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*This weekly digest is intended to aggregate and distill key content from a broad spectrum of practice domains and organization types including key agencies/IGOs, NGOs, governments, academic and research institutions, consortiums and collaborations, foundations, and commercial organizations. We also monitor a spectrum of peer-reviewed journals and general media channels. The Sentinel's geographic scope is global/regional but selected country-level content is included. We recognize that this spectrum/scope yields an indicative and not an exhaustive product.*

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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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## **Migration – COVID Impacts**

### **Global Migration Growth Slowed by 27 Per Cent in 2020, Following Decades of Robust Increase, Annual Report Finds**

15 January 2021 DEV/3436

*[Editor's text bolding]*

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted all forms of human mobility through the closing of national borders and halting of travel worldwide, according to a newly released United Nations report.

Preliminary estimates from the International Migration 2020 Highlights, published by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, suggest that **the pandemic may have slowed the rise in the number of international migrants by around 2 million people by mid-2020 — 27 per cent less than the growth expected since mid-2019. Growth in the number of international migrants has been robust over the last two decades, reaching 281 million people living outside their country of origin in 2020. That number is up from 173 million in 2000, and 221 million in 2010.**

The report finds that international migrants currently make up about 3.6 per cent of the world's population. International Migration Highlights provides the latest estimates of the number of international migrants by country of destination, origin, age and sex for all countries and areas of the world.

"The report affirms that migration is a part of today's globalized world and shows how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the livelihoods of millions of migrants and their families and undermined progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals," said Liu Zhenmin, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

International Migration Highlights' 2020 edition finds that **two thirds of all international migrants live in just 20 countries.** The United States remained the largest destination, hosting 51 million international migrants in 2020, equal to 18 per cent of the world's total. Germany hosted the second-largest number of migrants worldwide, at around 16 million, followed by Saudi Arabia (13 million), Russian Federation (12 million) and the United Kingdom (9 million).

Among the major regions of the world, the report finds that the **largest number of international migrants in 2020 resided in Europe, with a total of 87 million. North America hosted the second largest number of migrants, with almost 59 million.** North Africa and Western Asia followed, with a total of nearly 50 million. India topped the list of countries with the largest diasporas in 2020, with 18 million persons from India living outside of their country of birth. Other countries with

a large transnational community included Mexico and the Russian Federation (11 million each), China (10 million) and Syria (8 million).

Diasporas contribute to the development of their countries of origin through the promotion of foreign investment, trade, access to technology and financial inclusion. However, according to projections by the World Bank, **the COVID-19 pandemic may reduce the volume of remittances sent to low- and middle-income countries from \$548 billion in 2019 to \$470 billion in 2021, a decline of \$78 billion or 14 per cent.** The loss has affected the livelihoods of millions of migrants and their families, stalling progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. National strategies and international cooperation will be needed to mitigate the effects of this loss.

Among the report's other findings is the fact that nearly half of all international migrants in 2020 resided in the region from which they originated. Europe accounted for the largest share of intra-regional migration, with 70 per cent of migrants born in Europe residing in another European country. The share of intra-regional migration among migrants originating in sub-Saharan Africa was 63 per cent. At the other end of the spectrum, Central and South Asia had the largest share of its diaspora residing outside the region, followed by Latin America and the Caribbean and North America...

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## **Slavery – Records/Heritage Stewardship**

### **Barbados receives international assistance to protect its cultural property: the digitization and conservation of slavery records**

12/01/2021

At the 15th session of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 10-11 December 2020, the decision to provide Barbados with international assistance from the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict was adopted by its Secretariat. **The amount of USD 46,000 goes to the 10-month project Strengthening and Protecting Barbados' Cultural Property: The Digitization and Conservation of Slavery Records.** Another international assistance of USD 44,400 aims to support the design of a Risk Management Plan for the National Anthropology Museum of Mexico.

Armed conflicts destroy lives and communities, and very often cultural heritage such as monuments, libraries and museum collections. Such atrocities deprive communities of crucial elements of their identity, history and economy that are necessary for the post-conflict reconstruction process. In this regard, the protection of cultural property in peacetime should be a priority to mitigate its destruction in times of conflict.

**In addition to the safeguards set out in the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict ("1954 Hague Convention"), the 1999 Second Protocol introduced an enhanced protection mechanism. This allows a State Party to explicitly designate cultural property of great importance to humanity for enhanced legal protection and ensures that it will not be used for military purposes in the event of an armed conflict.**

...Threatened by partial or complete deterioration from natural and anthropological sources, historical documents from the time of transatlantic slavery and the post-independence period of Barbados require special protective measures. For this reason, **the project "Strengthening and Protecting Barbados' Cultural Property: The Digitization and Conservation of Slavery", whose funding was approved, aims to digitize historical documents to protect and strengthen Barbados' cultural heritage and to develop a contingency plan to safeguard these documents. These documents date from the transatlantic slavery and post-independence periods,** specifically inventories of property and personal effects (1764 - 1888), manumissions and sales (1821 - 1834), registers of powers of attorney and miscellaneous documents (1661 - 1948) and original wills (approximately 12,000).

The project, which will be implemented over a 10-month period, includes training on the digitization process for staff of the Department of Archives and the Barbados Military and Police Force, as well as a public awareness campaign on the results of the digitization and to promote the digitized material. **The documents will be made available for online access through the Barbados Archives Department website.**

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### **Featured Initiatives – Rockefeller Foundation**

#### **Lacuna Fund Announces its First Round of Funding that will Unlock the Power of AI to Accelerate Pioneering Agricultural Solutions in African Countries**

*Agricultural AI projects across Africa receive funding to produce labeled training datasets for machine learning that will help alleviate food security challenges, spur economic opportunities, and give researchers, farmers, communities, and policymakers access to superior agricultural data.*

NEW YORK, NY | January 13, 2021 – Lacuna Fund announces its first cohort of supported projects in the agricultural AI for social good domain. **Funding recipients will produce labeled datasets in Eastern, Western, and Southern Africa. Projects will address a range of agricultural needs, including livestock and fisheries management, as well as crop identification, yield estimation, and disease detection in crops that shore up food security efforts in the region**—namely cassava, maize, beans, bananas, pearl millet, and cocoa. Learn more about each individual project [here](#).

With over 100 exceptional applications from, or in partnership with, organizations across Africa, it's clear that the demand for high-quality, reliable, and representative labeled training data is high, and the expertise, capacity, and groundwork needed to produce it is growing by the day. All datasets produced will be locally developed and owned, but they will be openly accessible to the international data community...

Lacuna Fund began as a funder collaborative between The Rockefeller Foundation, Google.org, and Canada's International Development Research Centre. With secretariat support from Meridian Institute, it has since evolved into a multi-stakeholder engagement composed of technical experts, thought leaders, local beneficiaries, and end users. Collectively, we are committed to creating and mobilizing labeled datasets that both solve urgent local problems and lead to a step change in machine learning's potential worldwide.

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## **New Loan Guarantee Facility Unlocks Over \$30M to Shore Up Private Sector Health Care in five African Countries during Covid-19**

*New Initiative Will Help Keep Doors Open for Estimated 1600 Health Facilities Offering Malaria Treatment and other Essential Health Services*

New York and Washington, D.C. | January 11, 2021 – A new emergency loan guarantee facility makes more than **USD\$30 million available to private, small- and medium enterprise (SME) health providers in five high malaria burden African countries**. The loans will support healthcare providers in **Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda** to continue offering essential health services, including malaria treatments, to more than five million Africans. The facility was created by the [Health Finance Coalition](#), a group of leading philanthropies, investors, donors and technical partners focused on mobilizing significant private investment to achieve transformative healthcare impact in Africa.

**Private sector healthcare providers deliver nearly 50 percent of all healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa, including life-saving interventions such as early malaria diagnosis and treatment, ante-natal care and routine vaccinations.** If left unaddressed, these vital health needs could overwhelm already overburdened health systems and add to the loss of life during the pandemic. Projections in 2020, for example, estimated that moderate disruptions in treatment seeking could lead to as many as 100,000 additional malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa.

As countries have shut down sectors of their economies and asked citizens to remain at home to slow the spread of Covid-19, all health providers have seen a decrease in demand for services. For private healthcare providers, this also means decreased revenues, putting them at risk of closing during a time when access to care is already a challenge.

**The Open Doors African Private Healthcare Initiative is one of the first initiatives to address the economic crunch that the private health sector in Africa is facing due to Covid-19.** A catalytic \$700,000 investment by the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) enables a \$17.7 million loan guarantee from the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and \$1.5 million in philanthropic funding from The Rockefeller Foundation, the Skoll Foundation, and the MCJ Amelior Foundation. Together, this effort unlocks more than \$30 million in loans to SME health providers. Additional support comes from the U.S. Agency for International Development's Center for Innovation and Impact (CII).

Of the five million patients that the loan facility could impact, almost 3 million are low-income patients, and approximately 2.4 million are women and 1.4 million are children, who are disproportionately at risk of malaria and other infectious diseases. **The loan facility will be managed by Malaria No More and loans will be administered through the Medical Credit Fund (MCF), a non-profit health investment fund.** Loans are expected to average \$17,000 per provider to help stabilize operations, buy essential medical equipment including personal protective equipment, and finance small-scale construction to protect patients from COVID-19 infection. **MCF's partner organization SafeCare, in collaboration with PMI, will provide training materials to facilities on how to continue providing routine services safely during the pandemic...**



## CSR – Human Rights

### Determining a Company's Connection to Human Rights Harm

BSR [www.bsr.org](http://www.bsr.org) - Published on January 13, 2021

JONATHAN DRIMMER, Senior Advisor, BSR; PETER NESTOR, Head of Human Rights, Novartis

Download White Paper [13 pages] Download Worksheet

*[Editor's text bolding]*

How far must a company go to address adverse human rights impacts with which they are involved? The actions that a company must take to prevent, mitigate, and remedy adverse human rights impacts—what the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) call “appropriate actions”—depend on the company’s connection to that impact. The UNGPs provide a framework for assessing this, often called the cause/contribute/directly linked framework.

According to the UNGPs, **the appropriate actions that companies must take to prevent and mitigate human rights abuses will vary according to “[w]hether the business enterprise causes or contributes to an adverse impact, or whether it is involved solely because the impact is directly linked to its operations, products or services by a business relationship.” The determination of appropriate actions also varies according to “the extent of [the company’s] leverage in addressing the adverse impact,” as indicated by Principle 19.**

**Assessing attribution—that is, whether the business has caused, contributed, or is directly linked to an adverse impact through their business relationships—is the first step** toward determining appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate human rights abuses and provide remedy where relevant. In fact, the forward-looking nature of human rights assessments, followed by appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate human rights abuses, is one of the most powerful tools companies have available to ensure respect for human rights.

Practically speaking, **how can companies determine whether they have caused, contributed, or are directly linked to an adverse impact through their business relationships?** A new white paper from BSR Senior Advisor Jonathan Drimmer and Novartis Head of Human Rights and former BSR Human Rights Director Peter Nestor explores seven questions to help companies determine their connection to negative impacts and how to reframe these questions to identify appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate potential adverse human rights impacts that may occur in the future, including:

1. Did the company’s actions on their own cause human rights harm?
2. Did the company facilitate, enable, or incentivize other parties to cause harm?
3. Could the company have known about or foreseen the potential harm?
4. How specific was the connection between the company’s operations and the harm?
5. Did the company take steps that likely could have prevented the harm from occurring?
6. Did the company directly benefit from the negative impact?
7. Do stakeholders and rightsholders believe that the company caused, contributed to, or was directly linked to the harm, or should otherwise provide or contribute to remedy?

An accompanying worksheet is intended to guide practitioners and stakeholders through the analytical process. We hope the white paper and tool are helpful, and welcome any feedback.

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## **Vaccination Credential Initiative (VCI)**

### **Broad Coalition of Health and Technology Industry Leaders Announce Vaccination Credential Initiative to Accelerate Digital Access to COVID-19 Vaccination Records**

:: The Vaccination Credential Initiative (VCI) is working to enable individuals vaccinated for COVID-19 to access their vaccination records in a secure, verifiable and privacy-preserving way.

**:: Coalition partners include CARIN Alliance, Cerner, Change Healthcare, The Commons Project Foundation, Epic, Evernorth, Mayo Clinic, Microsoft, MITRE, Oracle, Safe Health, Salesforce.**

:: The coalition is developing a standard model for organizations administering COVID-19 vaccines to make credentials available in an accessible, interoperable, digital format.

**:: Trustworthy, traceable, verifiable, and universally recognized digital record of vaccination status is urgently needed worldwide to safely enable people to return to work, school, events, and travel.**

January 14, 2021 (NEW YORK): A broad coalition of health and technology leaders today announced the creation of the Vaccination Credential Initiative (VCI), committed to empowering individuals with digital access to their vaccination records based on open, interoperable standards.

The current vaccination record system does not readily support convenient access, control and sharing of verifiable vaccination records. VCI coalition members are working to enable digital access to vaccination records using the open, interoperable [SMART Health Cards specification](#), based on W3C Verifiable Credential and HL7 FHIR standards.

**VCI's vision is to empower individuals to obtain an encrypted digital copy of their immunization credentials to store in a digital wallet of their choice.** Those without smartphones could receive paper printed with QR codes containing W3C verifiable credentials.

**"The goal of the Vaccination Credential Initiative is to empower individuals with digital access to their vaccination records so they can use tools like CommonPass to safely return to travel, work, school, and life, while protecting their data privacy,"** said Paul Meyer, CEO of [The Commons Project Foundation](#). "Open standards and interoperability are at the heart of VCI's efforts and we look forward to supporting the World Health Organization and other global stakeholders in implementing and scaling open global standards for health data interoperability."

"As we explore the many use cases for the vaccination credential, **we are working to ensure that underserved populations have access to this verification,**" said Dr. Brian Anderson, chief digital health physician at [MITRE](#). "Just as COVID-19 does not discriminate based on socio-economic status, we must ensure that convenient access to records crosses the digital divide. MITRE is an independent



advisor and trusted source for managing third-party data and proud to be joining with The Commons Project and other coalition members to deliver an open-source credential.”...

“Salesforce is proud to join the Vaccination Credential Initiative to help organizations easily and safely customize all aspects of the vaccination management lifecycle and integrate closely with other coalition members’ offerings, which will help us all get back to public life,” said Bill Patterson, executive vice president and general manager, CRM Applications at [Salesforce](#). “With a single platform to help deliver safe and continuous operations and deepen trust with customers and employees, this coalition will be crucial to support public health and wellbeing.”...

**“We are kicking off the most significant vaccination effort in the history of the United States. Now more than ever, individuals need access to their own vaccination and health information in a portable format to begin to move about the country safely and comfortably,”** said Ryan Howells, principal, Leavitt Partners and program manager of the [CARIN Alliance](#). “The CARIN Alliance is supportive of MITRE’s effort to provide individuals with access to their vaccination information in a secure and trusted way and looks forward to advising the VCI initiative on ways to leverage the CARIN code of conduct and other best practices to facilitate consumer-directed exchange that we have developed consensus on over the last few years.”

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

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

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

Last update: 16 January 2021

**Confirmed cases ::** 92 506 811 [week ago: 87 589 206] [two weeks ago: 82 356 727]

**Confirmed deaths ::** 2 001 773 [week ago: 1 906 606] [two weeks ago: 1 815 433]

**Countries, areas or territories with cases ::** 223

### **Weekly epidemiological update - 12 January 2021**

#### *Overview*

Following two weeks of low reporting, likely due to the year-end and holiday period, the overall upward trend seen prior to this period is continuing, with just under 5 million new cases reported last week globally. This brings the cumulative numbers to over 88 million reported cases and over 1.9 million deaths globally since the start of the pandemic.

In this issue, we summarize the current epidemiological situation regarding SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern.

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### **Statement on the sixth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic**

15 January 2021 *Statement*

The sixth meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by the WHO Director-General under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) took place on Thursday, 14 January 2021 from 12:15 to 16:45 Geneva time (CEST)...



**The Committee unanimously agreed that the COVID-19 pandemic still constitutes an extraordinary event, a public health risk to other States through international spread, and continues to require a coordinated international response. As such, the Committee concurred that the COVID-19 pandemic remains a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) and offered advice to the Director-General...**

**The Director-General determined that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC. He accepted the advice of the Committee to WHO and issued the Committee's advice to States Parties as Temporary Recommendations under the IHR.**

The Emergency Committee will be reconvened within three months, at the discretion of the Director-General. The Director-General thanked the Committee for its work...

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

#### **Polio this week as of 13 January 2021**

:: "Our children are like flowers and these anti-polio drives help them grow up healthy and strong," says Zubair, who along with his colleague Afzal is part of Pakistan's 260,000-strong frontline vaccinator workforce. Read more...

:: At the beginning of this month, Aidan O'Leary took over the leadership of the polio department at the WHO from Michel Zaffran who enters his retirement at the end of February. In this exceptional interview, Polio News talks to both Aidan O'Leary and Michel Zaffran about the future of polio eradication.

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

:: **Pakistan:** six WPV1 and one cVDPV2 positive environmental samples, one cVDPV2 case

:: **Sudan:** four cVDPV2 cases

:: **Yemen:** nine cVDPV1 cases

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#### ***Editor's Note:***

Continuing with this edition, we include information about the last apparent update evident on the WHO emergency country webpages, recognizing almost universal and significant interims between such updates regardless of the level of the emergency listed.

#### **WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 16 Jan 2021]

##### **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

:: 12 January 2021 UNICEF, WHO, IFRC and MSF announce the establishment of a global Ebola vaccine stockpile

Mozambique floods - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 3 November 2020]

Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 29 Jun 2020]

Somalia - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 17 July 2020]

South Sudan - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 4 February 2020]

Syrian Arab Republic - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 24 October 2020]

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 30 June 2020]

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### **WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 16 Jan 2021]

Afghanistan - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 5 July 2020]

Angola - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 03 December 2020]

Burkina Faso - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 17 décembre 2020]

Burundi - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 04 July 2019]

Cameroon - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 22 August 2019]

Central African Republic - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 12 June 2018]

Ethiopia - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 22 August 2019]

Iran floods 2019 - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 12 March 2020]

Iraq - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16 December 2020]

Libya - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 7 October 2019]

Malawi Floods - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 09 October 2019]

Measles in Europe - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16-12-2020]

MERS-CoV - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 8 July 2019]

Mozambique - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 03 November 2020]

Myanmar - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: :: 3 January 2021]

Niger - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 29 December 2020]

occupied Palestinian territory - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 4 September 2019]

HIV in Pakistan - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 27 August 2019]

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

Sudan - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 24 June 2020]

Ukraine - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 1 May 2019]

Zimbabwe - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 10 May 2019]

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### **WHO Grade 1 Emergencies** [to 16 Jan 2021]

Chad - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 30 June 2018]

Djibouti - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 25 novembre 2020]

Kenya - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 11 December 2020]

Mali - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 3 May 2017]

Namibia - viral hepatitis - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 20 July 2018]

Tanzania - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 21 October 2020]

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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. 14 - 12 January 2021

#### **Yemen**

:: 11 January 2021 Yemen Humanitarian Update Issue 12 (December 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 (12 January 2021)

#### **East Africa Locust Infestation**

:: Desert Locust situation update - 11 January 2021

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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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

15 January 2021

SG/SM/20534

**Science Succeeding But Solidarity Failing, Warns Secretary-General, Citing 'Vaccine Vacuum' in Poor Nations, as COVID-19 Death Toll Hits 2 Million**

15 January 2021

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## **Global Migration Growth Slowed by 27 Per Cent in 2020, Following Decades of Robust Increase, Annual Report Finds**

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*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

10 January 2021

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## **Secretary-General, at Event Commemorating Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of General Assembly's First Meeting, Calls for Expanded Climate Action, Pandemic Response**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

*Top News*

## **Comment by UN Rights Office Spokesperson Marta Hurtado on Venezuela**

## **CAR: Violations of human rights and international humanitarian law must be punished to prevent ongoing violence and conflict**

## **Viet Nam: Arrests send chilling message before key Party meeting – UN experts**

## **Peru: Police used unnecessary and excessive force when dealing with protests – Bachelet**

## **Israel/OPT: UN expert calls for reversal of Israel's eviction order against 16 Palestinian families**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 16 Jan 2021]

[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 Elects Nazhat Shameem Khan of Fiji to serve as its President for 2021**

15/01/2021

## **Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review Working Group to hold thirty-seventh session in Geneva from 18 to 29 January 2021**

13/01/2021

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*Website not responding at inquiry*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Website not responding at inquiry*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

**[Israel/OPT: UN experts call on Israel to ensure equal access to COVID-19 vaccines for Palestinians](#)**

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**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

**[Viet Nam: Arrests send chilling message before key Party meeting – UN experts](#)**

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**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest news*

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**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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

**Registration: World Bank and University of Oxford COVID-19 Data and Tools**

OCHA's Centre for Humanitarian Data, the World Bank's Poverty and Equity Global Practice, and the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford invite you to a joint webinar on our COVID-19 data and tools on Wednesday, 27 January 2021.

Vaccines are just starting to roll out, but in the world's most vulnerable countries the COVID-19 pandemic is just getting started. Participants in this webinar will:

- Receive an overview of the more than 90 harmonized indicators made available as part of the World Bank's COVID-19 High-Frequency Monitoring Dashboard.
- Gain a detailed understanding of the Oxford Coronavirus Government Response Tracker collecting information on 17 indicators of government responses including containment and closure policies, economic policies, and health system policies.
- Learn how to use the Centre's COVID-19 Data Explorer and access thousands of datasets hosted on the Humanitarian Data Exchange.
- Join a discussion on interesting policy/research questions that emerge by combining multiple COVID-19 data sources.

**UNICEF** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press releases, Statements*

*Statement 01/12/2021*

**Children cannot afford another year of school disruption**

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore

*Press release 01/11/2021*

**UNICEF, WHO, IFRC and MSF announce the establishment of a global Ebola vaccine stockpile**

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**Number of Central African refugees soars as violence intensifies**

15 Jan 2021

**UNHCR welcomes Mexico's reforms to protect rights of child refugees and asylum-seekers**

15 Jan 2021

**Statement attributable to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi on the situation of Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia's Tigray region**

14 Jan 2021

**Refugees receive COVID-19 vaccinations in Jordan**

14 Jan 2021

**UNHCR's Grandi concludes visit to Lisbon, commends Portugal's longstanding commitment to refugee protection as the country takes over the EU Presidency**

13 Jan 2021

**UNHCR calls for EU to ensure a new chapter for refugee protection**

12 Jan 2021

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**IOM to Portuguese EU Presidency: Reform of Migration Policy Key to Recovery**

2021-01-15 14:05

Brussels – As 2021 begins with a promising COVID-19 vaccine in sight, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) encourages the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) to advance an ambitious, forward-looking reform of European migration policy...

**IOM Somalia Supports New 'Telemedicine' Enhancement for Migrants and Host Communities**

2021-01-15 14:00

Mogadishu – Somalia's health system has been in a severely weakened state for decades due to conflict and humanitarian crises which have led to the displacement of more than 2.6 million Somalis.

**UNAIDS** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

12 January 2021

**Vulnerability mapping to help sex workers in Bangladesh and Myanmar**

11 January 2021

**Attaining UNAIDS' proposed societal and legal barrier targets could stop 440 000 AIDS-related deaths**

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 16 Jan 2021]

13 January 2021 *Departmental news*

**World Health Assembly endorses the 1st ever resolution on meningitis prevention and control**

*Defeating meningitis by 2030*



At the 73rd Session of the World Health Assembly, Member States overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution calling for urgent action on meningitis prevention and control through the implementation of a bold, comprehensive global roadmap to defeat meningitis by 2030. Developed under WHO leadership, through extensive and broad consultation, this global roadmap paves the way for the implementation of multidisciplinary, integrated interventions to achieve:

:: long-term integrated meningitis prevention and control for an accelerated and durable reduction in cases and deaths;

:: shifting from epidemic preparedness and response to prevention and elimination of epidemics;

:: recognition of long-term sequelae from meningitis and concerted action to reduce disability and provide support to people affected and their families...

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### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

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

*No new digest content identified*

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

*No new digest content identified*

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

:: 13 January 2021 News release Marking a decade since last polio case: WHO SEAR countries gear up for massive vaccination campaign – this time for COVID-19 virus

#### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: A tipping-point in the course of the pandemic 14-01-2021

:: Uzbekistan is making healthy diets a cornerstone of national policy with the help of WHO 12-01-2021

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

*No new digest content identified*

#### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified*

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Meetings and events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest from News Centre*

**UNDP in partnership with Turkish Government launches a new report for effective COVID-19 response**

The UN Development Programme's (UNDP) Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and Turkey's International Health Services Inc. (USHAŞ) launched a new report  
Posted on January 12, 2021

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

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

14 Jan 2021 *Press release*

**Step up climate change adaptation or face serious human and economic damage – UN report**

Almost three-quarters of nations have some adaptation plans in place, but financing and implementation fall far short of what is needed Annual adaptation costs in developing countries are estimated at USD 70...

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest news*

15 Jan 2021 | DESA

**Growth of international migration slowed by 27%, or 2 million migrants, due to COVID-19, says UN**

COVID-19 has disrupted all forms of human mobility through the closing of national borders and halting of travel worldwide. Preliminary estimates suggest that the pandemic may have slowed the growth in the stock of international migrants by around two million by mid-2020, 27 per cent less than the growth expected since mid-2019, according to a report by the United Nations released today.

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

15 Jan 2021 | DESA

### **Shaping a new social contract and new global deal: UN DESA fireside chats**

On 19th and 21st January, UN DESA experts will log on to two live interactive sessions where they will answer your questions about the future of sustainable development, inequalities and a green recovery from the pandemic. [Register now](#) to secure your spot by the fireside!

15 Jan 2021 | DESA

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14 Jan 2021 | DESA

### **Calling all world-changers: Share your SDG Good Practices!**

UN DESA is calling on all changemakers, trailblazers and fearless activists to share their stories with the world. We are looking for good practices, success stories and lessons learned that could help others take action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

14 Jan 2021 | DESA

### **UN DESA reveals the latest data on international migration**

People will always move. Looking for a better life, we move to different cities, to other states or provinces, to different countries or across continents. Sometimes, we are forced to flee in the face of danger.

11 Jan 2021 | DESA

### **Indigenous peoples' centuries long fight against pandemics**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly devastating for indigenous communities around the world.

11 Jan 2021 | DESA

### **State of the ocean will 'ultimately determine the survival of our species': UN Special Envoy**

The health of the ocean will ultimately determine the survival of humankind on Earth, according to the UN Special Envoy for the Ocean, Peter Thomson.

**UNESCO** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Latest News*

### **UNESCO and Zanzibar to cooperate in rehabilitation of Stone Town of Zanzibar World Heritage property**

01/14/2021

### **Barbados receives international assistance to protect its cultural property: the digitization and conservation of slavery records**

01/12/2021

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

Announcements

**ICOMOS Heritage Alert - Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) Old Campus**



ICOMOS is issuing a worldwide Heritage Alert, our most consequential expression of concern, to amplify awareness of the threat to the [Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad \(IIMA\) Old Campus](#) and draw urgent attention to the eminent risk of loss of the internationally significant buildings that make up the cultural landscape designed by Louis I. Kahn with his team of Indian architects and engineers.

[Read the letter](#)

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

Press Releases

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 16 Jan 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News & Stories

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News releases*

14 January 2021

**WFP Chief warns UN Security Council of imminent famine in Yemen**

NEW YORK – The World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director, David Beasley, addressed United Nations Security Council today on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Here are selected highlights from his remarks:

14 January 2021

**Republic of Korea funds a lifeline for conflict displaced and school children in west Africa**

SEOUL/DAKAR – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes a \$US500,000 contribution from the Government of the Republic of Korea to our operations in Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea, which will help support the emergency response in Central Sahel, and provide school meals for thousands of young pupils.

12 January 2021

**Humanitarian crisis looms in Southern Madagascar as drought and pandemic double number of hungry people**

ANTANANARIVO – Three consecutive years of drought coupled with a sharp recession triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic will leave a third of the population in Southern Madagascar struggling to put food on the table. With severe malnutrition rates continuing to spiral and many children forced to beg in order to help their families eat, urgent action is required to prevent a humanitarian crisis.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*Child labour*

**2021: International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour**

15 January 2021

Child labour has decreased by 38 per cent in the last decade but 152 million children are still affected. The COVID-19 pandemic has considerably worsened the situation, but joint and decisive action can reverse this trend.

*Voices*

**Bees - A remedy for business success**

15 January 2021

Viorica Anghel transformed her life when she signed up for a beekeeper's course run by the ILO in Moldova. She now runs her own business and uses the honey for medicinal purposes to treat her son.

*Working from home*

**Homeworkers need to be better protected, says the ILO**

13 January 2021

The dramatic increase in working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the poor working conditions experienced by many homeworkers who, prior to the crisis, numbered an estimated 260 million people worldwide.

*COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace*  
**Towards decent work for all homeworkers**

13 January 2021

Working from home has long been an important feature of the world of work. However, the institutions that govern the labour market are rarely designed with the home as a workplace in mind. The dramatic increase in working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to address the issues facing homeworkers and their employers, and to pave the way to decent work for all who work from home.

*Voices*

**A refugee mother determined to provide despite COVID-19**

12 January 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, workers' hours were reduced at the farm in Jordan where Syrian refugee Fatima Hussein Al Ahmad lives and works. Resourceful and determined, she found alternative ways to earn money to buy milk for her baby daughter. Read her story on our new Voices multimedia platform.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

**2020 passenger totals drop 60 percent as COVID-19 assault on international mobility continues**

15/1/21

**Pandemic recovery presents opportunities for addressing gender imbalances in air transport: ICAO Secretary General**

13/1/21

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

**2020 was one of three warmest years on record**

Geneva, 14 January 2021 - The year 2020 was one of the three warmest on record, and rivalled 2016 for the top spot, according to a consolidation of five leading international datasets by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). A naturally occurring cooling climate phenomenon, La Niña, put a brake on the heat only at the very end of the year.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 16 Jan 2021]



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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

**[Digitalization crucial to SIDS' COVID-19 recovery, long-term development](#)**

VIENNA, 12 January 2021 - The upscaling of digital technologies presents a host of opportunities for small island developing states (SIDS) to diversify their economies, boost manufacturing, gain greater access to global value chains, and improve disaster preparedness. However, significant obstacles remain, including inadequate digital infrastructure, insufficient training opportunities for women and young people, a growing digital divide, and a lack of data and policy knowledge.

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

By Clare Naden on 15 January 2021

**[Accessibility for all](#)**

Ergonomics data for standards developers just updated.

[ISO/TR 22411](#), *Ergonomics data for use in the application of ISO/IEC Guide 71:2014*, helps standards developers to understand human characteristics and capabilities of persons with disabilities and older persons.

By Clare Naden on 14 January 2021

**[Biometric security](#)**

A new series of International Standards has just been published.

The series of standards [ISO/IEC 19989](#), *Information security – Criteria and methodology for security evaluation of biometric systems*, has just been published to help ensure they are protected from such attacks. This series provides a bridge between [ISO/IEC 19792](#), which defines the evaluation principles for biometric products and systems, and the [ISO/IEC 15408](#) series and [ISO/IEC 18045](#), which define the criteria and methodology requirements for security evaluation.

By Clare Naden on 12 January 2021

**[COVID-19 pandemic triggers development of new standard for ventilators](#)**

Helping manufacturers meet the demand with devices that are safe, reliable and of high quality.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*All Regions Executive Council*

**[Madrid Set to Host Key Week for Global Tourism](#)**

17 Jan 2021

*Middle East*



## **Opportunities for Women in Tourism Increasing Across Middle East**

11 Jan 2021

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

### **WIPO Re:Search Enlists 150th Member in the Fight Against Neglected Tropical Diseases, Malaria and TB**

Geneva, January 11, 2021 PR/2021/873

WIPO Re:Search has welcomed a 150th member to the global network fighting neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), malaria, and tuberculosis (TB), with Colombia's venerable University of Antioquia joining the flagship WIPO public-private partnership.

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Announcements*

### **5.01.2021 Haribon: improved conservation can prevent pandemics**

### **15.01.2021 Why we can't tackle the crises of 2020 in isolation**

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**USAID** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements*

### **Revised Policy on Counter-Trafficking in Persons of the U.S. Agency for International Development**

January 15, 2021

To mark National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is pleased to launch the revised Policy on Countering Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP). The updated C-TIP Policy adds new victim-centered, trauma-informed, and survivor-informed approaches, and promotes the intentional integration of efforts to end modern slavery across the Agency's humanitarian and development programs.

### **USAID Announces More Than \$5.8 Million for Partnerships on Scientific Cooperation**

January 14, 2021

Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced more than \$5.8 million to fund partnerships in scientific cooperation on research projects to discover, test, and scale breakthrough solutions for critical challenges in international development. The Agency selected 26 research projects for awards through the Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) program, a collaboration with the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The awards range in amounts from \$54,000 to \$300,000.

### **USAID Updates Its Policy on Economic Growth**

January 14, 2021

Today, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Acting Deputy Administrator Barsa announced the launch of USAID's updated Policy on Economic Growth at an event organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). The Policy ensures the future of USAID's development work will continue to be enterprise-driven. In line with the U.S. National Security Strategy, USAID plays a catalytic role in promoting economic growth led by the private sector and helps developing countries become stronger trading and security partners. The Policy draws on the latest thinking and evidence in the field of economic development, including that investments in sustained economic growth programming are mutually beneficial for partner countries and U.S. economic and national security.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** [nee DFID] [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases. Announcements*

**UK Government announces business measures over Xinjiang human rights abuses**

12 January 2021 — *Press release*

Foreign Secretary announces measures to help ensure that British organisations are not complicit in, nor profiting from, human rights violations in Xinjiang.

**UK meets £250m match aid target into COVAX, the global vaccines facility**

12 January 2021 — *Press release*

The UK has now mobilised \$1 billion from global donors to support vulnerable countries to access coronavirus vaccines – stopping the spread of the disease.

**ECHO** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

**Croatia earthquake: EU Member States offer further assistance**

14/01/2021

Following the initial offers of assistance to Croatia – most of it dispatched in the first 24 hours after the devastating earthquake of 29 December 2020 – EU Member States are offering further in-kind assistance. Sleeping bags, housing containers...

**Coronavirus: rescEU medical stockpile expands in 4 Member States**

11/01/2021

As of today, Belgium, the Netherlands and Slovenia will become new hosts countries for rescEU medical supplies and a second medical reserve will be hosted by Germany – already a rescEU host country. In total, there are now 9 countries hosting the...

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**African Union** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

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

**Africa's Infrastructure Ministers Validate Africa's Infrastructure Priorities for 2021-2030**

January 12, 2021

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Secretariat News*

**ASEAN launches first consumer empowerment index**

JAKARTA, 11 January 2021 - The ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) launched the Report of ASEAN Consumer Empowerment Index 2020 Pilot Project (ACEI 2020), as envisioned under the ASEAN Strategic Action Plan for Consumer Protection 2016-2025. The ACEI is a composite index calculated on a country level based on questionnaire-styled surveys, in order to benchmark [...]

**European Commission** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest*

*Press release* 12 January 2021

**Coronavirus: Commission concludes exploratory talks with Valneva to secure a new potential vaccine**

Today, the European Commission concluded exploratory talks with the pharmaceutical company Valneva with a view to purchasing its potential vaccine against COVID-19.

*Press release* 11 January 2021

**COVID-19: Commission supports blood services to increase COVID-19 convalescent plasma collection**

The European Commission has selected 24 projects that will build new programmes, or expand existing ones, for the collection of plasma from donors recovered from COVID-19.

**OECD** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Top Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

**Presentation of CASLA Institute's 2020 Report on Crimes against Humanity in Venezuela**

January 11, 2021

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**OIC welcomes announcement of presidential and legislative elections, Palestine**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the decree that President Mahmoud Abbas issued, setting parliamentary and presidential elections in all Palestinian territories, including eastern al-Quds. The decree is an important step, the General Secretariat

considered, for the renewal of the legitimate national Palestinian establishment....  
17/01/2021

### **OIC Hails US Plan to designate Houthi as FTO**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has welcomed the United States of America's decision to blacklist the Houthi rebels in Yemen as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO)....  
14/01/2021

### **OIC condemns Israeli decision to build 800 more colonial settlement units**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned the Israeli occupation authorities' decision to invite contractor bids to build 800 new unlawful colonial settlement units on the occupied Palestinian territories. The OIC General Secretariat considered the Israeli move a brazen breach of international law and relevant UN resolutions, most notably Security Council resolution 2334....  
12/01/2021

**Group of 77** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<http://www.g77.org/>  
*Latest Statements and Speeches*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**UNCTAD** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<https://unctad.org/media-centre>  
*Press Releases*  
15 Jan 2021 –  
**UNCTAD Secretary-General to Step Down Next Month**  
UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2021/002  
Genève, Switzerland

15 Jan 2021 –  
**UNCTAD Secretary-General Wins Award for Promoting Intra-African Trade**  
UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2021/001  
Geneva, Switzerland

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<http://www.wcoomd.org/>  
*Latest News – Selected Items*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)  
*WTO News and Events*

## **DDG Wolff outlines possible responses to calls for WTO reform**

13 January 2021

At a virtual event hosted by Chatham House in London on 13 January, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff outlined his views on possible responses to calls for reform of the WTO. He focused on issues such as improving the WTO's negotiating function and decision-making, better accountability in dispute settlement, and other structural reforms. "The status quo is unsustainable to meet the full range of challenges," he declared. His statement is below.

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## **IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **International Court of Justice** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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## **World Bank** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected News, Announcements*

### **Future Foodscapes: Re-imagining Agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean**

This new report from the World Bank offers a fresh way to think about the role that agriculture plays in Latin America and the Caribbean Region. It shows that what has traditionally been thought of as...

Date: January 15, 2021 Type: Brief

## **Lebanon Emergency Crisis and COVID-19 Response Social Safety Net Project (ESSN)**

1. What is the ESSN Project? The ESSN is a US\$246 million 3-year project that will provide cash transfers and access to social services to extreme poor and vulnerable Lebanese populations affected by the...

Date: January 12, 2021 Type: Brief

## **US\$246 Million to Support Poor and Vulnerable Lebanese Households and Build-Up the Social Safety Net Delivery System**

Beirut, January 12, 2021 – The World Bank Group’s Board of Executive Directors approved today a US\$246 million new project to provide emergency cash transfers and access to social services to approximately...

Date: January 12, 2021 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News, Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**African Development Bank Group** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

**Guterres calls for \$100 billion in climate finance to support developing nations**

12-Jan-2021 - African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina on Monday joined world leaders to discuss the global transition to clean power as part of a green recovery and identify actions that can be taken to support this. The virtual COP26 Roundtable on Clean Power Transition, under the theme “Achieving a rapid shift to green, affordable and resilient power systems” was held amid growing recognition that climate change remains one of the greatest challenges facing humanity.

**Sahel region: the African Development Bank pledges to mobilise \$6.5 Billion in support of the Great Green Wall Initiative**

11-Jan-2021 - The Sahel region's Great Green Wall Initiative received a major boost from the African Development Bank on Monday. During a forum hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Bank pledged to assist in mobilising up to \$6.5 billion over five years, to advance the landmark initiative.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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]*

15 Jan 2021

**ADB, EIB Join Forces to Protect Oceans, Support the Blue Economy**

ADB and EIB today formed a new Clean and Sustainable Ocean Partnership to support initiatives in Asia and the Pacific to help meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the climate goals of the Paris Agreement.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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, Jan. 13, 2021

**AIIB Forecasts Five Key Infrastructure Trends in Post-COVID Recovery**

*Multilateral development bank's fifth anniversary marks new strategic direction*

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is identifying five emerging infrastructure trends that will shape Asia's post-COVID-19 recovery that are based on the Bank's experience and analysis .

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

13 JAN

**IFAD's fight against rural poverty and hunger highlighted at One Planet Summit, as President Macron calls on others to step up their commitment**

11 JAN

**IFAD and GCF scale-up action to improve life for millions of people and restore ecosystems in Africa's Great Green Wall**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

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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 16 Jan 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Madagascar*

**Le Grand Sud face à la faim**

Posté le 15 janvier 2021

Madagascar, à l'instar du reste du monde, n'a pas été épargné par les bouleversements en cascade de 2020. Ce pays très vulnérable aux effets du changement climatique a dû affronter en un an, des inondations exceptionnelles dans le nord en janvier et février dernier, et une sécheresse redoutable dans 8 districts du sud depuis fin juin. A cela est venu s'ajouter la pandémie de la COVID-19 et ses conséquences qui perdurent encore aujourd'hui.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 16 Jan 2021]



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

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*BSI News*

**[LAF thanks BSI for its support in Beirut](#)**

Jan 13, 2021

Blue Shield International was honoured recently to receive a gift and letter of thanks from the Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) for our support to LAF for the protection of damaged historic buildings following the Beirut explosion last August. In conjunction with the Lebanese Blue Shield National Committee and supported by the Austrian [...]

**BRAC** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News from ECPAT*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GE2P2 Global** [to 16 Jan 2021]

*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/Analysis/Statements/Webinars*

**GE2P2 Center for Informed Consent Integrity Webinar Series**

**PPMD Gene Therapy Preference Study: Eliciting patient and caregiver preference for emerging gene therapies**

January 20th at 10am EST

Invited speakers Pat Furlong, President & CEO, and Ryan Fischer, Chief Advocacy Officer, of Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy will speak to the unique challenges of informed consent in the rare disease space and present on their work conducting Preference Studies. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86059178480?pwd=WklabWhUczRsVU1QRk1QSTV3dEtvZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 5917 8480    Passcode: 669662

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**Model declarations under article 2 of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

Model Article 2 declaration for States that have never owned, possessed or controlled nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices. Model Article 2 declaration for States that owned, possessed or controlled nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices

15-01-2021 | Publication

**Yemen: An indiscriminate airport attack means many families are in mourning**

A statement from Dominik Stillhart, director of ICRC operations, after a visit to Yemen following the deaths late last month of three ICRC staff in an explosion at Aden's airport.

14-01-2021 | News release

**Counter-terrorism measures must not restrict impartial humanitarian organizations from delivering aid**

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1373, and the establishment of UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee. These anniversaries are a good opportunity to

12-01-2021 | Statement

**IFRC** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

*Americas, Honduras*

**Red Cross: Providing services and protection to migrants in Central America is a humanitarian imperative**

Panama/Geneva, 15 January 2021 – The Red Cross is preparing to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants ready to depart Honduras for Guatemala as part of a 'migrant caravan'. More than 4,000 thousand people are expected to join the caravan that will ...

15 January 2021

*Armenia, Azerbaijan, Europe, Georgia*

**New study finds coronavirus has left older people poorer, sicker and more alone**

Budapest/Geneva, 13 January 2021 – The COVID-19 pandemic is having catastrophic health, social and financial impacts on older people in Europe's South Caucasus region, according to a new study led by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Cr ...

13 January 2021

*Global*

**UNICEF, WHO, IFRC and MSF announce the establishment of a global Ebola vaccine stockpile**

NEW YORK/ GENEVA, 12 JANUARY 2021: The four leading international health and humanitarian organizations announced today the establishment of a global Ebola vaccine stockpile to ensure outbreak response. The effort to establish the stockpile was led by ...

12 January 2021

*Global*

**COVID-19: Vaccines alone will not end pandemic, warns IFRC**

Geneva, 11 January 2021 – With COVID-19 vaccines rolling out across many countries, the world's largest humanitarian network is once again warning that vaccines alone will not end the pandemic. People need to remain vigilant and continue to adhere to b ...

... Emanuele Capobianco, IFRC's Director of Health, said: "We are very concerned about this convergence of a potential false sense of security due to the rollout of vaccines, the emergence of new variants, and the impact of holiday-season travel. Our first line of defence against the virus remains our individual behaviour. Beyond this, the ability of Governments to take swift actions based on scientific evidence is also key to slowing down the pandemic. "Vaccines will help, but unless we all remain vigilant, and unless their deployment is accelerated across the world in a fair and equitable manner, the entire world remains at risk."

### **International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Updates / Alerts*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Media highlights [Selected]*

*Press Release*

#### **Billions will not receive a COVID-19 vaccine in 2021**

January 12, 2021

:: Shortages of COVID-19 vaccines, coupled with vaccine nationalism, means the majority of people in crisis and conflict-affected contexts will not receive a COVID-19 vaccine this year.

:: Investments must be made immediately to strengthen health systems, including shoring up supply chains, allocating sustainable and adequate financing, and empowering community and frontline health workers to ensure no one is left behind.

:: Efforts must also be focused on continuing routine immunizations – in addition to preparation for the COVID-19 vaccines – to protect hard-won gains and avoid the spread of other vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks.

*Press Release*

#### **24 million Yemenis at catastrophic humanitarian risk following new U.S. terrorist designations of Ansar Allah, warns IRC**

January 11, 2021

### **IRCT** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*News* 13 Jan 2021

#### **New Editorial Advisory Board to continue success of the Torture Journal**

IRCT is pleased to announce the new Editorial Advisory Board with two new members, Alice Edwards and Daniel Weishut.

Board brings together leading professionals from across the sector to build on the clinical and academic reputation of the journal.

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

*Myanmar*

**Supporting families uprooted amid violence in Myanmar**

Published: 17 January, 2021

*Indonesia*

**Islamic Relief to provide aid as Indonesia earthquake makes thousands homeless**

Published: 15 January, 2021

*Bangladesh*

**Pioneering programme helps orphans and widows in Bangladesh break out of intergenerational poverty**

Published: 14 January, 2021

**Landsea** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

January 14, 2021

**How the Biden-Harris Administration Can Tackle the World's Toughest Challenges**

President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris assume office on January 20th, at a time when the world faces the...

January 13, 2021

**Statement on Nomination of Amb. Power as USAID Administrator**

Tjada D'Oyen McKenna, Mercy Corps CEO says: "Mercy Corps applauds the selection of Ambassador Samantha J. Power to head...

January 12, 2021

**News Alert: Coronavirus Outbreak in Um Rakuba camp in Sudan**

Following the confirmation of four coronavirus cases in the Um Rakuba camp, Mercy Corps calls for swift and urgent...

January 11, 2021

**[News Alert: Yemen Designation Will Undermine Already Stretched Humanitarian Response](#)**

On January 11, the Trump Administration announced its designation of Ansar Allah, also known as the Houthis, as a...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

*CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC*

**[MSF teams ramp up support as violence escalates](#)**

PROJECT UPDATE14 JAN 2021

*ETHIOPIA*

**[Providing assistance to people in Ethiopia and Sudan in wake of Tigray violence](#)**

PROJECT UPDATE12 JAN 2021

*SWITZERLAND*

**[Responding to the second wave of COVID-19 in Switzerland](#)**

PROJECT UPDATE11 JAN 2021

**Operation Smile** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

**[Program Schedule](#)**

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

**OXFAM** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**[Oxfam reaction to US Secretary of State Pompeo's decision to designate the Houthis as a Foreign Terrorist Organization and Specially Designated Global Terrorist](#)**

11 January 2021

In response to US Secretary of State Pompeo's decision to designate the Houthis as a Foreign Terrorist Organization and Specially Designated Global Terrorist, Oxfam America's Humanitarian Policy Lead Scott Paul said: "Secretary Pompeo's decision to designate the Houthis as a terrorist organization is a counter-productive and dangerous policy that will put innocent lives at risk. This designation will not help to resolve the conflict or provide justice for the violations and abuses committed during the war; it will only compound the crisis for millions of Yemenis fighting for their survival.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest news*

*Central African Republic* | 15. Jan 2021

**[Mounting hostilities disrupt aid delivery in the Central African Republic](#)**

Humanitarian operations in several parts of the Central African Republic are at a standstill due to ongoing election unrest and heightened insecurity, leaving many of the 2.8 million people in need of essential humanitarian aid without access to life-saving assistance.

*Yemen* | 11. Jan 2021

**Statement on US designation of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation**

Reacting on the US designation of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation...

**Pact** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

January 12, 2021

**International NGO Pact names Cristine Betters head of public sector business development**

International NGO Pact has named Cristine Betters as the Vice President for Public Sector Business Development. As Vice President, Betters will lead the organization's considerable global portfolio of work with the public sector, across the business development pipeline, and will join the organization's Senior Management Team...

**Partners In Health** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

**Three Haitian Nurses Among Cohort Chosen for Executive Fellowship**

It was a typical morning for Gretta Joseph, deputy chief nursing officer at University Hospital of Mirebalais in Haiti. She was still at home, going through her work email and getting a sense of her schedule for the day at the hospital, when she noticed the congratulatory message informing her she had been accepted to Partners In Health's Global Nurse Executive Fellowship. She let out a celebratory scream, alarming her husband who rushed into the room. Soon he was joining her celebration; he knew how much she had wanted this.

January 13, 2021

**PATH** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

15 January 2021 - Indonesia



**'Focus on children in aftermath earthquake Sulawesi' – Save the Children**

15 January 2021 - Lebanon

**"I can go without food, but my children can't." Children and families in Lebanon face critical days as curfew begins**

14 January 2021 - Bangladesh

**'Children and their families robbed of what little they had'**

12 January 2021 - Spain

**Spain: Hundreds of Children Left in the Dark during Cold Wave**

12 January 2021 - Lebanon

**LEBANON: VULNERABLE CHILDREN AT RISK FROM TOTAL LOCKDOWN WITHOUT IMMEDIATE SUPPORT**

**Tostan** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News/Events*

**Blog post with Elena Bonometti following Tostan's conversation with Blue Marble Evaluation**

Jan 15, 2021

Tostan was so pleased to be asked to share with the Blue Marble Evaluation community on November 23 for the webinar "Igniting and Sustaining Community-led Transformation: Tostan's Proven Approach." Our team really enjoyed the discussion we had! As there were some very...

**Women for Women International** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Blogs & Updates*

January 15, 2021

**"A promise fulfilled": Saratu's Women for Women International journey**

*Article Nigeria*

January 11, 2021

**Women suffer most from human trafficking—but they're also the solution**

*Article*

**World Vision** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

[https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release)  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<https://freedomhouse.org/>  
*Latest Updates*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<https://www.hrw.org/>  
*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*  
January 15, 2021  
*Commentary*  
[\*\*NY Attorney General Sues Police for Violence Against Protesters\*\*](#)  
[Ida Sawyer](#)  
Deputy Director, Africa Division

Asia January 13, 2021  
[\*\*Biden Should Cement Rights in US Policy\*\*](#)  
US President-elect Joe Biden should work with global leaders who have sought to shore up a defense of human rights around the world, Human Rights Watch said today in releasing its World Report 2021.

January 13, 2021  
*News Release*  
[\*\*India: Growing Crackdown on Activists, Critics\*\*](#)

Asia January 13, 2021  
*News Release*  
[\*\*China: Global Resistance to Deepening Repression\*\*](#)

**Transparency International** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<https://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases>  
*Press*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<https://childfundalliance.org/>  
*News/ Statements*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 16 Jan 2021]  
<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*  
*Statement*

**[The Elders warn Yemen famine will be worsened by US designation of Houthis as terrorists](#)**

15 January 2021

The Elders today expressed concern that the severe famine and humanitarian crisis in Yemen will be worsened by the US Government's designation of one of the parties in the conflict as terrorists.

*Opinion*

**[No time to spare for the Paris climate promise](#)**

12 January 2021

Five years on from the signing of the Paris Agreement on climate change, Mary Robinson warns that having squandered past opportunities and shirked previous commitments, states now must start making up for lost time.

**Evidence Aid** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

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

*New Resources* Language

Order Results

**[Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)](#)****[Added January 15, 2021](#)**

**[Obesity and COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)](#)** **[Added January 14, 2021](#)**

**[Co-morbidities and outcome of COVID-19 \(multiple reviews\)](#)** **[Added January 13, 2021](#)**

**[Impact of acculturation on oral health among immigrants and ethnic minorities](#)** **[Added January 11, 2021](#)**

**[Oral health needs of older migrants with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in developed countries](#)** **[Added January 11, 2021](#)**

**[Knowledge, attitudes and practices of South Asian immigrants in developed countries regarding oral cancer](#)** **[Added January 11, 2021](#)**

**[Migrants' and refugees' health status and healthcare in Europe](#)** **[Added January 11, 2021](#)**

**Gavi** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News releases*

**500,000 doses of Ebola vaccine to be made available to countries for outbreak response**

12 Jan 2021

:: A Gavi-funded global emergency stockpile of Ebola vaccines will be accessible to all countries following a procurement process concluded by UNICEF

:: Seth Berkley: "The accelerated development of the Ebola vaccine was possible thanks to a first-of-its-kind agreement between Gavi and the vaccine manufacturer, which set a precedent for fast-tracking development and production of vaccines against COVID-19"

:: The new Ebola vaccine played an important role in ending the Ebola outbreak in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which was officially declared over in June last year. The stockpile is an example of how Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and UNICEF are strengthening the world's defenses against potentially devastating infectious disease outbreaks

**Getty Conservation Institute** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

**Global Fund signs a record-breaking \$8.54 billion in grants to fight HIV, TB and malaria**

12 January 2021

In 2020, the Global Fund signed 157 grants for a total of US\$8.54 billion for lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria programs and to strengthen systems for health. This is the highest amount of grants ever signed in a single year by the Global Fund. The grants will begin implementation this month.

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Website not responding at inquiry*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources, events, content*

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Blog Post*

**Statement in Response to President Trump's Proposed Funding Rescissions.**

Jan 14, 2021

*Blog Post*

**Call for Nominations: InterAction 2021 Humanitarian Award**

InterAction | Jan 13, 2021

*Statement*

**Statement on the Nomination of Samantha Power for USAID Administrator**

InterAction | Jan 13, 2021

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Publications/Events/Blogs*

**The effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition outcomes in low- and middle- income countries**

Evidence gap map Brief 3ie 2021 This brief presents the findings of an evidence gap map that assess the effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition outcomes in low- and middle-income countries. The map also identifies potential primary and synthesis evidence gaps.

**The effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition outcomes in low- and middle-income countries**

Evidence gap map 3ie 2021 This evidence gap map report assesses the effects of food systems interventions on food security and nutrition outcomes in low- and middle- income countries. The map also identifies potential primary and synthesis evidence gaps.

**CHS Alliance** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News/Blog/Events*

*Blog* 11 Jan 2021

**Humanitarian innovation: We may fail at this**

Cecilie Hestbaek

*In this blog, Senior Innovation Manager at Elrha's Humanitarian Innovation Fund, Cecilie Hestbæk, discusses the challenges facing humanitarian innovation and how a new, experimental type of funding may hold the key to navigating an obstacle course in the dark...*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection*

**[Historical views on crises in Afghanistan provide lessons for today](#)**

Selection#39 (4th-10th January)

While humanitarian action is often characterised by short-term activity, it is considered important to take a long-term, historical view on its environment. Two of this weeks' blogs take such a historical view at the different crises in Afghanistan.

Other opinions continue to come in about the proposed new EU pact on migration and asylum, and we have included two of them. This week we also include two publications in Spanish from IECAH's report on humanitarian action in 2019-20. Other pieces are about ongoing crises, including a piece by Tanya Müller about the impact of ending the UNAMID peacekeeping mission in Darfur.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

*News*

*Webinar*

**[Webinar: Using Kolibri for distance learning amid COVID-19](#)**

Organized by Learning Equality

28 January 2021, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News and Blog*

**[German Federal Foreign Office supports innovative programme for early humanitarian action](#)**

by Helen James 11 Jan 21

The German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) has announced its support of €4.5 million for a programme of activities that will embed early humanitarian action across a global network of NGOs.

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**Brookings**

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

*Accessed 16 Jan 2021*

*Latest Research/Events*

*Report*

**[Survey of academic and market observers gives high marks to Fed communications](#)**

Tyler Powell and David Wessel

Thursday, January 14, 2021

*Report*

**[Employment creation potential, labor skills requirements, and skill gaps for young people: A South African case study](#)**

Caitlin Allen, Zaakhir Asmal, Haroon Bhorat, Robert Hill, Jabulile Monnakgotla, Morné Oosthuizen, and Christopher Rooney

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

*Report*

**[COVID-19 exposes a changed world: A prescription for renewing US global partnership](#)**

George Ingram

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

*India*

**[After the foundational agreements: An agenda for US-India defense and security cooperation](#)**



Joshua T. White  
January 2021

*Demographics & Population*

**What the 2020 census will reveal about America: Stagnating growth, an aging population, and youthful diversity**

William H. Frey

Monday, January 11, 2021

**Center for Global Development** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Publications, News and Events*

January 13, 2021

**Valuing Climate Liability**

This note looks at cumulative historical emissions but adds two adjustments to quantify countries' liability for climate damage. First, we use recent thinking on carbon prices to cost emissions. Second, we allow that cost to fall for historic emissions and include a cut-off to reflect the rising certainty of climate damage.

[Ian Mitchell](#) , [Lee Robinson](#) and [Atousa Tahmasebi](#)

January 13, 2021

**Evaluating Contraception for Inclusion in Health Benefits Packages: Conceptual Issues and a Proposed Analytical Framework**

As low- and middle-income countries advance towards universal health coverage (UHC), the family planning community increasingly recognizes that inclusion within health benefits packages (HBP)—a cornerstone of UHC policy—may be essential for the sustainability of family planning financing.

[Rachel Silverman](#) and [Julia Kaufman](#)

January 11, 2021

**We Should Be Spending More of Available Aid in Poorer Countries, Not Less**

In the context of an ongoing debate around the role of aid in middle income countries, it is worth revisiting the discussion around aid allocation in general.

[Charles Kenny](#)

**CSIS** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

**The New Challenge of Communist Corporate Governance**

January 15, 2021 The Chinese Communist Party is advancing a new model of corporate governance that seeks to insert the Party directly into certain corporate decisions and increase its overall supervision of the domestic economy.

*Report*

**Drivers of Recovery: Elevating the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda**

January 13, 2021 | [Erol Yayboke](#), [Janina Staguhn](#) This brief examines the challenges youth face during the Covid-19 pandemic in fragile contexts, provides examples of youth-led recovery efforts, and identifies opportunities for the Biden administration to reinvigorate U.S. leadership on youth, peace, and security issues.

*Report*

**[Maintaining the Intelligence Edge: Reimagining and Reinventing Intelligence through Innovation](#)**

January 13, 2021 | [Brian Katz](#) The dawning era of intelligence innovation must compel the U.S. Intelligence Community to reimagine its tradecraft and missions to harness technology's potential and reinvent its processes, partnerships, workforce, incentives, and culture to embrace technological...

*Report*

**[Stabilization Assistance amid Geopolitical Competition: A Case Study of Eastern Syria](#)**

January 12, 2021 | [Daphne McCurdy](#) Using eastern Syria as a case study, this CSIS brief examines how U.S. stabilization assistance can potentially serve as a tool in geopolitical competition by supporting locally legitimate political actors to stand up against external meddling.

*Report*

**[How the CCP Governs: The View from a Chinese Town](#)**

January 11, 2021 | [Jude Blanchette](#) In order to better understand local-level governance, the CSIS Freeman Chair is releasing the following translation of an official notice by the town's CCP Committee on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the PRC's founding.

*Report*

**[The Biden Transition and Reshaping U.S. Strategy: Replacing "Burden Sharing" with Meaningful Force Planning](#)**

January 11, 2021 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The current U.S. posture toward its strategic partners and alliances fixates more on spending quotas than actual force development and modernization, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

**Rand** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Research Reports/Journal Articles*

*Journal Article*

**[Teachers Are Not All Right: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Is Taking a Toll on the Nation's Teachers](#)**

Findings discuss issues affecting teacher wellbeing during the pandemic, including higher workloads and increased teacher burnout.

Jan 15, 2021

Julia H. Kaufman, Melissa Diliberti

*Journal Article*

**[Raising the Alarm on Brain Attacks in Surgical Patients: Are We Doing Enough to Prevent and Treat Postoperative Strokes?](#)**

The time is right to update existing clinical practice guidelines on the management of patients at high risk for perioperative acute ischemic stroke.

Jan 15, 2021

Laurent G. Glance, Robert G. Holloway

*Journal Article*

**Risk Prediction Tools: The Need for Greater Transparency**

If risk prediction tools are to be used in clinical care, it is essential that they be vetted with the same care as any new drug or medical device.

Jan 15, 2021

Laurent G. Glance, Andrew W. Dick, Turner M. Osler

*Journal Article*

**Comparison of Two Prognostic Models in Trauma Outcome**

This study compared the anatomical injury components of the Trauma Audit and Research Network model with the Trauma Mortality Prediction Model.

Jan 15, 2021

Alan Cook, Turner M. Osler, Laurent G. Glance, Fiona Lecky, Omar Bouamra, Jo Weddle, Brian W. Gross, Jeanette Ward, Forrest O. Moore, Frederick Bolles Rogers, David W. Hosmer

*Report*

**Balancing Access and Cost Control in the TRICARE Prescription Drug Benefit**

The Military Health System provides health and drug coverage to beneficiaries through TRICARE. This report describes the TRICARE pharmacy benefit and the trade-offs in TRICARE pharmacy policies between increasing access and controlling costs.

Jan 14, 2021

Andrew W. Mulcahy, Brian Phillips, Christopher M. Whaley

*Report*

**Analysis of Global Management of Air Force War Reserve Materiel to Support Operations in Contested and Degraded Environments**

In this report, RAND researchers evaluate management approaches and global prepositioning strategies for war reserve materiel, which may help mitigate some of the U.S. military's vulnerabilities when operating in a contested environment.

Jan 14, 2021

Kristin F. Lynch, Anthony DeCicco, Bart E. Bennett, John G. Drew, Amanda Kadlec, Vikram Kilambi, Kurt Klein, James A. Leftwich, Miriam E. Marlier, Ronald G. McGarvey, Patrick Mills, Theo Milonopoulos, Robert S. Tripp, Anna Jean Wirth

*Report*

**Teachers' Perceptions of What Makes Instructional Materials Engaging, Appropriately Challenging, and Usable: A Survey and Interview Study**

In this report, the authors examine how middle and high school English language arts and mathematics teachers use and perceive their instructional materials in terms of how engaging, challenging, and usable they are.

Jan 14, 2021

Elaine Lin Wang, Andrea Prado Tuma, Sy Doan, Daniella Henry, Rebecca Ann Lawrence, Ashley Woo, Julia H. Kaufman

*Journal Article*

### **Does Medicare Advantage Reduce Racial Disparity in 30-Day Rehospitalization for Medicare Beneficiaries?**

This study determined potential racial and ethnic disparities in risk for all-cause 30-day readmission among traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage beneficiaries initially hospitalized for acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, or pneumonia.

Jan 14, 2021

Yue Li, Xueya Cai, Dongliang Wang, Caroline P. Thirukumaran, Laurent G. Glance

#### *Journal Article*

### **Gunshot Wounds Resulting in Hospitalization in the United States: 2004–2013**

We conducted an observational study of patients hospitalized for gunshot wounds in the National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample, 2004–2013.

Jan 14, 2021

Alan Cook, Turner M. Osler, David W. Hosmer, Laurent G. Glance, Frederick Bolles Rogers, Brian W. Gross, Pamela A. Garcia-Filion, Ajai Kumar Malhotra

#### *Journal Article*

### **Building Bridges Across Clinical Registries**

For precision medicine and predictive analytics to become mainstream, we need an infrastructure that connects the massive number of digital breadcrumbs (Big Data) generated by individual patients over their lifetimes.

Jan 14, 2021

Laurent G. Glance, Jonathan P. Wanderer, Andrew W. Dick, Richard P. Dutton

#### *Journal Article*

### **Impact on Hospital Ranking of Basing Readmission Measures on a Composite Endpoint of Death or Readmission Versus Readmissions Alone**

Hospital performance on readmissions is significantly different from hospital performance on a composite metric based on readmission and mortality.

Jan 14, 2021

Laurent G. Glance, Yue Li, Andrew W. Dick

#### *Report*

### **COVID-19 and the Experiences of Populations at Greater Risk: Description and Top-Line Summary Data — Wave 2, Fall 2020**

This report presents the results of the second of four surveys on how Americans' health views and values have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on populations deemed vulnerable or underserved.

Jan 13, 2021

Katherine Grace Carman, Anita Chandra, Delia Bugliari, Christopher Nelson, Carolyn Miller

#### *Research Brief*

### **How Can Teachers Make the Most of Professional Learning in the Summer?**

This brief summarizes an examination of the potential value of academic summer programs for students that also offer professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Jan 12, 2021

Elizabeth D. Steiner, Laura Stelitano, Andy Bogart, Sophie Meyers

*Journal Article*

**[Rating the Seriousness of Maternal and Child Health Outcomes Linked with Pregnancy Weight Gain](#)**

This article estimates the seriousness of eleven maternal and child health outcomes that have been consistently associated with pregnancy weight gain by engaging patients and health professionals.

Jan 12, 2021

Lisa M. Bodnar, Dmitry Khodyakov, Sara M. Parisi, Katherine P. Himes, Jessica G. Burke, Jennifer A. Hutcheon

*Journal Article*

**[Engaging Patients and Professionals to Evaluate the Seriousness of Maternal and Child Health Outcomes: Protocol for a Modified Delphi Study](#)**

This article determines the seriousness of 11 maternal and child health outcomes associated with pregnancy weight gain, by engaging patients and maternal and child health professionals using an online modified Delphi panel process.

Jan 12, 2021

Lisa M. Bodnar, Dmitry Khodyakov, Katherine P. Himes, Jessica G. Burke, Sara M. Parisi, Jennifer A. Hutcheon

*Journal Article*

**[The Impact of New and Emerging Technologies on the Cyber Threat Landscape and Their Implications for NATO](#)**

This paper discusses a selection of new and emerging technologies with potentially disruptive effects, particularly concerning cyber threats that may stem from their maturation and use over the next decade.

Jan 12, 2021

Jacopo Bellasio, Erik Silfversten

*Journal Article*

**[Cyber Threats to NATO from a Multi-Domain Perspective](#)**

This paper situates cyber threats in the wider context of evolving multi-domain operations (MDO) theory and practice.

Jan 12, 2021

James Black, Alice Lynch

*Report*

**[The Promise of Summer as a Time for Teacher Professional Learning: Findings from a National Survey and Implications from the BellXcel Program](#)**

This report presents data from the first nationally representative survey of teachers about their summer professional learning opportunities and data from a descriptive study of BellXcel Summer, an academic summer program model for students.

Jan 12, 2021

Elizabeth D. Steiner, Laura Stelitano, Andy Bogart, Sophie Meyers

*Report*

**[Arts-based approaches to public engagement with research: Lessons from a rapid review](#)**

This report shares findings from a rapid review of the evidence on the use and effectiveness of arts-based approaches for public engagement with research.

Jan 11, 2021

Sarah Ball, Brandi Leach, Jennifer Bousfield, Pamina Smith, Sonja Marjanovic

*Report*

**[How to Transform the U.S. Mental Health System: Evidence-Based Recommendations](#)**

The United States is at a time of promise for historic transformation in mental health care. This report provides recommendations for mental health system change to improve the lives of the millions of Americans in need of care.

Jan 10, 2021

Ryan K. McBain, Nicole K. Eberhart, Joshua Breslau, Lori Frank, M. Audrey Burnam, Vishnupriya Kareddy, Molly M. Simmons

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 16 Jan 2021]**

<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.*

**Alan Turing Institute**

<https://www.turing.ac.uk/news>

*News, Research, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid [to 16 Jan 2021]**

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

12 JANUARY 2021

**[Unitaid funding sees launch of world's first long-acting medicines centre at University of Liverpool](#)**

Geneva – Efforts to revolutionise treatments for debilitating infectious diseases have been amplified today with the launch of a new research centre at the [University of Liverpool](#).

Established as part of a US\$40 million international research consortium, primarily funded by Unitaid, the University of Liverpool's Centre of Excellence for Long-acting Therapeutics (CELT) will be the first of its kind in the world.

By repurposing existing medicines into slow-release formulations, where drug effectiveness can be sustained over several months, 'long-acting' technology has already been successfully implemented in the fields of contraception and schizophrenia.

It now has the potential to improve the outcomes for treatment and prevention of deadly diseases such as HIV, malaria, Hepatitis C and tuberculosis, which particularly impact low- and middle-income countries.

Current treatment courses for these conditions have often resulted in poor outcomes in low-resource environments, as those living with diseases struggle with regimens that can involve taking dozens of tablets every day and rely on regular access to healthcare settings.

CELT's mission is to broaden knowledge of long-acting medicines and disseminate key research, with the aim of revolutionising how these devastating diseases are treated, particularly in countries where access to healthcare is challenging...

**Urban Institute** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Publications*

### **Optimizing Surveillance Systems in Correctional Settings**

This guidebook outlines steps for maximizing the impact of correctional surveillance programs on safety for correctional staff and incarcerated persons, including questions decision makers should consider to optimize their surveillance systems. The guide can help agencies identify surveillance goals, consider their systems' limitations and constraints, and develop strategies for meaningful improvements. We draw

[Rochisha Shukla](#), [Lily Robin](#), [Bryce Peterson](#), [Daniel Lawrence](#)

January 15, 2021

Research Report

### **The Trump Administration Plays its Last Cards on Fannie and Freddie**

In this brief, the author summarizes the Trump administration's final steps to reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, concluding that it builds some modest momentum for their release from conservatorship but ultimately leaves their fate to the incoming Biden administration.

[Jim Parrott](#)

January 15, 2021

Brief

### **Safety Net Hospitals in the Covid-19 Crisis: How Five Hospitals Have Fared Financially**

Issue America's hospitals have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused financial havoc in the industry. Safety net hospitals disproportionately care for those with low incomes and communities of color, the very groups hardest hit by the pandemic. Those hospitals typically treat a larger share of Medicaid and uninsured patients than other hospitals and thus often operate on thinner

[Teresa A. Coughlin](#), [Christal Ramos](#), [Haley Samuel-Jakubos](#)

January 14, 2021

Brief

### **Parents with Nontraditional Work Schedules in the District of Columbia**

Understanding the child care needs of parents working nontraditional hour (NTH) schedule has become a growing concern for policymakers trying to reduce barriers to accessible child care. Families working these schedules can face extra challenges finding child care, and the care arrangements they use are less often supported by public funds. Using data from the 2014–18 American Community Survey and the 2016

[Gina Adams](#), [Cary Lou](#), [Peter Willenborg](#), [Diane Schilder](#)

January 14, 2021

Brief

### **Parents with Nontraditional Work Schedules in Oklahoma**



Understanding the child care needs of parents working nontraditional hour (NTH) schedule has become a growing concern for policymakers trying to reduce barriers to accessible child care. Families working these schedules can face extra challenges finding child care, and the care arrangements they use are less often supported by public funds. Using data from the 2014–18 American Community Survey and the 2016

[Gina Adams](#), [Cary Lou](#), [Peter Willenborg](#), [Diane Schilder](#)

January 14, 2021

Brief

### **Parents with Nontraditional Work Schedules in Connecticut**

Understanding the child care needs of parents working nontraditional hour (NTH) schedule has become a growing concern for policymakers trying to reduce barriers to accessible child care. Families working these schedules can face extra challenges finding child care, and the care arrangements they use are less often supported by public funds. Using data from the 2014–18 American Community Survey and the 2016

[Gina Adams](#), [Cary Lou](#), [Peter Willenborg](#), [Diane Schilder](#)

January 14, 2021

Brief

### **Medicaid Expansion: Effects On Hospital Finances And Implications For Hospitals Facing COVID-19 Challenges**

States' decisions to expand Medicaid may have important implications for their hospitals' financial ability to weather the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. This study estimated the effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid expansion on hospital finances in 2017 to update earlier findings. The analysis also explored how the ACA Medicaid expansion affects different types of hospitals by size,

[Fredric Blavin](#), [Christal Ramos](#)

January 14, 2021

Journal Article

### **The Affordable Care Act Reduced Income Inequality In The US**

Income inequality estimates based on traditional poverty measures do not capture the effects of health care spending and health insurance. To explore the distributional effects of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA's) expansion of health benefits and the resulting income inequality, this study used alternative income measures that incorporate the value of the ACA's health insurance changes under the law. The study

[Matthew Buettgens](#), [Fredric Blavin](#), [Clare Wang Pan](#)

January 14, 2021

Journal Article

### **Patterns of Intermittent and Ongoing Disconnection Among Youth of Color**

Disparities in youth employment (including summer youth employment) and disconnection (not in school or working) start early and disproportionately affect people of color. Young people who become disconnected from work and education are at a higher risk of a host of negative life outcomes and are particularly vulnerable to the Covid-19 pandemic. This memo presents an analysis of ongoing and intermittent

[Nathan Sick](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **Providing Better Support to Students of Color: The Importance of School Climate, Belonging, and Wellbeing**

Students of color have faced a myriad of challenges in 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19, racial injustice, and the personal fear that either themselves or a loved one may be targeted because of their race. Improving school climate is a necessary component in any effort to improve racial equity. Race too often predicts outcomes such as disciplinary actions, feelings of student connectedness, and a student's

[Travis Reginal](#)

January 12, 2021

Fact Sheet

### **Why Housing Matters for Upward Mobility: Evidence and Indicators for Practitioners and Policymakers**

Housing can be an essential tool for upward mobility, giving families a strong foundation to move out of poverty. Too often, however, housing policy narrowly focuses on economic success as upward mobility's key indicator. But a person's power, autonomy, and value in their community are equally essential components. This brief arms communities, practitioners, and policymakers with evidence on how several aspects

[Kriti Ramakrishnan](#), [Elizabeth Champion](#), [Megan Gallagher](#), [Keith Fudge](#)

January 12, 2021

Research Report

### **Serving LGBTQ/GNCT Youth of Color Who Are Unhoused in Texas**

Texas is home to approximately 7 million youth under 18, and holds the second largest LGBT youth population in the United States (approx. 195,000). Youth homelessness is a pervasive and understudied problem, and a burgeoning body of research suggests that lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning/queer, gender nonconforming, and transgender (LGBTQ/GNCT) youth of color may be particularly vulnerable to housing

[Jahn timer Jagannath](#), [Kierra B. Jones](#), [Constance Hull](#)

January 12, 2021

Fact Sheet

### **Overlooked and Under-Connected: Exploring Disparities in Digital Skill Levels Among Older Youth of Color in the US**

Young people are often overlooked in discussions about digital skills gaps because they are considered "digital natives" who do not require digital skills training. Using 2017 data from the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies survey, this research highlights a number of disparities in digital skill levels among Americans aged 16-24, including that many older youth have no or

[Ian Hecker](#), [Amanda Briggs](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **Keeping Youth of Color Connected in Texas Public Schools**

Rates of disconnected youth—young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not in school or working—are highest among Black, Latino, and American Indian/Native American youth. Disconnection

can lead to negative outcomes: greater risk of economic instability, mental health and/or substance use problems, and criminal justice involvement. Using Texas as a use-case, this brief explores where students would be at

[Claire Boyd](#), [Libby Doyle](#), [Michelle Menezes](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **Home Health Hazards and Asthma: The Downstream Impacts on Youth in Southwest Latinx and Indigenous Communities**

This memo examines the relationship between the incidence of childhood asthma and substandard housing with a focus on Latine and indigenous households in New Mexico and Arizona. BIPOC households are disproportionately impacted by both asthma incidence and substandard housing. Using state environmental public health tracking databases and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data we aimed to better

[Fay Walker](#), [Sonia Torres Rodríguez](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **Exploring Educational Stability and Youth Justice Involvement in California**

Educational stability is a critical factor in youth involvement in the justice system – particularly among youth of color. In California specifically, school responses to student behavior can serve as nonjudicial drivers of higher rates of incarceration among youth of color. This memo examines county-level arrests and measures of educational stability among California youth, and identifies 10 California counties

[Susan Nembhard](#), [Colette Marcellin](#), [Azhar Gulaid](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **One in Three Adults Used Telehealth during the First Six Months of the Pandemic, but Unmet Needs for Care Persisted**

In this brief, we provide nationally representative estimates of telehealth use among nonelderly adults six months into the COVID-19 pandemic, as of September 2020. We use data from the second wave of the Urban Institute's Coronavirus Tracking Survey, fielded September 11 through 28, 2020. The survey contained questions about telehealth use, satisfaction with telehealth use, wanting telehealth but not getting it

[Laura Barrie Smith](#), [Fredric Blavin](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **Assessing North Carolina's Changes to Supervision Revocation Policy**

North Carolina changed its supervision revocation policies in 2011 as part of the passage and implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act, aimed at reducing prison spending and reinvesting savings in more effective public safety strategies. In addition to adding options for responding to supervision violations in the community, North Carolina created Confinement in Response to Violation (CRV) centers to

[Ashlin Oglesby-Neal](#), [Robin Olsen](#), [Megan Russo](#), [Brian Elderbroom](#)

January 12, 2021

Brief

### **Employers, Young People, and Training and Support**

In this report, we present baseline and process study findings of an evaluation of the Urban Alliance High School Internship Program, which provides professional internships, mentorship and coaching, college and career skills training to high school seniors. The report focuses on the program's operations in Washington, DC, Baltimore, Chicago, and Northern Virginia. It explains the program model and its [Brett Theodos](#), [Mike Pergamit](#), [Amelia Coffey](#), [Devlin Hanson](#), [Matthew Gerken](#), [Katherine Thomas](#)

January 12, 2021

Research Report

### **The Wistar Institute** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

Jan. 13, 2021

### **New Insights Into the Control of Inflammation**

The EGR1 transcription factor has distinct roles in early and late macrophage maturation stages, blunting macrophage activation and inflammation.

*Press Release*

Jan. 12, 2021

### **Wistar Researchers Develop New Humanized Mouse Model That Provides Insight Into Immunotherapy Resistance**

Tumor-infiltrating mast cells are connected to immune checkpoint inhibitor resistance in melanoma.

*Press Release*

Jan. 11, 2021

### **Wistar Scientists Discover Link Between a Genetic Driver of Ovarian Cancer and Metabolism, Opening the Way for New Therapeutic Strategies**

Loss of ARID1A causes increased glutamine metabolism, which can be blocked pharmacologically to target ARID1A-mutant tumors.

### **World Economic Forum** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Media*

### **Earth Observation Data Could Represent A Billion-Dollar Opportunity For The African Continent**

News 15 Jan 2021

### **Data-Driven Operations Are Key to Future of Manufacturing**

News 14 Jan 2021

### **Corporate Boards are Critical Starting Points for Implementing Stakeholder Capitalism**

News 13 Jan 2021

:: COVID-19 has put renewed pressure on and increased scrutiny towards companies to ensure they are considering the needs of all stakeholders

:: While there is continued momentum to support the principles of stakeholder capitalism, many companies face practical issues to including non-financial considerations in their business models and practices

:: A new study from the World Economic Forum highlights practical tools boardrooms can use to implement stakeholder capitalism, such as having a clear purpose, adopting common ESG metrics and enhancing board diversity

:: Read the study [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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases and Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Clinton Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Statement*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 16 Jan 2021]

[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 16 Jan 2021]

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

*The Latest*

12 January 2021

**[Ford Foundation Appoints Anthony Bebbington as Director of Natural Resources and Climate Change](#)**

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News*

**[Amplifier and J. Paul Getty Museum Announce Student Winners of "In Pursuit of \\_\\_\\_\\_" Open Call for Photography](#)**

January 12, 2021

LOS ANGELES — The nonprofit design lab Amplifier and the J. Paul Getty Museum are pleased to announce the winners of In Pursuit of \_\_\_\_, a joint open call for photography from students ages 13-19. Selected from over 1,500 submissions from teenagers around the country, the 34 winning artworks will be displayed as large-scale projections in New York City, Los Angeles, Seattle, Washington D.C., and Anchorage and will be shared by both organizations' social media channels starting on January 19, 2021.

The winning artworks were chosen for their thoughtful and creative responses to the theme of "In Pursuit of \_\_\_\_," inspired by the famous Declaration of Independence phrase, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Looking toward 2021, the prompt invited teenagers to reflect on their own lives, consider the state of the world, and inspire others through their unique artistic vision...

**GHIT Fund** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*GHIT was set up in 212 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest Updates*

### **Aligning Passive Investment with Paris Climate Goals**

*Environment*

By Marilyn Waite

January 11, 2021

"...That's why I'm proud to share that the Hewlett Foundation will provide a series of grants, starting with \$2.45 million in 2020, to projects that will help ensure that passive asset management will become more aligned with decarbonization goals. The grants are part of our [climate finance strategy](#), which aims to support the development of robust environmental, social and governance (ESG)-driven passive funds that are climate-friendly, as well as efforts that remove climate change-causing investments from products...

### **Zhuli Hess joins Hewlett Foundation's Environment Program**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced that Zhuli Hess has joined the foundation's Environment Program. Program Director Jonathan Pershing shared the following with grantees and foundation staff: I am excited to announce that Zhuli Hess will be joining us as our newest Program Officer in the Environment Program, where she will lead our grantmaking in China on climate...

*Environment* January 11, 2021

### **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **IKEA Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News Releases*

January 14, 2021 *News Release*

**Most Hispanic Adults Lean Towards Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine, But Many Younger Adults are Hesitant**

A new analysis of KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor survey data finds that most Hispanic adults across the country want to get a COVID-19 vaccine at some point though younger adults are more hesitant, in part because of lower confidence that it is safe and effective. Overall a quarter (26%) of...

January 14, 2021 *News Release*

**Despite Efforts to Slow the Spread of the Virus in Long-Term Care Facilities, KFF Analysis Finds Many States Experienced the Worst COVID-19 Outbreaks and Highest Number of Deaths in December**

For some regions of the country, recent months have brought the worst COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care facilities since the start of the pandemic, a new KFF analysis of state-reported cases and death shows, underscoring the importance of current efforts to vaccinate this high priority group. The novel coronavirus has...

January 13, 2021 *News Release*

**Analysis Examines the Implications of Price Transparency for Providers and Patients as New Rules Go into Effect**

A new KFF analysis examines how new federal rules on price transparency for health services may affect patient decision-making and market pricing. As of January 1, 2021, the United States Department of Health and Human Services requires that hospitals publish payer-negotiated rates for common services on their websites. A second...

January 11, 2021 *News Release*

**New Analysis Takes In-Depth Look at How States are Prioritizing Who Gets a COVID-19 Vaccine**

A new KFF analysis examines the different approaches states are taking to manage the limited initial supply of COVID-19 vaccines and balance the desire to vaccinate those at greatest risk first with the need to ensure a fast and effective statewide vaccination effort. Based on a review of state vaccination...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**Fifth Annual National Day of Racial Healing**

Jan. 15, 2021

This year, as we mark the National Day of Racial Healing with honest conversations, insight, music and poetry, voices from across the country are asking: What will it take to heal our country?

On Jan. 19, 2021, WKKF and many grantees, partners and other organizations will host nearly 90 virtual events. Thousands of people will come together in this wide array of programs to foster truth-telling, affirm our common humanity and inspire collective action toward a more just and equitable world.

WKKF's virtual event on YouTube features essential and timely conversations on righting historical wrongs, employment equity and law and justice, featuring Ta-Nehisi Coates, Yara Shahidi, Camila Cabello, María Hinojosa, John Legend and others. Sign up to receive a link to the program on [DayofRacialHealing.org](https://DayofRacialHealing.org)...

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]



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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News, Events, What We're Learning*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

*Mellon News, Press Releases*

**[Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Launches "Creatives Rebuild New York"](#)**

January 12, 2021

In connection with Governor Cuomo's recovery plan for New York and President Elizabeth Alexander's participation in the governor's Reimagine New York Commission, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has announced Creatives Rebuild New York (CRNY), an initiative that recognizes the centrality of the arts and artists to New York State's recovery from the economic, cultural, and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic...

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundations** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Newsroom*

*Press release* January 13, 2021

**[Open Society Foundations Announce 2020 Puerto Rico Youth Fellows](#)**

Open Society announces the 2020 recipients of the Puerto Rico Youth Fellowships, which support young Puerto Rican leaders working to elevate justice, promote human rights, and help underserved communities in Puerto Rico.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

January 14, 2021

**Pew Applauds Michigan for Enacting Bipartisan Legislation to Safely Reduce Jail Populations**

*Gov. Whitmer signs comprehensive legislation reforming state policies that affect county jails*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

Jan 14 2021 *Press Releases*

**The Rockefeller Foundation Launches \$30M Advance Market Commitment with Thermo Fisher Scientific to Ramp Up Procurement and Distribution of Covid-19 Testing**

Commitment leverages the purchasing power of the Foundation's network of 23 U.S. states and territories. NEW YORK — As America's vaccination efforts get off to a slower than anticipated start...

Jan 13 2021 *Press Releases*

**Crush the Curve Idaho Receives \$200,000 Grant from The Rockefeller Foundation**

Funds from the grant will allow Crush the Curve Idaho to provide nearly 10,000 smart thermometers to Idaho public schools in an effort to curb the spread of Covid-19 MERIDIAN, ID ...

Jan 13 2021 *Press Releases*

**Lacuna Fund Announces its First Round of Funding that will Unlock the Power of AI to Accelerate Pioneering Agricultural Solutions in African Countries**

Agricultural AI projects across Africa receive funding to produce labeled training datasets for machine learning that will help alleviate food security challenges, spur economic opportunities, and give researchers, farmers, communities, ...

Jan 11 2021 *Press Releases*

**New Loan Guarantee Facility Unlocks Over \$30M to Shore Up Private Sector Health Care in five African Countries during Covid-19**

*New Initiative Will Help Keep Doors Open for Estimated 1600 Health Facilities Offering Malaria Treatment and other Essential Health Services*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 16 Jan 2021]

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

*Selected Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*News*

*Explainer | 13 January 2021*

**[What drugs are working as treatments for Covid-19?](#)**

*From existing antivirals to new antibody therapies – researchers are working at incredible speed to find the best drugs to treat Covid-19.*

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 16 Jan 2021]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 16 Jan 2021]

<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 12, 2020 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 23, Number 1: E1-81 Jan 2021

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/legacies-holocaust-health-care>

#### ***Legacies of the Holocaust in Health Care***

Health professionals' involvement in atrocities of the Holocaust has influenced bioethics in critical ways. From abortion to xeno-transplantation, deliberation on almost every ethics topic in health care today—genetics, informed consent, public health, military and civilian health policy and practice, death and dying, human subjects research, and refugee care—is influenced by Nazi medical crimes. This theme issue is devoted to orienting and reorienting contemporary bioethics to legacies of this tragic history.

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

January 2021 Volume 49 Issue 1 p1-136

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

January 2021 Volume 60 Issue 1 p1-150

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

February 2021 111(2)

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

*PERSPECTIVES*

#### **[The Need for Novel Approaches in Assessing the Value of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)**

Immunization/Vaccines, Social Science, Socioeconomic Factors, Statistics/Evaluation/Research, Health Policy, Other Statistics/Evaluation/Research

Aris Angelis, Rob Baltussen and Tommi Tervonen

111(2), pp. 205–208

*LAW & ETHICS*

#### **[State Preemption of Local Immigration “Sanctuary” Policies: Legal Considerations](#)**

Immigration, Socioeconomic Factors, Health Law, Health Policy

Mark A. Hall, Lilli Mann-Jackson and Scott D. Rhodes

111(2), pp. 259–264

...This article gauges the coverage and potential impact of these state preemption laws based on key informant interviews nationally and a close legal analysis of relevant laws and policy documents. It distinguishes between preemption laws focused on law enforcement cooperation and those that also encompass a wider array of “welcoming” policies and initiatives. It also distinguishes between more passive forms of preemption that prohibit barring cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, and those statutes that more affirmatively require active measures to assist federal enforcement.

Drawing these distinctions can help municipalities determine which immigrant-supportive measures are still permitted, and how best to mitigate the adverse public health effects of these preemption laws.

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 104, Issue 1, January 2021

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/104/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

15 December 2020 Volume 173, Issue 12

<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 290 January 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/290/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

*Articles*

[\*\*Generalised cost-effectiveness analysis of 159 health interventions for the Ethiopian essential health service package\*\*](#)

Authors: Getachew Teshome Eregata, Alemayehu Hailu, Karin Stenberg, Kjell Arne Johansson, Ole Frithjof Norheim and Melanie Y. Bertram

Content type: Research

6 January 2021

### **BMJ Global Health**

January 2021 - Volume 6 - 1  
<https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/1>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>  
(Accessed 16 Jan 2021)  
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### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectedis/content>  
(Accessed 16 Jan 2021)  
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### **BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>  
(Accessed 16 Jan 2021)  
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### **BMC Medicine**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>  
(Accessed 16 Jan 2021)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>  
(Accessed 16 Jan 2021)  
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### **BMC Public Health**

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

**[Developing a framework for cash transfer programs that foster sustained economic empowerment to reduce sexual risk among adolescent girls and young women: a qualitative study](#)**

*Transactional sexual relationships contribute to a high incidence of HIV infection among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) living in low-resource settings. Cash transfers (CT) are a structural approach t...*

Authors: Alok Gangaramany, Peter Balvanz, Margaret Waruguru Gichane, Stephan Goetschius, Saransh Sharma, Kritika Sharma, Jeff Mulhausen, Paul Noble-Campbell, Joyce Wamoyi, Suzanne Maman and Ram Prasad

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:122

Content type: Research article  
Published on: 11 January 2021

### **BMC Research Notes**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresearchnotes/content>  
(Accessed 16 Jan 2021)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Open**

January 2021 - Volume 11 - 1  
<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/11/1>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 99, Number 1, January 2021, 1-76  
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/99/1/en/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 47, Issue 1 Pages: 1-141 January 2021  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 110, Part 1, December 2020  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/110/part/P1>

### ***30 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Evolving Progress and Prospects for Child Protection***

Edited by Yanghee Lee, Stuart Hart, Jaap Doek, Tracie O. Afifi  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

December 2020 Volume 42 Issue 12 p2239-2340, e259-e274  
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 17 Issue 6, December 2020  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/6>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 16 Jan 2021]

[No new digest content identified]

**Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 99 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/99/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 3, Issue 6 / December 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 8, issue 4, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

February 2021 - Volume 34 - Issue 1

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

Volume 108, Issue 1 December 2020

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/19348258/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 20, Issue 4 Pages: 173-230 December 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>

[Reviewed earlier]



**Development Policy Review**

Volume 39, Issue 1 Pages: 1-151 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

*ARTICLES*

[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 5 - October 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

**EMBO Reports**

Volume 22 Issue 1 7 January 2021

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 27, Number 1—January 2021

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemics**

Volume 33 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/33/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 149 - 2021

<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 6, December 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy**

Volume 97 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/97/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 12, issue 6, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/12-6>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 65 November 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/recognising-refugees>

***Recognising refugees***

FMR issue 65's main feature on Recognising refugees explores shortcomings, challenges and innovations (and their consequences for refugees/asylum seekers) in refugee status determination processes worldwide. A second feature offers reflections on lessons and good practice emerging from the 2018–20 GP20 Plan of Action for IDPs.

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Gates Open Research**

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

[Accessed 16 Jan 2021]

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### **Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 16 Jan 2021]

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### **Geoheritage**

Volume 13, issue 1, March 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/13-1>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Health Action**

Volume 14, Issue 1 (2021)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 8, No. 4 December 23, 2020

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Public Health**

Volume 16, 2021 Issue 1

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rqph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 16 Jan 2021]

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## Health Affairs

Vol. 40, No. 1 January 2021

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

### ***COVID-19 Response, Medicaid & More***

*Analysis*

#### **An Overview Of Vaccine Development, Approval, And Regulation, With Implications For COVID-19**

Aaron S. Kesselheim, Jonathan J. Darrow, Martin Kulldorff, Beatrice L. Brown, Mayookha Mitra-Majumdar, ChangWon C. Lee, Osman Moneer, and Jerry Avorn

*Abstract*

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves vaccines when their benefits outweigh the risks for their intended use. In this article we review the standard FDA approach to vaccine evaluation, which underpins its current approaches to assessment of vaccines to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The FDA has established pathways to accelerate vaccine availability before approval, such as Emergency Use Authorization, and to channel resources to high-priority products and allow more flexibility in the evidence required for approval, including accelerated approval based on surrogate markers of effectiveness. Among the thirty-five new vaccines approved in the US from 2006 through October 2020, about two-thirds of their pivotal trials used the surrogate outcome of immune system response, and only one-third evaluated actual disease incidence. Postapproval safety surveillance of new vaccines, and particularly vaccines receiving expedited approval, is crucial. This has generally been accomplished through such mechanisms as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and FDA Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, the CDC Vaccine Safety Datalink, and the CDC Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Project. Adverse events detected in this way may lead to changes in a vaccine's recommended use or withdrawal from the market. Regulatory oversight of new vaccines must balance speed with rigor to effectively address the pandemic.

*Analysis COVID-19*

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine To Vaccination: Why Leaders Must Invest In Delivery Strategies Now**

Rebecca L. Weintraub, Laura Subramanian, Ami Karlage, Iman Ahmad, and Julie Rosenberg

*Free Access*

*Abstract*

Worldwide, leaders are implementing nonpharmaceutical interventions to slow transmission of the novel coronavirus while pursuing vaccines that confer immunity to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection. In this article we describe lessons learned from past pandemics and vaccine campaigns about the path to successful vaccine delivery. The historical record suggests that to have a widely immunized population, leaders must invest in evidence-based vaccine delivery strategies that generate demand, allocate and distribute vaccines, and verify coverage. To generate demand, there must be an understanding of the roots of vaccine hesitancy, involvement of trusted sources of authority in advocacy for vaccination, and commitment to longitudinal engagement with communities. To allocate vaccines, qualified organizations and expert coalitions must be allowed to determine evidence-based vaccination approaches and generate the political will to ensure the

cooperation of local and national governments. To distribute vaccines, the people and organizations with expertise in manufacturing, supply chains, and last-mile distribution must be positioned to direct efforts. To verify vaccine coverage, vaccination tracking systems that are portable, interoperable, and secure must be identified. Lessons of past pandemics suggest that nations should invest in evidence-informed strategies to ensure that coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines protect individuals, suppress transmission, and minimize disruption to health services and livelihoods.

*Research Article COVID-19*

### **[Clinical Outcomes Of A COVID-19 Vaccine: Implementation Over Efficacy](#)**

A. David Paltiel, Jason L. Schwartz, Amy Zheng, and Rochelle P. Walensky

*Free Access*

*Abstract*

The global effort to develop a coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine is on track to produce one or more authorized vaccines. We examine how different definitions and thresholds of vaccine efficacy, coupled with different levels of implementation effectiveness and background epidemic severity, translate into outcomes including cumulative infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. Using a mathematical simulation of vaccination, we find that factors related to implementation will contribute more to the success of vaccination programs than a vaccine's efficacy as determined in clinical trials. The benefits of a vaccine will decline substantially in the event of manufacturing or deployment delays, significant vaccine hesitancy, or greater epidemic severity. Our findings demonstrate the urgent need for health officials to invest greater financial resources and attention to vaccine production and distribution programs, to redouble efforts to promote public confidence in COVID-19 vaccines, and to encourage continued adherence to other mitigation approaches, even after a vaccine becomes available.

*Analysis COVID-19*

### **[Consideration Of Value-Based Pricing For Treatments And Vaccines Is Important, Even In The COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

Peter J. Neumann, Joshua T. Cohen, David D. Kim, and Daniel A. Ollendorf

*Free Access*

*Abstract*

Prices send signals about consumer preferences and thus stimulate producers to make more of what people want. Pricing in a pandemic is complicated and fraught. The policy puzzle involves balancing lower prices to ensure access to essential medications, vaccines, and tests against the need for adequate revenue streams to provide manufacturers with incentives to make the substantial, risky investments needed to develop products in the first place. We review alternative pricing strategies (cost recovery models, monetary prizes, and advance market commitments) for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics. Hybrid pricing strategies are undoubtedly needed in a pandemic, but even in a public health crisis, value-based pricing is important. Cost-effectiveness analyses can inform pricing. Ideally, analyses would be conducted from both a health system and a societal perspective. Incorporating the added value of social benefits into cost-effectiveness analyses does not mean that manufacturers should capture the entire societal benefit of a diagnostic, vaccine, or therapy. Such analyses can provide important information and help policy makers consider the full costs and benefits of products and the wide-ranging ramifications of their actions.

*Analysis COVID-19*

### **[Ensuring Equitable Access To COVID-19 Vaccines In The US: Current System Challenges And Opportunities](#)**

Angela K. Shen, Richard Hughes IV, Erica DeWald, Sara Rosenbaum, Amy Pisani, and Walt Orenstein  
Free Access

### *Abstract*

There has been a worldwide effort to accelerate the development of safe and effective vaccines for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2. When vaccines become licensed and available broadly to the public, the final hurdle is equitable distribution and access for all who are recommended for vaccination. Frameworks and existing systems for allocation, distribution, vaccination, and monitoring for safety and effectiveness are assets of the current immunization delivery system that should be leveraged to ensure the equitable distribution and broad uptake of licensed vaccines. The system should be strengthened to address gaps in access to immunization services and to modernize the public health infrastructure. We offer five recommendations as guideposts to ensure that policies and practices at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels support equity, transparency, accountability, availability, and access to coronavirus disease 2019 vaccines.

## **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 22, Issue 2, December 2020

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-2-december-2020/>

***Special Section: Big Data, Technology, Artificial Intelligence and the Right to Health***

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 15 - Issue 4 - October 2020

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

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## **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 35, Issue Supplement\_2, November 2020

[https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/Supplement\\_2](https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/Supplement_2)

### ***SUPPLEMENT***

***Innovations in Implementation Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries***

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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

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[No new digest content identified]

## **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 31, Issue 23-24 / December 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/23-24>

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## **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 42, Number 4, November 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/43262>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 78, October 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/inclusion-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-humanitarian-action-what-now/>

### **Disability inclusion in humanitarian action**

*by HPN October 2020*

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed from Islamic Relief Worldwide, is disability inclusion in humanitarian action. Persons with disabilities are not only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, but also face barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance. At the same time, global commitments and standards and the IASC Guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action all emphasise how persons with disabilities are also active agents of change. Disability and age-focused organisations have led on testing and demonstrating how inclusion can be done better. Yet despite this progress, challenges to effective inclusion remain.

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. Simone Bula, Elizabeth Morgan and Teresa Thomson look at disability inclusion in humanitarian response in the Pacific, and Kathy Al Jubeh and Alradi Abdalla argue for a 'participation revolution', building on learning from the gender movement. Tchaurea Fleury and Sulayman AbdulMumuni Ujah outline how the Bridge Article 11 training initiative is encouraging constructive exchange between humanitarian and disability actors. The lack of good, disaggregated data is highlighted by Sarah Collinson; Frances Hill, Jim Cranshaw and Carys Hughes emphasise the need for training resources in local languages and accessible formats; and Sophie Van Eetvelt and colleagues report on a review of the evidence on inclusion of people with disabilities and older people.

Rebecca Molyneux and co-authors analyse the findings of a review of a DFID programme in north-east Nigeria, while Carolin Funke highlights the importance of strategic partnerships between disability-focused organisations, drawing on her research in Cox's Bazar. Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed describes Islamic Relief Worldwide's approach to mainstreaming protection and inclusion, while Pauline Thivillier and Valentina Shafina outline IRC's Client Responsive Programming. The edition ends with reflections by Mirela Turcanu and Yves Ngunzi Kahashi on CAFOD's SADI approach.

## **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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

[Accessed 16 Jan 2021]

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## **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

[Accessed 16 Jan 2021]

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### **International Health**

SUPPLEMENT Volume 13, Issue Supplement\_1, January 2021

[https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/13/Supplement\\_1](https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/13/Supplement_1)

***Two Decades of Public Health Achievements in Lymphatic Filariasis (2000–2020): Reflections, Progress and Future Challenges***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Human Rights Law Review**

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 2 (Oct 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/9/2/hrlr.9.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The International Journal of Children's Rights**

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 4 (Dec 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/4/chil.28.issue-4.xml>

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### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol 8, No 1 (2021) January 2021

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/72>

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### **International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Volume 51 December 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/51/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 49, Issue 5, October 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 27, Issue 1, 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]



## **International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 13 Issue 5 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/5>

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## **International Journal of Infectious Diseases**

January 2021 Volume 102 p1-590

<https://www.ijidonline.com/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **International Migration Review**

Volume 54 Issue 4, December 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrxa/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

July-December 2020 Volume 18 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 97-183

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **JAMA**

January 12, 2021, Vol 325, No. 2, Pages 105-195

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

*Research Letter*

### **Influenza, Varicella, and Mumps Outbreaks in US Migrant Detention Centers**

Nathan C. Lo, MD, PhD; Sindiso Nyathi, BA; Lloyd A. C. Chapman, PhD; et al.

JAMA. 2021;325(2):180-182. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.20539

This study uses US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps data to describe incident cases and outbreaks of influenza, varicella, and mumps in 22 US ICE detention centers between 2017 and March 2020.

*Viewpoint*

### **COVID-19 as the Leading Cause of Death in the United States**

Steven H. Woolf, MD, MPH; Derek A. Chapman, PhD; Jong Hyung Lee, MS

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JAMA. 2021;325(2):123-124. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.24865

This Viewpoint uses CDC data to compare the COVID-19 mortality rate in 2020 with prior leading causes of death (heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and injury) to put into context the cost of the infection in loss of life in the United States.

### **Behaviorally Informed Strategies for a National COVID-19 Vaccine Promotion Program**

Kevin G. Volpp, MD, PhD; George Loewenstein, PhD; Alison M. Bittenheim, PhD, MBA

free access has active quiz has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2021;325(2):125-126. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.24036

This Viewpoint proposes behavioral economic and social marketing strategies to motivate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination among the public, including making the vaccine free and accessible, requiring it for access to valued activities or settings, and securing public endorsements from leaders or celebrities to ease perceptions of safety and acceptability.

### Editorial

### **Reassuring the Public and Clinical Community About the Scientific Review and Approval of a COVID-19 Vaccine**

Howard Bauchner, MD; Preeti N. Malani, MD, MSJ; Joshua Sharfstein, MD

### **Digital Health—The Need to Assess Benefits, Risks, and Value**

Eric Perakslis, PhD; Geoffrey S. Ginsburg, MD, PhD

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JAMA. 2021;325(2):127-128. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.22919

This Viewpoint reviews the regulatory, ethical, and security issues attending the explosive growth in digital health technologies (apps, devices, and systems) and proposes a framework for evaluating the benefits, risks, and value of these new tools before recommending them for routine clinical care.

## **JAMA Network**

### **COVID-19 Update January 16, 2021**

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

*Selected Articles*

*JAMA Health Forum*

*Opinion*

### **While Waiting for Vaccination, Most US Adults Will Wear Masks, Follow Social Distancing Guidelines, Poll Finds: A Randomized Noninferiority Clinical Trial**

Joan Stephenson, PhD

*Opinion*

### **Wastewater Surveillance Can Have a Second Act in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution: A Randomized Noninferiority Clinical Trial**

Ted Smith, PhD; Gail Cassell, PhD; Aruni Bhatnagar, PhD

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*Editorial*

[\*\*An opportunity for American renewal\*\*](#)

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*Editorial* | 12 January 2021

### **[Science advisers: publish evidence behind COVID vaccine dosing strategy](#)**

Countries that change established coronavirus vaccine schedules must be transparent, both to maintain public trust and so others can benefit from their knowledge.

*Editorial* | 13 January 2021

**Why a pioneering plan to distribute COVID vaccines equitably must succeed**

COVAX is key to both immunizing the world's poorest people and ending the pandemic.

*Article* | 16 December 2020

**Sixteen facial expressions occur in similar contexts worldwide**

An analysis of 16 types of facial expression in thousands of contexts in millions of videos revealed fine-grained patterns in human facial expression that are preserved across the modern world.

Alan S. Cowen, Dacher Keltner[...] & Gautam Prasad

***Abstract***

Understanding the degree to which human facial expressions co-vary with specific social contexts across cultures is central to the theory that emotions enable adaptive responses to important challenges and opportunities<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>. Concrete evidence linking social context to specific facial expressions is sparse and is largely based on survey-based approaches, which are often constrained by language and small sample sizes<sup>7,8,9,10,11,12,13</sup>. Here, by applying machine-learning methods to real-world, dynamic behaviour, we ascertain whether naturalistic social contexts (for example, weddings or sporting competitions) are associated with specific facial expressions<sup>14</sup> across different cultures. In two experiments using deep neural networks, we examined the extent to which 16 types of facial expression occurred systematically in thousands of contexts in 6 million videos from 144 countries. We found that each kind of facial expression had distinct associations with a set of contexts that were 70% preserved across 12 world regions. Consistent with these associations, regions varied in how frequently different facial expressions were produced as a function of which contexts were most salient. Our results reveal fine-grained patterns in human facial expressions that are preserved across the modern world.

**Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 39 Issue 1, January 2021

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/39/issues/1>

*Editorial* | 29 December 2020

**Messengers of hope**

Emergency Use Authorizations for two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines represent a turning point in the pandemic. They also herald a new era for vaccinology.

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*Editorial* | 13 January 2021

### **2021: a new year for the WHO**

The United Nations Assembly has named 2021 the International Year of Peace and Trust. In that spirit, the world can look forward with hope to the international collaborations spearheaded by the World Health Organization and consider the challenges the agency has yet to face.

*World View* | 13 January 2021

### **Women and children last? Shaking up exclusion criteria for vaccine trials**

Is it time to shift to a model of 'inclusion unless otherwise justified' in trials of vaccines for pandemics?  
Beate Kampmann

*Comment* | 18 December 2020

### **Difficult trade-offs in response to COVID-19: the case for open and inclusive decision making**

We argue that deliberative decision making that is inclusive, transparent and accountable can contribute to more trustworthy and legitimate decisions on difficult ethical questions and political trade-offs during the pandemic and beyond. Ole F. Norheim, Joelle M. Abi-Rached[...] & Alex Voorhoeve

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January 14, 2021 Vol. 384 No. 2

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*Perspective*

**[Placebo-Controlled Trials of Covid-19 Vaccines — Why We Still Need Them](#)**

WHO Ad Hoc Expert Group on the Next Steps for Covid-19 Vaccine Evaluation

*This article was published on December 2, 2020, at NEJM.org.*

*Points of View*

**[Vaccinating Detained Migrants against SARS-CoV-2 — Preventing Another Tragedy](#)** C.

[Foppiano Palacios and M.A. Travassose](#)<sup>5</sup>

... The provision of a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine is essential to provide protection against Covid-19 in one of the most vulnerable populations for which the federal government holds responsibility. Vaccinating detainees is both good medicine and a humane approach to a completely disenfranchised population. Although we urge each state to prioritize SARS-CoV-2 immunization of detained migrants, it is also the responsibility of the federal government to mandate the protection of members of this most vulnerable group by explicitly allocating vaccines for them.

**[Business Not as Usual — Covid-19 Vaccination in Persons with Substance Use Disorders](#)**

[J.A. Barocas](#)

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Volume 49 Issue 6, December 2020

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### **[Clinical outcomes in a primary-level non-communicable disease programme for Syrian refugees and the host population in Jordan: A cohort analysis using routine data](#)**

Éimhín Ansbro, Tobias Homan, David Prieto Merino, Kiran Jobanputra, Jamil Qasem, Shoaib

Muhammad, Taissir Fardous, Pablo Perel

Research Article | published 11 Jan 2021 PLOS Medicine

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### **[Costs of continuing RTS,S/AS01E malaria vaccination in the three malaria vaccine pilot implementation countries](#)**

Ranju Baral, Ann Levin, Chris Odero, Clint Pecenka, Collins Tabu, Evans Mwendo, George Bonsu, John

Bawa, John Frederick Dadzie, Joyce Charo, Kwadwo Odei Antwi-Agyei, Kwame Amponsa-Achianou,

Rose Eddah Jalango, Rouden Mkisi, Scott Gordon, Temwa Mzengeza, Winthrop Morgan, Farzana Muhib

Research Article | published 11 Jan 2021 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244995>

### **[Religiosity, neutrality, fairness, skepticism, and societal tranquility: A data science analysis of the World Values Survey](#)**

Leigh Allison, Chun Wang, Jessica Kaminsky

Research Article | published 11 Jan 2021 PLOS ONE

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#### *Abstract*

Quantitative models of social differences have not only made major contributions to the fields of cross-cultural anthropology, psychology and sociology, but also have allowed for interdisciplinary studies that bring together engineering, life sciences, and social sciences. In this study, the authors use a data science approach to discover a set of quantitative social dimensions based on the World Values Survey, a nationally representative survey covering 60 countries and 90,000 individuals. Five national social dimensions, representing 198 questions and 56 countries are discovered using multidimensional item response theory (MIRT). They are (1) Religiosity, (2) Neutrality, (3) Fairness, (4) Skepticism, and (5) Societal Tranquility. This approach is unique from previous quantitative models because it groups responses by country and analyzes binary, nominal, and ordinal survey questions. It is possible today due to recent advancements in computing power and programming. Furthermore, this methodology tests the validity of previous quantitative dimensions and finds that some of the existing social and cultural dimensions are not clearly discernable. Therefore, this model provides not only more a rigorous

methodology but also new social dimensions which more accurately quantify underlying differences across countries in the World Values Survey. Like other quantitative cross-cultural models, this model is a deeply simplified representation of national social differences. However, it is a useful tool for modeling national differences and can be used to help us understand the impacts of social preferences and values on different political, economic, and development variables.

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

January 12, 2021; vol. 118 no. 2

<https://www.pnas.org/content/118/2>

### ***The Global Decline of Insects in the Anthropocene - Special Feature***

#### *Introduction*

#### **Insect decline in the Anthropocene: Death by a thousand cuts**

From the Cover

David L. Wagner, Eliza M. Grames, Matthew L. Forister, May R. Berenbaum, and David Stopak

PNAS January 12, 2021 118 (2) e2023989118; <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2023989118>

Nature is under siege. In the last 10,000 y the human population has grown from 1 million to 7.8 billion. Much of Earth's arable lands are already in agriculture (1), millions of acres of tropical forest are cleared each year (2, 3), atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels are at their highest concentrations in more than 3 million y (4), and climates are erratically and steadily changing from pole to pole, triggering unprecedented droughts, fires, and floods across continents. Indeed, most biologists agree that the world has entered its sixth mass extinction event, the first since the end of the Cretaceous Period 66 million y ago, when more than 80% of all species, including the nonavian dinosaurs, perished.

Ongoing losses have been clearly demonstrated for better-studied groups of organisms. Terrestrial vertebrate population sizes and ranges have contracted by one-third, and many mammals have experienced range declines of at least 80% over the last century (5). A 2019 assessment suggests that half of all amphibians are imperiled (2.5% of which have recently gone extinct) (6). Bird numbers across North America have fallen by 2.9 billion since 1970 (7). Prospects for the world's coral reefs, beyond the middle of this century, could scarcely be more dire (8). A 2020 United Nations report estimated that more than a million species are in danger of extinction over the next few decades (9), but also see the more bridled assessments in refs. 10 and 11...

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<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/reab/current>  
*Original Article: Non-Empirical*

**[Trust trumps comprehension, visceral factors trump all: A psychological cascade constraining informed consent to clinical trials: A qualitative study with stable patients](#)**

Michael Rost, Rebecca Nast, Bernice S Elger, David Shaw  
First Published April 17, 2020; pp. 87–102

**[Patient perspectives on research use of residual biospecimens and health information: On the necessity of obtaining societal consent by creating a governance structure based on value-sharing](#)**

Mayumi Yamanaka, Mika Suzuki, Keiko Sato

First Published April 17, 2020; pp. 103–119

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### **Science**

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*Policy Forum*

#### **Tracking, targeting, and conserving soil biodiversity**

By Carlos A. Guerra, Richard D. Bardgett, Lucrezia Caon, Thomas W. Crowther, Manuel Delgado-Baquerizo, Luca Montanarella, Laetitia M. Navarro, Alberto Orgiazzi, Brajesh K. Singh, Leho Tedersoo, Ronald Vargas-Rojas, Maria J. I. Briones, François Buscot, Erin K. Cameron, Simone Cesarz, Antonis Chatzinotas, Don A. Cowan, Ika Djukic, Johan van den Hoogen, Anika Lehmann, Fernando T. Maestre, César Marín, Thomas Reitz, Matthias C. Rillig, Linnea C. Smith, Franciska T. de Vries, Alexandra Weigelt, Diana H. Wall, Nico Eisenhauer

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#### *Summary*

Nature conservation literature and policy instruments mainly focus on the impacts of human development and the benefits of nature conservation for oceans and aboveground terrestrial organisms (e.g., birds and plants) and processes (e.g., food production), but these efforts almost completely ignore the majority of terrestrial biodiversity that is unseen and living in the soil (1). Little is known about the conservation status of most soil organisms and the effects of nature conservation policies on soil systems. Yet like “canaries in the coal mine,” when soil organisms begin to disappear, ecosystems will soon start to underperform, potentially hindering their vital functions for humankind. Soil biodiversity and its ecosystem functions thus require explicit consideration when establishing nature

protection priorities and policies and when designing new conservation areas. To inform such efforts, we lay out a global soil biodiversity and ecosystem function monitoring framework to be considered in the context of the post-2020 discussions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). To support this framework, we suggest a suite of soil ecological indicators based on essential biodiversity variables (EBVs) (2) (see the figure and table S3) that directly link to current global targets such as the ones established under the CBD, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement (table S1)

#### *Perspectives*

##### **Herd immunity by infection is not an option**

By Devi Sridhar, Deepti Gurdasani

Science 15 Jan 2021 : 230-231 Full Access

*Difficult lessons are learned from a largely uncontrolled COVID-19 epidemic in Manaus, Brazil*

#### *Summary*

Herd immunity is expected to arise when a virus cannot spread readily, because it encounters a population that has a level of immunity that reduces the number of individuals susceptible to infection. On page 288 of this issue, Buss et al. (1) describe the extent of the largely uncontrolled severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) epidemic in Manaus, the capital of Amazonas state in Brazil. Their data show the impact on mortality rates of a largely unmitigated outbreak where even with an estimated 76% of the population being infected, herd immunity was not achieved. Manaus provides a cautionary example of unmitigated spread across a population, showing that herd immunity is likely not achieved even at high levels of infection and that it comes with unacceptably high costs.

#### *Report*

##### **Three-quarters attack rate of SARS-CoV-2 in the Brazilian Amazon during a largely unmitigated epidemic**

By Lewis F. Buss, Carlos A. Prete Jr., Claudia M. M. Abraham, Alfredo Mendrone Jr., Tassila Salomon, Cesar de Almeida-Neto, Rafael F. O. França, Maria C. Belotti, Maria P. S. S. Carvalho, Allyson G. Costa, Myuki A. E. Crispim, Suzete C. Ferreira, Nelson A. Fraiji, Susie Gurzenda, Charles Whittaker, Leonardo T. Kamaura, Pedro L. Takecian, Pedro da Silva Peixoto, Marcio K. Oikawa, Anna S. Nishiya, Vanderson Rocha, Nanci A. Salles, Andreza Aruska de Souza Santos, Martirene A. da Silva, Brian Custer, Kris V. Parag, Manoel Barral-Netto, Moritz U. G. Kraemer, Rafael H. M. Pereira, Oliver G. Pybus, Michael P. Busch, Márcia C. Castro, Christopher Dye, Vítor H. Nascimento, Nuno R. Faria, Ester C. Sabino

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#### *Attack rate in Manaus*

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) incidence peaked in Manaus, Brazil, in May 2020 with a devastating toll on the city's inhabitants, leaving its health services shattered and cemeteries overwhelmed. Buss et al. collected data from blood donors from Manaus and São Paulo, noted when transmission began to fall, and estimated the final attack rates in October 2020 (see the Perspective by Sridhar and Gurdasani). Heterogeneities in immune protection, population structure, poverty, modes of public transport, and uneven adoption of nonpharmaceutical interventions mean that despite a high attack rate, herd immunity may not have been achieved. This unfortunate city has become a sentinel for how natural population immunity could influence future transmission. Events in Manaus reveal what tragedy and harm to society can unfold if this virus is left to run its course.

#### *Abstract*

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) spread rapidly in Manaus, the capital of Amazonas state in northern Brazil. The attack rate there is an estimate of the final size of the largely unmitigated epidemic that occurred in Manaus. We use a convenience sample of blood donors to show

that by June 2020, 1 month after the epidemic peak in Manaus, 44% of the population had detectable immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies. Correcting for cases without a detectable antibody response and for antibody waning, we estimate a 66% attack rate in June, rising to 76% in October. This is higher than in São Paulo, in southeastern Brazil, where the estimated attack rate in October was 29%. These results confirm that when poorly controlled, COVID-19 can infect a large proportion of the population, causing high mortality

### **Science Translational Medicine**

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

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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due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of international meetings including COP 15 could not take place and have been postponed.

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