-2334

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## **A Proposed Framework and Timeline of the Spectrum of Disease Due to SARS-CoV-2 Infection Illness Beyond Acute Infection and Public Health Implications**

S. Deblina Datta, MD; Amish Talwar, MD, MPH; James T. Lee, MD, MSc

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JAMA. 2020;324(22):2251-2252. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.22717

This Viewpoint uses clinical observations of the natural course of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection to propose 3 phases of illness: acute infection (what people commonly refer to with the COVID-19 designation); postacute hyperinflammatory illness (referred to clinically as multisystem inflammatory syndrome); and late inflammatory sequelae, manifest as enduring cardiac, neurological, and psychological symptoms.

## **Science Denial and COVID Conspiracy Theories Potential Neurological Mechanisms and Possible Responses**

Bruce L. Miller, MD

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JAMA. 2020;324(22):2255-2256. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.21332

This Viewpoint discusses possible parallels between the distortion in sensory information and faulty monitoring of ideas characteristic of some patients with neurodegenerative diseases (dementia with Lewy bodies and Capgras syndrome, frontotemporal dementia) and the creation and maintenance of false conspiratorial beliefs about the COVID-19 pandemic in healthy populations that has hobbled an effective national response in the US.

## **COVID-19, Decarceration, and the Role of Clinicians, Health Systems, and Payers A Report From the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine**

Emily A. Wang, MD, MAS; Bruce Western, PhD; Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP

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JAMA. 2020;324(22):2257-2258. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.22109

This Viewpoint summarizes a National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) consensus panel report recommending ways to reduce populations in prisons and jails as a means to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 transmission and the roles clinicians, health systems, and insurers can play in process.

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### **COVID-19 Update December 12, 2020**

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### **How a Pandemic Could Advance the Science of Early Adversity**

Danielle Roubinov, PhD; Nicole R. Bush, PhD; W. Thomas Boyce, MD

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JAMA Pediatr. 2020;174(12):1131-1132. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2020.2354

This Viewpoint explores how recent advancements across disciplines relevant to early child development can be used to understand the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and develop and scale empirically supported interventions for adversity-exposed children and families.

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#### **[Architectural award schemes: A contemporary form of institutionalized heritage management](#)**

Christakis Chatzichristou, Elias Kranos

By promoting certain design values and priorities, institutionalized award schemes are here seen as important agents in the production and management of a more...

#### **[Hazard ranking of the UNESCO world heritage sites \(WHSs\) in Europe by multicriteria analysis](#)**

Andrea Valagussa, Paolo Frattini, Giovanni Battista Crosta, Daniele Spizzichino, Gabriele Leoni, Claudio Margottini

Aim of this paper is to evaluate the reliability of UNESCO Periodic Reports for the assessment of hazards affecting the UNESCO world heritage sites (WHs) and to rank the...

### **What is value? Impact assessment of cultural heritage**

Guillermo S. Reher

There are currently various methodologies used for carrying out impact assessments of cultural heritage. This paper aims to critically explore the reasons for this...

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Quentin Kevin Gautier, Thomas G. Garrison, Ferrill Rushton, Nicholas Bouck, Eric Lo, Peter Tueller, Curt Schurgers, Ryan Kastner

Digital documentation techniques of tunneling excavations at archaeological sites are becoming more common. These methods, such as photogrammetry and LiDAR (Light...

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### **Targeting humanitarian aid using administrative data: Model design and validation**

Onur Altındağ, Stephen D. O'Connell, Aytuğ Şaşmaz, Zeynep Balcıoğlu, ... Aimee Kunze Foong

Article 102564

#### *Highlights*

:: We use administrative data to predict poverty and target unconditional cash transfers to refugees in Lebanon.

:: The prediction accuracy of cross-validated models using administrative data is comparable to a short-form survey approach.

:: An out-of-sample validation confirms the expected error rates of cross-validated models.

: We provide additional considerations regarding implementation and operationalization.

*Research article Full text access*

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Fernando Cirelli, Emilio Espino, Juan M. Sánchez

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Ana Marušić, Ivan Buljan

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Julia A. Lonhart, Ashley R. Edwards, Swati Agarwal, Brian P. Lucas, Alan R. Schroeder

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Amy G. Feldman, Rebekah Marsh, Allison Kempe, Megan A. Morris  
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### **Facing up to long COVID**

The Lancet

... Although vaccination has become the immediate focus of the pandemic response for many countries, patients with long COVID must not be forgotten or sidelined as countries begin to consider the end of the pandemic. Acknowledging the potential scale of the problem now and the complexities and variabilities of the disease course, and pressing for better research and care, could avoid years of struggle and mismanagement for patients with long COVID.

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#### **COVID vaccines: the world's medical regulators need access to open data**

*The global race to produce COVID vaccines is a chance for regulators and drug companies to create a more harmonized approvals process.*

The roll out of COVID-19 vaccines is under way, but without, it seems, much global coordination. China, Russia and the United Arab Emirates began administering vaccines before the conclusion of clinical trials. Last week, the United Kingdom issued emergency approval for a vaccine developed by the US biopharmaceutical company Pfizer and BioNTech of Mainz, Germany, following positive results from phase III testing. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has needed longer to make its decision on the same vaccine. And the regulatory agencies of Australia, the European Union and Switzerland are taking longer still.

This patchwork of approvals processes, despite COVID-19 being a common enemy, has revived a long-standing question about how to accelerate harmonization in vaccine regulation. Researchers reviewing the regulatory landscape found at least 51 pathways to various types of accelerated vaccine approval in a group of 24 countries<sup>1</sup>.

Greater harmonization would bring many benefits. Drug companies could look forward to agreed definitions for different types of approval, and would benefit from agreed guidelines for criteria that their vaccine candidates would need to meet. If regulators were to ask for broadly the same things, companies could cut the time needed to prepare their drug applications. Companies, for their part, would need to allow — or help to create — a secure way for regulators to share data, which they are often not permitted to do at present.

By assessing the same data, regulators could more easily compare their findings and analyses with those of others, and their decisions would not only be more robust, but also be seen to be more robust. That, in turn, would shore up public confidence in a world in which vaccine hesitancy is rising and in which many citizens already have the means to compare regulatory verdicts. This would be an evolutionary shift, not a revolutionary one, because in recent years — and particularly since the 2014–16 Ebola crisis — regulators have made unprecedented efforts to discuss, coordinate and begin to harmonize some of their processes.

The FDA, which was set up in 1906, is the world's oldest national medicines regulator. But the world has been moving towards greater regulatory coordination for some time. Europe's regulatory system comprises a network of 50 national bodies from 31 European countries. The European Medicines Agency (EMA), created in 1995, sits at the centre of this network. All countries have their own medical regulators, but the EMA provides manufacturers with a single place for scientific evaluation of drug applications, if they want Europe-wide approval.

Although EMA and FDA verdicts are often broadly similar, the authorities differ in key ways. For example, the FDA requires drug companies to submit all the raw data from laboratory, animal and human trials so that it can do its own statistical analysis. By contrast, the EMA relies more on drug companies' own analyses.

In other regions — Africa, for example — countries are also inching towards an approach that allows for the pooling of regulatory expertise. This is the purpose of the African Vaccine Regulatory Forum, set up in 2006.

And at the global level, in 2012, the member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) agreed to establish the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA) to allow regulators to share information and agree on approaches. The ICMRA has 29 members, including regulators from China, Europe and the United States. Through it, members have been able to reach a consensus on the best animal models for testing COVID-19 vaccines, the ideal clinical-trial end points and the complicated issue of continuing placebo-controlled trials after vaccine roll out begins. The coalition's COVID-19 working group is now trying to harmonize the monitoring of vaccines once they have been deployed, because faint signals of adverse effects might be too weak to spot in any one country.

And then there is the WHO itself. Low- and middle-income countries can now benefit from the work that goes into its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) process. On 13 November, the agency issued its first ever such vaccine listing, for a polio vaccine. National regulators still need to decide whether this vaccine is right for their country, but a recommendation from the WHO — and confidence in its assessment process — means that most are likely to follow its advice.

Around the end of October, the WHO requested that both the FDA and the EMA assess the suitability of COVID-19 vaccines for low- and middle-income countries as they consider whether to issue emergency authorizations. It is not clear whether the regulators will agree — but if either does, the WHO can draw on that analysis and issue its own EUL within days of the decision. That would be collaboration indeed.

These are all important and necessary efforts. The need now is to go one step further and find a path through the many different types of vaccine approval. Before the pandemic, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, a global group of funding agencies, companies and non-governmental organizations, set up a working group to map out obstacles to better global regulatory alignment, in anticipation of a new infectious disease. This process confirmed how regulatory agencies differ on issues such as the use of genetic modification in vaccine development, clinical trials in pregnant women, and even vial labelling. But it also meant that inconsistencies were already mapped out and under discussion when the pandemic struck. COVID-19 has intensified these discussions. The next step will not be easy. Regulators want to be able to exchange data. Their experiences during the pandemic have convinced many that they are moving towards a point at which this will be possible.

They want to be able to talk to each other in the same units and about the same end points, and to make decisions based on the same data.

Ultimately, each country must make its own decisions about what's best. But the goal of a harmonized regulatory dossier for vaccines, conforming to an agreed set of international regulatory requirements, would be transformative.

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**[Institutions can retool to make research more rigorous](#)**

Big moves to rebuild the scientific infrastructure are possible.

Ulrich Dirnagl

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**[SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination — An Ounce \(Actually, Much Less\) of Prevention](#)**

E.J. Rubin and D.L. Longo

*Original Article*

**[Safety and Efficacy of the BNT162b2 mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine](#)**

December 10, 2020

DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2034577

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*Abstract*

**Background**

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection and the resulting coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) have afflicted tens of millions of people in a worldwide pandemic. Safe and effective vaccines are needed urgently.

**Methods**

In an ongoing multinational, placebo-controlled, observer-blinded, pivotal efficacy trial, we randomly assigned persons 16 years of age or older in a 1:1 ratio to receive two doses, 21 days apart, of either placebo or the BNT162b2 vaccine candidate (30 µg per dose). BNT162b2 is a lipid nanoparticle–formulated, nucleoside-modified RNA vaccine that encodes a prefusion stabilized, membrane-anchored SARS-CoV-2 full-length spike protein. The primary end points were efficacy of the vaccine against laboratory-confirmed Covid-19 and safety.

**Results**

A total of 43,548 participants underwent randomization, of whom 43,448 received injections: 21,720 with BNT162b2 and 21,728 with placebo. There were 8 cases of Covid-19 with onset at least 7 days after the second dose among participants assigned to receive BNT162b2 and 162 cases among those assigned to placebo; BNT162b2 was 95% effective in preventing Covid-19 (95% credible interval, 90.3 to 97.6). Similar vaccine efficacy (generally 90 to 100%) was observed across subgroups defined by age, sex, race, ethnicity, baseline body-mass index, and the presence of coexisting conditions. Among 10 cases of severe Covid-19 with onset after the first dose, 9 occurred in placebo recipients and 1 in a BNT162b2 recipient. The safety profile of BNT162b2 was characterized by short-term, mild-to-moderate pain at the injection site, fatigue, and headache. The incidence of serious adverse events was low and was similar in the vaccine and placebo groups.

#### Conclusions

A two-dose regimen of BNT162b2 conferred 95% protection against Covid-19 in persons 16 years of age or older. Safety over a median of 2 months was similar to that of other viral vaccines. (Funded by BioNTech and Pfizer; ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT04368728](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT04368728). [opens in new tab.](#))

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Dan Kajungu, Michael Muhoozi, James Stark, Daniel Weibel, Miriam C. J. M. Sturkenboom

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Feature

### [China's vaccine gambit](#)

By Jon Cohen

Science 11 Dec 2020 : 1263-1267 Full Access

*With its global campaign to test and promote COVID-19 vaccines, China aims to win friends and cut deals.*

Summary

On 29 February, less than 2 months after the world awakened to the threat of the pandemic coronavirus, virologist Chen Wei, a major general in China's army, and six military scientists on her team received injections of an experimental COVID-19 vaccine. Chen, a national hero for her work on Ebola vaccines, had come to the initial center of the pandemic, Wuhan, with her group from the Academy of Medical Military Sciences, in part to help make the candidate vaccine with pharmaceutical company CanSino Biologics. In the United States, the Trump administration's \$10.8 billion Operation Warp Speed accelerated vaccine R&D faster than many researchers thought possible. But an equally massive effort has unfolded in China. CanSino and two other Chinese companies are investing substantial resources and testing four candidates in tens of thousands of volunteers around the world. They are likely only days or weeks away from announcing the outcomes of efficacy trials, just behind the encouraging early results recently announced by a brace of companies and institutions outside China.

Policy Forum

### [COVID-19 vaccine trial ethics once we have efficacious vaccines](#)

By David Wendler, Jorge Ochoa, Joseph Millum, Christine Grady, Holly A. Taylor

Science 11 Dec 2020 : 1277-1279 Full Access

*Some placebo-controlled trials can continue ethically after a candidate vaccine is found to be safe and efficacious*

Summary

The unprecedented effort to identify one or more safe and effective vaccines for COVID-19 includes more than 180 candidates in development (1), with at least 12 in phase 3 trials (2). The testing of so many vaccine candidates, in a pandemic of a disease for which there are to date limited treatment options, raises a critical challenge: What should researchers do if a vaccine candidate is judged to be safe and efficacious? Guidance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states that in the event that a COVID-19 vaccine candidate is judged to be "safe and effective," discussion may be necessary "to address ethical arguments to break the blind and offer vaccine to placebo recipients" (3). We consider here two questions raised by this guidance: First, if a vaccine candidate is found to be safe and efficacious in a placebo-controlled trial, should the researchers continue that trial as designed? Second, should researchers continue to test other vaccine candidates using placebo-controlled trials? These two questions are especially timely given recent announcements by Pfizer and Moderna that their vaccine candidates have been found to be efficacious in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 (4, 5).

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### **Preexisting and de novo humoral immunity to SARS-CoV-2 in humans**

By Kevin W. Ng, Nikhil Faulkner, Georgina H. Cornish, Annachiara Rosa, Ruth Harvey, Saira Hussain, Rachel Ulferts, Christopher Earl, Antoni G. Wrobel, Donald J. Benton, Chloe Roustán, William Bolland, Rachael Thompson, Ana Agua-Doce, Philip Hobson, Judith Heaney, Hannah Rickman, Stavroula Paraskevopoulou, Catherine F. Houlihan, Kirsty Thomson, Emilie Sanchez, Gee Yen Shin, Moira J. Spyer, Dhira Joshi, Nicola O'Reilly, Philip A. Walker, Svend Kjaer, Andrew Riddell, Catherine Moore, Bethany R. Jebson, Meredyth Wilkinson, Lucy R. Marshall, Elizabeth C. Rosser, Anna Radziszewska, Hannah Peckham, Coziana Ciurtin, Lucy R. Wedderburn, Rupert Beale, Charles Swanton, Sonia Gandhi, Brigitta Stockinger, John McCauley, Steve J. Gamblin, Laura E. McCoy, Peter Cherepanov, Eleni Nastouli, George Kassiotis

Science 11 Dec 2020 : 1339-1343 Open Access

*SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies can be found in some uninfected individuals—predominantly children and adolescents.*

*Antibodies predating infection*

Immunological memory after infection with seasonal human coronaviruses (hCoVs) may potentially contribute to cross-protection against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). Ng et al. report that in a cohort of 350 SARS-CoV-2-uninfected individuals, a small proportion had circulating immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies that could cross-react with the S2 subunit of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein (see the Perspective by Guthmiller and Wilson). By contrast, COVID-19 patients generated IgA, IgG, and IgM antibodies that recognized both the S1 and S2 subunits. The anti-S2 antibodies from SARS-CoV-2-uninfected patients showed specific neutralizing activity against both SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-2 S pseudotypes. A much higher percentage of SARS-CoV-2-uninfected children and adolescents were positive for these antibodies compared with adults. This pattern may be due to the fact that children and adolescents generally have higher hCoV infection rates and a more diverse antibody repertoire, which may explain the age distribution of COVID-19 susceptibility.

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Winter 2021 Volume 19, Number 1

[https://ssir.org/issue/winter\\_2021#](https://ssir.org/issue/winter_2021#)

Read about how workers are using digital tools and online engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic to achieve real benefits, how win-win strategies promoted by academics and business leaders are unproven and counterproductive, how human-centered design for social innovation has become more collaborative and focused on systems change, how employees are fighting to make their companies better corporate citizens, and other topics in the Winter 2021 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Article

### [Do People Still Care About Human Rights?](#)

Fabrizio Hochschild

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted on 10 December 1948, inspired peoples across the world and laid the foundation for governance and institutional reforms, for progressive, people centred legislation and education that reverberates from generation to generation.

## Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

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Volume 15, Issue 4, 2020

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### [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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