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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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Myanmar

Myanmar junta crackdown likely crimes against humanity requiring coordinated international response - UN expert [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar]

GENEVA (11 March 2021) – The Myanmar junta’s brutal response to peaceful protests likely meets the legal threshold for crimes against humanity, a UN expert told the Human Rights Council today, calling for a united global response in the country’s hour of need.

“The people of Myanmar need not only words of support but supportive action,” said Tom Andrews, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. “They need the help of the international community, now.”

Andrews stressed that a growing body of reporting indicates that the junta’s security forces are committing acts of murder, imprisonment, persecution and other crimes as part of a coordinated campaign, directed against a civilian population, in a widespread and systematic manner, with the knowledge of the junta’s leadership - thereby likely meeting the legal threshold for crimes against humanity.

With the UN Security Council seemingly unwilling to invoke its Chapter VII authority, Andrews said Member States must rally together to take action.

“Today I am therefore urging that as many Member States as possible commit to taking strong, decisive and coordinated action as a coalition of nations - an Emergency Coalition for the People of Myanmar,” he said.

In a statement to the Council, Andrews outlined five options that such a coalition could take immediately:

[1] stop the flow of funds to the junta, including by imposing targeted sanctions on the junta’s business enterprises and on Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, the single largest source of revenue to the State of Myanmar;

[2] impose an international arms embargo;

[3] ensure accountability for the crimes, through national courts using universal jurisdiction if the Security Council is unwilling to refer the matter to the International Criminal Court;

[4] work directly with local civil society and aid organizations to provide humanitarian assistance whenever possible; and

[5] deny recognition of the military junta as the legitimate government representing the people of Myanmar.

"I sincerely hope that the international community will rise to the occasion of this moment of history by following the lead and the inspiration of the people of Myanmar by coming to their aid as a coordinated whole, in this their moment of need."

In a [report](#) to the Human Rights Council, Andrews details how the Myanmar military illegally overthrew the civilian government last month and proceeded to attack the people of Myanmar by committing the crimes of murder, assault and arbitrary detention. He also details human rights violations preceding the coup in an annex to the report.

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Stewardship – Environmental Economic Accounting

[UN adopts landmark framework to integrate natural capital in economic reporting](#)

10 Mar 2021 | DESA

The new framework — the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting—Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA) — was adopted by the UN Statistical Commission and marks a major step forward that goes beyond the commonly used statistic of gross domestic product (GDP) that has dominated economic reporting since the end of World War II. **This measure would ensure that natural capital—forests, wetlands and other ecosystems—are recognized in economic reporting...**

UN Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed the adoption of the new economic and environmental framework. "This is a historic step forward towards transforming how we view and value nature. We will no longer be heedlessly allowing environmental destruction and degradation to be considered economic progress."

The new framework can also underpin decision-making at two crucial conferences later this year—COP15 on Biodiversity in Kunming and the Glasgow Climate Conference, COP 26.

According to a new UNEP report, "*Making Peace with Nature*," the global economy has grown nearly fivefold over the last 50 years, largely due to a tripling in extraction of natural resources and energy that has fuelled growth in production and consumption. Over the same time, the world population has increased by a factor of two, to 7.8 billion people, and though on average prosperity has also doubled, about 1.3 billion people still live in poverty and some 700 million are hungry...

"As governments to the Convention on Biological Diversity get ready to agree and implement a framework that will recraft our relationship with nature, this new framework will provide an impetus for an accurate accounting of the value of biodiversity" says Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. "In so doing, it is a step towards sustainable development."

The new framework recognizes that ecosystems deliver important services that generate benefits for people. In essence, they are assets to be maintained, similar to economic assets. For example, forests play a role in providing communities with clean water, serving as natural water filters with trees, plants and other characteristics, such as soil depth, that help absorb nutrient pollution like nitrogen and phosphorous before it can flow into streams, rivers and lakes...

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System of Environmental Economic Accounting

Information on the new framework can be found at <https://seea.un.org/ecosystem-accounting>

The SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA) constitutes an integrated and comprehensive statistical framework for organizing data about habitats and landscapes, measuring the ecosystem services, tracking changes in ecosystem assets, and linking this information to economic and other human activity.

The United Nations Statistical Commission adopted the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting at its 52nd session in March 2021. The report of the Commission (subject to editing) can be found here.

This adoption follows a comprehensive and inclusive process of detailed testing, consultation and revision. Today, ecosystem accounts have already been used to inform policy development in more than 34 countries.

Ecosystem accounting – how it works

The SEEA EA is built on five core accounts. These accounts are compiled using spatially explicit data and information about the functions of ecosystem assets and the ecosystem services they produce.

The five ecosystem accounts are:

1. ECOSYSTEM EXTENT accounts record the total area of each ecosystem, classified by type within a specified area (ecosystem accounting area). Ecosystem extent accounts are measured over time in ecosystem accounting areas (e.g., nation, province, river basin, protected area, etc.) by ecosystem type, thus illustrating the changes in extent from one ecosystem type to another over the accounting period.

2. ECOSYSTEM CONDITION accounts record the condition of ecosystem assets in terms of selected characteristics at specific points in time. Over time, they record the changes to their condition and provide valuable information on the health of ecosystems.

3. & 4. ECOSYSTEM SERVICES flow accounts (physical and monetary) record the supply of ecosystem services by ecosystem assets and the use of those services by economic units, including households.

5. MONETARY ECOSYSTEM ASSET accounts record information on stocks and changes in stocks (additions and reductions) of ecosystem assets. This includes accounting for ecosystem degradation and enhancement.

The SEEA EA also supports ‘thematic accounting’, which organizes data around specific policy-relevant environmental themes, such as biodiversity, climate change, oceans and urban areas. Other important thematic accounts would include accounting for protected areas, wetlands and forests.

A key aspect of ecosystem accounting is that it allows the contributions of ecosystems to society to be expressed in monetary terms so those contributions to society’s well-being can be more easily compared to other goods and services we are more familiar with. Monetary estimates can provide information for decision-makers, for example for economic policy planning, cost-benefit analysis, and for raising awareness of the relative importance of nature to society. Ecosystem service values are derived by using a range of [economic valuation techniques](#)...

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COVID Vaccines – Global Public Good

COVID-19 Vaccines Must Be Global Public Good, Secretary-General Says, Announcing 'Only Together' Campaign to Encourage Sharing of Technology, Doses

11 March 2021 SG/SM/20620

One full year into the COVID-19 pandemic, our world has faced a tsunami of suffering. So many lives have been lost. Economies have been upended and societies left reeling. The most vulnerable have suffered the most. Those left behind are being left even further behind.

It has been a year of empty office buildings, quiet streets and closed schools in much of the world. I commend women, men and young people everywhere for adapting to work, learn and live in new ways. I honour health workers for their dedication and sacrifice and all other essential workers who have kept societies running. I salute all those who have stood up to the deniers and disinformation, and have followed science and safety protocols. You have helped save lives.

The United Nations will continue mobilizing the international community to make vaccines affordable and available for all, to recover better, and to put a special focus on the needs of those who have borne the burden of this crisis on so many levels — women, minorities, older persons, persons with disabilities, refugees, migrants and indigenous peoples.

With the vaccine roll-out, there's some light at the end of the tunnel. COVAX —the global vaccine equity mechanism — has started delivery around the world, including to some of the lowest-income countries.

Yet I am deeply concerned that many low-income countries have not yet received a single dose, while wealthier countries are on track to vaccinating their entire population. We see many examples of vaccine nationalism and vaccine hoarding in wealthier countries — as well as continued side deals with manufacturers that undermine access for all.

The global vaccination campaign represents the greatest moral test of our times.

It is also essential to restart the global economy — and help the world move from locking down societies to locking down the virus.

COVID-19 vaccines must be seen as a global public good. The world needs to unite to produce and distribute sufficient vaccines for all, which means at least doubling manufacturing capacity around the world.

That effort must start now. Only together can we end this pandemic and recover. Only together can we revive our economies. And then, together, we can all get back to the things we love.

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Quad Leaders' Joint Statement: "The Spirit of the Quad"

March 12, 2021 *Statements and Releases*

[Editor's text bolding]

1. We have convened to reaffirm our commitment to quadrilateral cooperation between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States. We bring diverse perspectives and are united in a shared vision for the free and open Indo-Pacific. We strive for a region that is free, open, inclusive, healthy, anchored by democratic values, and unconstrained by coercion. We recall that our joint efforts toward this positive vision arose out of an international tragedy, the tsunami of 2004. Today, the global devastation wrought by COVID-19, the threat of climate change, and security challenges facing the region summon us with renewed purpose. On this historic occasion of March 12, 2021, the first-ever leader-level summit of the Quad, **we pledge to strengthen our cooperation on the defining challenges of our time.**

2. Together, we commit to promoting a free, open rules-based order, rooted in international law to advance security and prosperity and counter threats to both in the Indo-Pacific and beyond. We support the rule of law, freedom of navigation and overflight, peaceful resolution of disputes, democratic values, and territorial integrity. We commit to work together and with a range of partners. We reaffirm our strong support for ASEAN's unity and centrality as well as the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. Full of potential, the Quad looks forward to the future; it seeks to uphold peace and prosperity and strengthen democratic resilience, based on universal values.

3. Our common goals require us to reckon with the most urgent of global challenges. Today, we pledge to respond to the economic and health impacts of COVID-19, combat climate change, and address shared challenges, including in cyber space, critical technologies, counterterrorism, quality infrastructure investment, and humanitarian-assistance and disaster-relief as well as maritime domains.

4. Building on the progress our countries have achieved on health security, we will join forces to expand safe, affordable, and effective vaccine production and equitable access, to speed economic recovery and benefit global health.

With steadfast commitment to the health and safety of our own people, we also recognize that none of us can be safe as long as the pandemic continues to spread. **We will, therefore, collaborate to strengthen equitable vaccine access for the Indo-Pacific, with close coordination with multilateral organizations including the World Health Organization and COVAX.** We call for transparent and results-oriented reform at the World Health Organization. We are united in recognizing that climate change is a global priority and will work to strengthen the climate actions of all nations, including to keep a Paris-aligned temperature limit within reach. We look forward to a successful COP 26 in Glasgow. We will begin cooperation on the critical technologies of the future to ensure that innovation is consistent with a free, open, inclusive, and resilient Indo-Pacific. We will continue to prioritize the role of international law in the maritime domain, particularly as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and facilitate collaboration, including in maritime security, to meet challenges to the rules-based maritime order in the East and South China Seas. We reaffirm our commitment to the complete denuclearization of North Korea in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions, and also confirm the necessity of immediate resolution of the issue of Japanese abductees. As long-standing supporters of Myanmar and its people, we emphasize the urgent need to restore democracy and the priority of strengthening democratic resilience.

5. To advance these goals and others, we will redouble our commitment to Quad engagement. **We will combine our nations' medical, scientific, financing, manufacturing and delivery, and**

development capabilities and establish a vaccine expert working group to implement our path-breaking commitment to safe and effective vaccine distribution; we will launch a critical- and emerging-technology working group to facilitate cooperation on international standards and innovative technologies of the future; and we will establish a climate working group to strengthen climate actions globally on mitigation, adaptation, resilience, technology, capacity-building, and climate finance. Our experts and senior officials will continue to meet regularly; our Foreign Ministers will converse often and meet at least once a year. At the leader level, we will hold an in-person summit by the end of 2021. The ambition of these engagements is fit to the moment; we are committed to leveraging our partnership to help the world's most dynamic region respond to historic crisis, so that it may be the free, open, accessible, diverse, and thriving Indo-Pacific we all seek.

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COVID Vaccines Access – Migrants

Migrants: Guidance on equitable access to COVID-19 vaccine

GENEVA (8 March 2021) – **All migrants should be included in COVID-19 vaccination programmes regardless of their nationality and migration status, experts from the UN, African, European and Inter-American human rights systems urge in a Guidance Note published today.** The experts stress that vaccine registration should not be used to collect information about an individual's migration status and shared with immigration enforcement authorities.

The Guidance Note, jointly issued by the UN Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW), the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and regional human rights experts, offers **six key proposals regarding vaccine distribution. It calls on States to take into account the vulnerabilities, risks and needs of those migrants who are most exposed and vulnerable to coronavirus when drawing up their prioritization lists for vaccination.**

"In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the rights to health and non-discrimination are fundamental and indispensable. To overcome the pandemic and leave no one behind, these rights must be guaranteed to all migrants regardless of nationality and migration status. All migrants must have access to the vaccine on an equal basis with nationals," the experts said.

"A number of reports indicate that migrants may be more vulnerable to poor health because of their often low socio-economic status, the process of migration and their vulnerability as non-nationals," they added.

Regarding the organisation of vaccination campaigns, the experts called for there to be clear firewalls between immigration enforcement and the provision of COVID-19 vaccines. They cautioned that public information campaigns should make it clear that migrants in irregular situations will not be penalized or targeted for immigration enforcement when seeking access to COVID-19 vaccination. "Nobody should be afraid to seek the care they need," the experts underscored.

They urged States to develop coordinated strategies and mechanisms of cooperation and assistance to guarantee universal and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, and to take into special consideration

countries that face economic obstacles in securing vaccines for their populations, including migrants and their families.

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The experts: The UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW) is the body of 14 independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families by its State parties. It held its first session in March 2004;

Mr. Felipe González Morales (Chile) was appointed Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants in June 2017 by the UN Human Rights Council, for an initial period of three years. As a Special Rapporteur, he is independent from any government or organization and serves in his individual capacity. He is Professor of International Law at the Diego Portales University, in Santiago, Chile, where he is also the Director of a Master's programme in International Human Rights Law;

Ms. Sahli Fadel Maya, Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Mr. Drahoslav Stefanek, Ambassador, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees of the Council of Europe;

Ms. Julissa Mantilla Falcón, Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Joint Guidance Note on Equitable Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for All Migrants

March 2021 :: 3 pages

[Excerpt]

...In light of all of the above, the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrant in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees of the Council of Europe and the Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights urge States to:

[1] Provide equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination for all migrants and their families on a non-discriminatory basis, regardless of their nationality and migration status.

[2] Ensure that vaccine prioritization within countries takes into account the vulnerabilities, risks and needs of those migrants who are most exposed and vulnerable to the SARS-COV-2.

[3] Adopt measures to overcome barriers, establish protocols that facilitate equitable access to vaccination for migrants, including those in irregular situations, and provide targeted outreach and provision of information among migrants in a language they understand and in formats they can access.

[4] Enact firewalls between immigration enforcement and the provision of COVID-19 vaccination, in order to prevent fear or risk of reporting, detention, deportation and other penalties as result of migration status. Vaccine registration should not be used to collect nor share information about migration status. Communication messages and public information campaigns should make clear that migrants in irregular situations will not be penalized or targeted for immigration enforcement when seeking access to COVID-19 vaccination.

[5] Avoid rhetoric and terminology that stigmatize and reinforce harmful narratives against migrants that may result in the exclusion of migrants and those in irregular situations from the public health response. Ensure public information and rhetoric regarding public health is inclusive of migrants.

[6] Develop coordinated strategies and mechanisms of cooperation and assistance to guarantee universal and equitable access to vaccines for COVID-19 globally, and to take into special consideration those countries which due to economic or financial factors are facing obstacles to get vaccines for their populations, including migrants and their families.

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Integrity :: Equity

Rwanda vaccinates refugees and asylum-seekers against COVID-19

12 Mar 2021

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the lives and rights of refugees, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, welcomes the Rwandan government's vaccination this week of 416 refugees - one of the first countries in Africa to do so.

Nearly one year since the country's first registered COVID-19 case and as part of Rwanda's national vaccination drive, the Rwandan Ministry of Health inoculated 224 refugees residing in the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) centre in Gashora and 192 refugees in six refugee settlements working on the front lines of the pandemic as community health workers and cleaners or security guards at health clinics in the refugee settlements.

Some 230,000 people in Rwanda have been vaccinated against COVID-19, one week after a countrywide campaign began.

"We commend Rwanda's inclusion of refugees in its response to the pandemic," said Clementine Nkweta-Salami, UNHCR's Regional Bureau Director Bureau for the East, Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes. "We appeal to all countries to include refugees in their vaccination programs on par with nationals to ensure that everyone is safe."...

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COVID IMPACTS: Access to Contraception

New UNFPA data reveals that nearly 12 million women lost access to contraception due to disruptions caused by the pandemic, leading to 1.4 million unintended pregnancies

New York, 11 March 2021 - UNFPA, the UN sexual and reproductive health agency, [released new data today](#) indicating that nearly 12 million women in 115 countries lost access to family planning services, leading to 1.4 million unintended pregnancies resulting from the disruptions caused by COVID-19 over the past year.

"Pregnancies don't stop for pandemics, or any crisis. We must ensure that women and girls have uninterrupted access to life-saving contraceptives and maternal health medicines," says UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem. "The devastating impact that COVID-19 has had on the lives of

millions of women and girls in the past year underscores just how vital it is to ensure the continuity of reproductive health services.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has been the fastest-moving global public health crisis in a century, causing a strain never before seen on global health systems, many of which were forced to divert resources away from their reproductive health services. Women also lost access to health services due to mobility restrictions or fear of traveling to health facilities. The data, by UNFPA and Avenir health, estimates the net impact of these service delivery disruptions.

In the 115 low-and-middle-income countries studied, women faced an average disruption in their family planning services of 3.6 months over the past year, suggesting that many health systems were resilient enough to eventually adapt and continue to provide services. The worst disruptions were largely concentrated in April and May...

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Coronavirus [COVID-19] - WHO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates

Last update: 13 March 2021

Confirmed cases :: 118 754 336 [week ago: 115 653 459] [two weeks ago: 113 076 707]

Confirmed deaths :: 2 634 370 [week ago: 2 571 823] [two weeks ago: 2 512 272]

Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 223

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 10 March 2021

:: In this special op-ed, Spanish Foreign Minister and Gender Champion for Polio Eradication Ms Arancha González Laya, reflects on the role of women in polio eradication following her recent visit to Chad.

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

:: **Afghanistan:** 14 cVDPV2 cases and 10 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: **Pakistan:** six WPV1 positive environmental samples

:: **Côte d’Ivoire:** three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: **Dr Congo:** three cVDPV2 cases

:: **Mali:** five cVDPV2 cases

:: **Niger:** four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: **Sierra Leone:** Five cVDPV2 cases

:: **Sudan:** one cVDPV2 case
:: **Tajikistan:** two cVDPV2 cases

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WHO/OCHA Emergencies

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 since last update regardless of the level of the emergency listed.

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 13 Mar 2021]

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new digest announcements [Last apparent update: 12 Jan 2021]*

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 13 Mar 2021]

Burkina Faso

:: Revue sectorielle de l'année 2020 du secteur de planification santé 10 mars 2021

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

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 02 March 2021]*Burundi -

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: 2 March 2020]*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 21 February 2020]*

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

Malawi Floods - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update 05 March 2021]*

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: 11 février 2021]*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 06 mars 2021]*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 13 Mar 2021]

Kenya

:: Kenya receives COVID-19 vaccines and launches landmark national campaign 06 March 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]*
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.

Yemen

:: 12 March 2021 Yemen: Ma'rib Situation Update No. 2, 12 March 2021

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

East Africa Locust Infestation - *No new digest announcements identified*

COVID-19 - *No new digest announcements identified*

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

12 March 2021 SC/14466

[Security Council Extends Mandate of United Nations Mission in South Sudan, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2567 \(2021\)](#)

12 March 2021 SC/14467

[Security Council Reauthorizes African Union Mission in Somalia, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2568 \(2021\)](#)

12 March 2021 SG/SM/20622

[Slavery's White Supremacist Ideas Remain Alive, Secretary-General Warns in Message for International Day, Stressing Need to End Legacy of 'This Racist Lie'](#)

11 March 2021 SG/SM/20620

[COVID-19 Vaccines Must Be Global Public Good, Secretary-General Says, Announcing 'Only Together' Campaign to Encourage Sharing of Technology, Doses](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Top News

[CAR elections: Rights and safety of voters and candidates must be protected, says UN expert](#)

[Syria: Truth and justice needed more than ever after 10 years of conflict – Bachelet](#)

[Myanmar junta crackdown likely crimes against humanity requiring coordinated international response - UN expert](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[Japan must step up efforts to solve human rights fallout from Fukushima disaster: UN experts](#)

[USA: UN experts call for President Biden to end death penalty](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Council News

[Entrenched harms caused by racism over generations have been magnified by COVID-19, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights tells the Human Rights Council](#)

12/03/2021

Human Rights Council Concludes General Debate on the Promotion and Protection of All Human Rights

10/03/2021

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

8 March, 2021

Special Event on Gender Dimensions of Criminal Justice Responses to Terrorism at 14th International Crimes Congress in Kyoto 8 March 2021, Remarks of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

Japan must step up efforts to solve human rights fallout from Fukushima disaster: UN experts

11 March 2021

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

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Migrants: Guidance on equitable access to COVID-19 vaccine

8 March 2021

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Research, Announcement

09 March 2021

Humanitarian Coordinator visits food insecure areas and sees response in action

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Resource

COVID-19 Data Explorer: Global Humanitarian Operations

UNICEF [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press releases, Statements

Press release 03/12/2021

Central African Republic: Child malnutrition rates soar as violence rages

UNICEF and WFP warn that more than 1 in 3 health districts in the country are now on alert for a child malnutrition crisis due to recent violence

News note 03/12/2021

Geneva Palais briefing note on the situation of children in Syria after ten years of conflict

This is a summary of what was said by UNICEF Syria Representative Bo Viktor Nylund – to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Press release 03/10/2021

Across virtually every key measure of childhood, progress has gone backward, UNICEF says as pandemic declaration hits one-year mark

Spokespeople available for interview

Press release 03/10/2021

Syria conflict 10 years on: 90 per cent of children need support as violence, economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic push families to the brink

Almost 12,000 children killed or injured in the past decade, according to verified data – an average of more than three children a day

Press release 03/07/2021

10 million additional girls at risk of child marriage due to COVID-19

With 25 million child marriages averted in the last decade, UNICEF issues warning on International Women's Day that these gains are now under serious threat

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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A decade of death, destruction and displacement must not sap our solidarity with Syrians
Statement attributable to Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

12 Mar 2021

Rwanda vaccinates refugees and asylum-seekers against COVID-19

12 Mar 2021

IOM, UNHCR: Latest Mediterranean tragedy underscores need for search and rescue
Joint Press Release

10 Mar 2021

Statement on U.S. announcement of CAM resumption

Statement by Matthew Reynolds, UNHCR representative to the United States and the Caribbean, on the resumption of the Central American Minors program.

10 Mar 2021

UNHCR concerned by Hungary's latest measures affecting access to asylum

10 Mar 2021

UNHCR mourns death of former staff member, Ambassador Nicolas Bwakira

9 Mar 2021

COVID-19 pandemic worsening gender inequalities for refugee women and girls

8 Mar 2021

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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First Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Asia-Pacific Concludes

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Bangkok – The first regional review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Asia and the Pacific concluded today (19 March) with a call for greater collaboration among countries in the region to implement this global framework for action to reap the...

IOM, UNHCR: Latest Mediterranean Tragedy Underscores Need for Search and Rescue

2021-03-10 21:29

Tunis/Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, are deeply saddened by the latest loss of life in the Central Mediterranean, after two boats capsized off Tunisia's shores on Tuesday, 9 March.

IOM Counts Excess of 131,000 Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Ethiopia Crisis

2021-03-09 04:30

Addis Ababa – Over 131,000 people are displaced in 39 accessible locations in Ethiopia's Tigray region and neighbouring Afar and Amhara according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) 's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) survey, the first official data of this...

UNAIDS [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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11 March 2021

Accelerating and expanding HIV services in the Central African Republic

10 March 2021

Rich nations vaccinating one person every second while majority of the poorest nations are yet to give a single dose

10 March 2021

Call for nominations of people living with HIV, key populations and other affected communities to join the multistakeholder task force for the high-level meeting on HIV

9 March 2021

Coalition working to end gender-based sexual violence in Democratic Republic of the Congo

8 March 2021

Tackling gender inequalities and gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic in Asia and the Pacific

8 March 2021

Navigating Lesotho's legal system to address gender-based violence

8 March 2021

Children living with HIV lagging behind adults in access to treatment

WHO & Regional Offices [to 13 Mar 2021]

12 March 2021 News release

[WHO adds Janssen vaccine to list of safe and effective emergency tools against COVID-19](#)

12 March 2021 News release

[ACT-Accelerator releases prioritised strategy and budget for 2021 to change the course of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic](#)

10 March 2021 Medical product alert

[Medical Product Alert N°1/2021: Falsified Vitamin A](#)

10 March 2021 Departmental news

[WHO signs MoU with Women in Global Health on International Women's Day](#)

9 March 2021 Joint News Release

[Devastatingly pervasive: 1 in 3 women globally experience violence](#)

8 March 2021 Statement

[GACVS COVID-19 Vaccine Safety subcommittee meeting to review reports on influenza-like illness in individuals vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines](#)

...Based on a careful scientific review of the information made available, the Subcommittee came to the following conclusions:

:: Symptoms of an influenza-like illness may be expected as immune responses following vaccinations in general.

:: The current reports with the COVID-19 vaccines are consistent with the expected side-effect profile of these vaccines, all of which were well tolerated.

In view of this, the committee considers that the benefit-risk balance of the COVID-19 vaccines (for which reports of the influenza-like reactions are available to date) remains favourable and does not suggest any revision, at present, to the recommendations around the safety of these vaccines...

8 March 2021 Departmental news

[New global breast cancer initiative highlights renewed commitment to improve survival](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: Countries gear-up to kick all forms of polio out of Africa, once and for all 13 March 2021

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

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WHO European Region EURO

:: Serbia's COVID-19 vaccination campaign off to a strong start 11-03-2021
:: Republic of Moldova first country in Europe to receive COVID-19 vaccine through COVAX Facility 10-03-2021
:: Women at the forefront of the COVID-19 response in Albania: "We will keep fighting until this virus is defeated" 09-03-2021
:: One year of WHO/Europe's response to the COVID-19 pandemic 09-03-2021

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: First shipment of European Union-funded COVID-19 vaccines from COVAX Facility arrived in Jordan 13 March 2021
:: COVID-19 vaccines shipped by COVAX arrive in Afghanistan 8 March 2021

WHO Western Pacific Region

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World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2021/>

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Meetings and events

11 March 2021 *Press Release*

New UNFPA data reveals that nearly 12 million women lost access to contraception due to disruptions caused by the pandemic, leading to 1.4 million unintended pregnancies

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest from News Centre

COVID-19 and crisis contexts one year on: What have we learnt? How can we fast-track recovery?

Statement delivered by Haoliang Xu as part of UNDP's Development Dialogues: Rethinking solutions to crisis in the Decade of Action series

Posted on March 11, 2021

COVID-19 eroding social cohesion and triggering rise in civil unrest in crisis-affected countries, alert UNDP, g7+

New York, 11 March 2021 – With over 2.6 million dead and 117 million infections, no country in the world has remained untouched by COVID-19.

Posted on March 11, 2021

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 2021]

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

10 Mar 2021 *Press release*

[Are we on track for a green recovery? Not Yet](#)

Oxford/Nairobi, 10 March 2021 – One year from the onset of the pandemic, recovery spending has fallen short of nations' commitments to build back more sustainably. An analysis of spending by leading economies, led...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest news

12 March 2021

[Women at the table: how women leaders are driving pandemic recovery to achieve an inclusive and equal future for all](#)

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Women's International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (WIN DRR), UN Women and UNDRR's Regional Office for Asia and Pacific hosted an online discussion with some of the Asia-Pacific region's most accomplished women in the field. The event distilled decades of experience in governance and resilience building into a dialogue about the ways in which women's leadership has reduced disaster risk, and how these lessons can shape a more equal post-pandemic future.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

12 Mar 2021 | DESA

[Indigenous peoples continue to face barriers to realizing rights to lands and territories](#)

The world's indigenous peoples call 22 per cent of the global land surface home. They live in areas where you find about 80 per cent of the planet's biodiversity and much of the world's non-commercially exploited land and many of its remaining mineral and forest resources, major rivers, fossil fuels and sources of renewable energy.

10 Mar 2021 | DESA

[UN adopts landmark framework to integrate natural capital in economic reporting](#)

In a move that may reshape decision and policy-making towards sustainable development, the United Nations adopted a new framework today that includes the contributions of nature when measuring economic prosperity and human well-being.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

10 Mar 2021 | DESA

Four things you need to know about forests and health

From cleaner air to providing natural cooling and the freshwater we drink, forests support our health in ways that may not be visible.

10 Mar 2021 | DESA

Over 20 Minister Champions Call for Urgent Action in Lead-up to Energy Summit

Over twenty ministerial-level "Global Champions" from UN Member States have issued messages today or urgent action to achieve affordable, clean energy for all...

09 Mar 2021 | DESA

Investing in social protection key for Africa to recover better

Measured by the usual metrics of cases and deaths, Africa's experience of the COVID-19 pandemic seems mild...

UNESCO [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Latest News

UNESCO Forum on Biodiversity

Our Planet, Our Future: 50 Years of MAB "On the way to Kunming"

24 March 2021, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

The year 2021 is a crucial year for Biodiversity, during which new objectives and new commitments will be made for the coming decade. UNESCO, as a laboratory of ideas and a guardian organization of knowledge and know-how respectful of biodiversity, has an important role to play in helping to shape and fuel a dialogue on environmental challenges and their implications, both ethical and for peace in the world. This is the goal of its Biodiversity Forum to be held online on Wednesday 24 March 2021 from 1:00 p.m. The Biodiversity Forum will welcome prestigious guests from all over the world and various actors committed to the benefit of biodiversity.

Follow the event live on this page. It will be accessible here in English or French, on 24 March 2021 from 1 to 5 pm (time in Paris, France, GMT+1)

A new National Museum in Rio de Janeiro rises from the ashes

The restoration and rebuilding of the Paço de São Cristóvão aims to integrate the museum into the surrounding community

10/03/2021

Following the devastating fire that ravaged the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro in 2018, destroying much of the palace interior and its precious collection, UNESCO, through its office in Brasilia, has been working on the ground to support its restoration.

UNESCO and the Museu Nacional Vive Project have chosen the consortium H+F Arquitetos e Atelier de Arquitetura e Desenho Urbano for the architectural design and restoration of the new museum, following a bidding and selection process involving renowned specialists in architecture, cultural heritage, engineering, and museology...

The initiative aims to return a fully recovered, internationally and culturally significant museum to the community, in line with UNESCO's Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society (2015).

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Announcements

[SDGWG Webinar on March 17, 2021: Policy + Partnerships : Coming Together to Mobilize Heritage for Sustainable Development \(SDG 1-17\)](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Unique hybrid 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice closes in Kyoto, Japan](#) 12/03/2021

[UNODC Executive Director's Message on International Women's Day](#)

08/03/2021

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 13 Mar 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News & Stories

[Government of Egypt, UN-Habitat and partners celebrate riverbank filtration project in three Governorates](#)

Friday 12 March, 2021

[Advocating for Non-Motorized Transport to curb of the spread of COVID-19 in crowded public transportation network in Ethiopia](#)

Wednesday 10 March, 2021

[Launch of Her City – a digital platform to support girls' participation in urban planning](#)

Wednesday 10 March, 2021

[UN-Habitat re-establishes its country presence in Morocco signaling a strengthened partnership on sustainable urbanization](#)

Tuesday 9 March, 2021

[Hand washing stations in Nairobi's biggest dumpsite officially launched to tackle COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Tuesday 9 March, 2021

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News releases

12 March 2021

Central African Republic: child malnutrition rates soar as violence rages

UNICEF and WFP warn that more than 1 in 3 health districts in the country are now on alert for a child malnutrition crisis due to recent violence

BANGUI – At least 24,000 children under five across 14 of the Central African Republic's 35 health districts are at risk of severe acute malnutrition following the recent spike in violence across the country – UNICEF and the World Food Programme (WFP) warned today. Out of these 14 districts, which are now on alert for a child malnutrition crisis, six currently have no resources or capacity to respond to children's acute needs.

The two UN agencies also noted that violence and insecurity are exacerbating population displacement, hindering humanitarian access and causing food prices to rise.

12 March 2021

WFP begins building a global coalition to support school feeding worldwide

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

GENEVA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has begun to convene a coalition of stakeholders to support governments to restore and boost access to school feeding for the most vulnerable children.

12 March 2021

WFP and the Government of Finland begin building a coalition to support school feeding worldwide

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has announced the Finnish Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Ville Skinnari, as the founding member of a high-level steering committee to support a global scale up of school meal programmes.

11 March 2021

Ten years on, war-ravaged Syrians grapple with their worst hunger crisis yet

DAMASCUS – After a decade of upheaval, conflict and displacement, Syrians are facing the worst humanitarian conditions since the start of the crisis, with millions of people sliding into hunger in the last year alone, according to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

11 March 2021

On International School Meals Day, WFP and the Ministry of Education commit to expanding support to all schoolchildren

BAGHDAD – On International School Meals Day, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) renews its commitment to support the learning and nutrition needs of children in Iraq. Under the National School Feeding Programme, WFP in partnership with the Iraqi Ministry of Education is developing a new universal School Feeding policy to support all primary school children in the country.

11 March 2021

Yemen is heading toward the biggest famine in modern history, WFP Chief warns UN Security Council

NEW YORK – The UN World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director, David Beasley, addressed the United Nations Security Council today on Yemen, conflict and food insecurity. Here are selected highlights from his remarks

11 March 2021

WFP chief calls for urgent funds to avert famine

Transcript as delivered of remarks by UN World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director David Beasley during today's UN Security Council session on food security and maintaining international peace and stability

10 March 2021

WFP Chief appeals for peace as Yemen teeters on edge of famine

ADEN/SANA'A – The Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme issued an urgent plea for peace in Yemen and called for funding to help the most vulnerable hungry families as he wrapped up a two-day visit to the country where the worst famine the world has seen in modern history is now looming.

10 March 2021

Japan provides US\$110 million for food assistance to the most vulnerable people in 37 countries

YOKOHAMA – The United Nations World Food Programme has welcomed a total contribution of US\$110 million from the Government of Japan towards its food assistance and livelihood support to vulnerable people in 37 countries across Asia, the Middle East and Africa

9 March 2021

WFP humanitarian air service receives a boost with funding from the European Union and the World Health Organization

Dili - A funding contribution of US\$150,000 from the European Union, channeled through the World Health Organization is helping the World Food Programme continue its humanitarian air passenger and cargo flights in support of the COVID-19 response in Timor-Leste.

8 March 2021

Empowering women and girls is crucial to ensure sustainable food security in the aftermath of COVID-19, say UN food agency heads on International Women's Day

Rome – Hunger and famine will persist and there will be unequal recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic unless more women in rural and urban areas hold leadership positions with increased decision-making power, say the heads of the three United Nations' food agencies ahead of their joint International Women's Day event on 8 March.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Forced labour

What if your pencil was a tool against forced labour?

10 March 2021

A global cartoon competition will raise awareness of forced labour, which affects 25 million people worldwide.

UN Year: End Child Labour 2021

Laura Pausini: Education and music empowers children

10 March 2021

The Music Against Child Labour Initiative's international song competition will be judged by Grammy and Golden Globe Winner, Laura Pausini.

International Women's Day

Sophia Loren: Time to remove the barriers women face in the world of work

08 March 2021

Iconic actor Sophia Loren calls for stronger social security policies, advancing women in leadership roles and more action to build a better future of work.

International Women's Day 2021

The world needs more women leaders

08 March 2021

On International Women's Day, female leaders from the ILO gave their perspective on the qualities women bring to leadership around the world.

Video

Resilient women work hand in hand with the ILO to achieve decent work

08 March 2021

As part of International Women's Day celebrations, we highlighted success stories from resilient Syrian and Jordanian women who have created a better life for themselves and their families with support and guidance from the ILO.

Press release

ILO launches FORTER'ESS project to promote decent work through women-led social and solidarity economy organizations in Tunisia

08 March 2021

The FORTER'ESS project is the result of a partnership between Global Affairs Canada and the International Labour Organization (ILO) that works in collaboration with the Tunisian Government and social partners to strengthen the resilience of women-led Social and Solidarity Economy Organizations (SSEOs) affected by COVID-19.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

ICAO Council approves new pandemic response and recovery measures

Montréal, 12 March 2021 – The ICAO Council approved six new COVID-19 recommendations today, and amended two others, as countries continue to address latest information and cooperate to optimize the role of international air transport in global pandemic recovery and ensure the speedy resumption of air travel.

The new and amended recommendations and updated guidelines are contained in the High-Level Cover Document and 'Take-off' Guidelines issued by the [Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force \(CART\)](#), established shortly after the pandemic was identified by the World Health Organization (WHO).

"Following the emergence of new virus variants, the vaccine rollouts, and other innovations to battle COVID-19, the work of CART has targeted specific issues related to testing and vaccination of passengers as part of a State's multilayer risk management strategy with the ultimate objective of restoring public confidence in air travel and getting passengers to fly again. After the 70% decrease in

air traffic, international air transport can now see the light at the end of the tunnel thanks also to these new recommendations and guidelines” commented ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano.

“The Council has also taken into account the latest position of the WHO, which specifies that proof of COVID-19 vaccination should not be made a condition for international travel,” he noted...

Recommendation 19

Vaccination should not be a prerequisite for international travel. At such time as evidence shows that vaccinated persons would not transmit the SARS-CoV-2 virus or would present a reduced risk of transmitting the virus, Member States may exempt such individuals from testing and/or quarantine measures, in accordance with a State’s accepted risk threshold, national framework, the COVID-19 situation and the multilayered risk mitigation framework described in the Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Press Briefings

09 March 2021

Innovative partnerships for a sustainable maritime future

One year after its creation, [IMO's Department for Partnerships and Projects \(DPP\)](#) has bold ambitions to expand its portfolio of global and regional projects. These new initiatives will further support developing countries to address the world's most pressing ocean and environmental challenges, including climate change, marine litter and biodiversity...

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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UPU Universal Postal Union [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

Press release: UPU launches Post4Health to help in world’s greatest logistical challenge: COVID-19 vaccine delivery

11.03.2021 —

Bern. More than 3 billion people live in rural and isolated areas making COVID-19 vaccine delivery the greatest logistical challenge the world has ever faced.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

By Barnaby Lewis on 12 March 2021

[Singapore study shows the benefits of standards](#)

The ISO member for Singapore, SSC, has published research showing how standards improve transparency, quality and trust in the maritime sector.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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Europe#RestartTourism, SDGs

[UNWTO Calls for a More Equal and Sustainable Future for Tourism at ITB Berlin Now](#)

12 Mar 2021

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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[08.03.2021 Statement by Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity on the occasion of International Women's Day "Women in le...](#)

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USAID [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/2021>

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[United States Provides Humanitarian Assistance in Response to Catastrophic Explosions in Equatorial Guinea](#)

March 12, 2021

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing \$150,000 in humanitarian assistance to respond to devastating explosions in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, which have killed and injured hundreds.

[United States Announces Nearly \\$104 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance in Response to the Ongoing Crisis in Nigeria](#)

March 12, 2021

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing nearly \$104 million in additional humanitarian assistance to respond to the ongoing crisis in Nigeria, where an estimated 8.7 million people are at risk.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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Foreign Secretary statement on radical changes to Hong Kong's electoral system.

13 March 2021

Press release

ECHO [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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EU allocates €17 million to support the most vulnerable in Haiti and the Caribbean

11/03/2021

The European Commission has announced today €17 million in humanitarian aid to address the needs of the most vulnerable in Haiti and the Caribbean, which have been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez...

Crisis management: emergency aid and medical staff mobilised via EU Civil Protection Mechanism

11/03/2021

The Commission continues to coordinate assistance to countries requesting EU support on various fronts. Responding to Slovakia's request for medical staff to help treat COVID-19 patients, Denmark has offered to send 3 doctors and 5 nurses via the...

Humanitarian action: New outlook for EU's global aid delivery challenged by COVID-19

10/03/2021

Today, the Commission has proposed to strengthen the European Union's global humanitarian impact in order to meet the substantially rising humanitarian needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Communication proposes a series of key actions to...

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African Union [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Secretariat News

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European Commission [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest

Press release 11 March 2021

Commission extends transparency and authorisation mechanism for exports of COVID-19 vaccines

The Commission has today extended until end of June the transparency and authorisation mechanism for COVID-19 vaccine exports. This follows persistent delays in some of the deliveries of vaccines to the EU.

Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade Valdis Dombrovskis said: "The first weeks of the application of this instrument have shown that the trade disruption feared by many did not take place. Since the measure was introduced, shipments were authorised to more than 30 countries. This confirms that even during a very critical health situation, the EU has made a considerable effort to be a reliable and responsible trading partner."

Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides said: "We expect companies with which we have signed a contract to fulfil their obligations towards EU citizens. The EU exports very significant volumes of COVID-19 vaccines, true to our commitment to global solidarity. Yet, not all companies are honouring their agreements with the EU despite having received a down payment to enable sufficient production. We will insist that compliance is ensured and we will continue to work with companies to ramp up production in Europe as quickly as possible."

EU number one supplier of COVID-19 vaccines to the world

The EU continues to be the leading provider of vaccines around the world. Six weeks into the existence of this mechanism, 249 export requests to 31 different countries* have been granted for a total of 34,090,267 doses, as they did not threaten the contractual engagements between the EU and the vaccine producers. Only one export request was not granted. The main export destinations include the United Kingdom (with approximately 9.1 million doses), Canada (3.9 million), Mexico (3.1 million), Japan (2.7 million), Saudi Arabia (1.4 million), Hong Kong (1.3 million), Singapore (1 million), United States (1 million), Chile (0.9 million) and Malaysia (0.8 million).

The export authorisation mechanism

This export authorisation mechanism only applies to exports from companies with which the EU has concluded Advance Purchase Agreements (APAs). These APAs commit the vaccine producers to deliver to EU Member States a pre-agreed number of vaccines. The mechanism provides for authorisations of exports of COVID-19 vaccines outside the EU...

Press release 11 March 2021

European Commission authorises fourth safe and effective vaccine against COVID-19

Today, the European Commission has granted a conditional marketing authorisation (CMA) for the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Janssen Pharmaceutica NV, one of the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson, and the fourth COVID-19 vaccine authorised in the EU.

Press release 11 March 2021

EU allocates €17 million to support the most vulnerable in Haiti and the Caribbean

The European Commission has announced today €17 million in humanitarian aid to address the needs of the most vulnerable in Haiti and the Caribbean, which have been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speech 10 March 2021

Humanitarian action: Remarks by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell at the press conference on the new outlook for the EU's humanitarian action in light of COVID-19

Press release 10 March 2021

Commission supports Member States in tackling coronavirus hotspots with offer of four million additional doses of BioNTech-Pfizer vaccine to be delivered this month

The European Commission has reached an agreement with BioNTech-Pfizer for the supply of four million more doses of COVID-19 vaccines for Member States in the next two weeks in order to tackle coronavirus hotspots and to facilitate free border movement.

OECD [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Top Stories

The need for speed: faster vaccine rollout critical to stronger recovery

9-March-2021

A global economic recovery is in sight but a faster and more effective vaccination rollout across the world is critical, while respecting necessary health and social distancing measures, according to the OECD's latest Interim Economic Outlook.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

Statement by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States on Equitable Distribution of Vaccines

March 9, 2021

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC General Secretariat and Saudi Food and Drug Authority Launch Series of Capacity Building Workshops for Medicine Regulatory Authorities of OIC Member States

The OIC General Secretariat in cooperation with the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) launched a series of training workshops for the OIC Member States in medical devices regulation and pharmacovigilance. As part of the training series, a workshop on basic pharmacovigilance is scheduled to take place on 09 March 2021 and another workshop on advanced pharmacovigilance will be held on 22-23 March 2020. ...

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Group of 77 [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News – Selected Items

09 March 2021

[Launch of a new WCO project on Customs control of fake vaccines and other illicit goods linked to COVID-19](#)

The distribution of COVID-19 vaccines is of primary importance to every nation, and the transportation of vaccines across borders is becoming the world's largest and fastest operation ever. Consequently, there is a risk that criminal syndicates may attempt to exploit the situation.

In response to this risk, and to address the threat posed by illegal products such as dangerous, sub-standard or counterfeit medicines and vaccines, the World Customs Organization (WCO) has just launched a new initiative entitled "Project on the urgent need for facilitation and coordinated Customs control of cross-border consignments linked to COVID-19"...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

WTO News and Events

[Barometer points to services trade rebound in short run, long term outlook less clear](#)

11 March 2021

After falling sharply during the global pandemic, world services trade appears to be in a recovery phase, according to the WTO's Services Trade Barometer, which has recently risen firmly above trend. However, continued weakness in some sectors and an uneven distribution of COVID-19 vaccines cast some doubt on the durability of the recovery.

[DG calls on COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers to increase production in developing countries](#)

9 March 2021

Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on 9 March called on COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers to do more to ramp up production in developing countries to combat the vaccine supply shortage that is excluding many lower-income nations from access. In remarks to an event hosted by the UK think tank Chatham House, she said cooperation on trade, and action at the WTO, would help accelerate vaccine scale-up.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press releases

10/03/2021

[Women in politics: new data shows growth but also setbacks](#)

Despite increases in the number of women at the highest levels of political power, widespread gender inequalities persist, according to the 2021 edition of the [IPU-UN Women Map of Women in Politics](#).

The IPU-UN Women Map presents new data for women in government and parliamentary positions as of 1 January 2021. The data shows all-time highs for the number of countries with women Heads of State and/or Heads of Government, as well as for the global share of women Ministers...

International Court of Justice [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 13 Mar 2021]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

ICC President Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji Remarks at ceremony for the solemn undertaking of six new judges and the departure of six outgoing judges

Statement 9 March 2021

International Criminal Court Launches Case Law Database

Press Release 8 March 2021

... The database provides free and easy access to the Court's jurisprudence on, among other topics, core international crimes and international criminal procedure, the rights of the accused and the rights of victims. The database can be consulted at: <https://legal-tools.org/cld...>

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World Bank [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News, Announcements

Cabo Verde Received the First Batch of COVID-19 Vaccines

United Nations, Praia, March 12, 2021 – Cabo Verde received Friday, March 12, its first batch of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine, sent through the COVAX Initiative, a partnership between the Government...

Date: March 12, 2021 Type: Press Release

World Bank Adds Funding to the Regional Off-Grid Electricity Access Project to Promote Solar Products in Western and Central Africa

WASHINGTON, March 11, 2021— The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved today a total of \$22.5 million in additional financing to the Regional Off-Grid Electricity Access Project (ROGEAP) –in...

Date: March 11, 2021 Type: Press Release

International Women's Day 2021—Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world

As we mark International Women's Day, we celebrate women's roles in the significant-but-unfinished progress towards gender equality and recognize the leadership and contributions of women in response to...

Date: March 08, 2021 Type: Brief L

IMF [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News, Announcements

March 8, 2021

Women's Economic Empowerment and Inclusive Global Economic Growth: COVID-19 and Beyond

Keynote Speech by Chief Economist Gita Gopinath At the Inaugural Dr. Hansa Mehta Lecture

African Development Bank Group [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

Nobel laureate urges more action on debt for African growth to rebound

13-Mar-2021 - Nobel laureate Joseph E. Stiglitz has called for a comprehensive global plan to help countries cope with mounting debt that has been compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic. Stiglitz, a recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 2001, was speaking on Friday at the virtual launch of the African Development Bank's 2021 African Economic Outlook report during a conversation with Bank President Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina.

African Economic Outlook 2021: Africa's growth prospects bullish despite COVID-19 constraints and debt burden

12-Mar-2021 - Despite the challenging backdrop of a global pandemic and external economic shocks, Africa is expected to recover from its worst recession in half a century and reach 3.4 percent growth in 2021, the African Development Bank said in its 2021 African Economic Outlook report, launched on Friday. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus in December 2019 has taken a massive toll on Africa, hitting tourism-dependent economies, oil-exporting economies and other-resource intensive economies the hardest, as well as deepening inequality.

African Development Bank provides \$1 million for AI-based national customer management systems in Ghana, Rwanda and Zambia

10-Mar-2021 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank has approved a grant of \$1.024 million for artificial intelligence enabled systems to process customer complaints on behalf of the national banks of Ghana and Rwanda and the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Zambia. The grant resources are from the special fund of the Africa Digital Financial Inclusion Facility (ADFI), a financing vehicle to accelerate digital financial inclusion across Africa.

African Development Bank named the World's Best Multilateral Financial Institution 2021 by Global Finance

09-Mar-2021 - The prestigious U.S. magazine, Global Finance, specializing in financial markets and investment banking, has named the African Development Bank as the "Best Multilateral Financial Institution in the world for 2021". The award is a global recognition for the path breaking efforts of the African Development Bank as it transforms itself into a solutions bank for Africa, through a combination of its operations, knowledge services and investment positioning, which continue to help accelerate Africa's development.

The Africa Digital Inclusion Facility approves grants worth \$1.3 million for two research efforts to enhance women's digital access to loans and micro-insurance

08-Mar-2021 - The African Development Bank has approved two grants for research that will increase African women's access to a range of digital financial services including loans and micro-insurance. The grants, for \$1 million and \$300,000 respectively, will be disbursed through the Africa Digital Financial Inclusion Facility, a blended finance vehicle supported by the Bank, to two financial technology firms, Pula Advisors Kenya Ltd., and M-KOPA Kenya Ltd.

Asian Development Bank [to 13 Mar 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]

Latest News Releases

12 Mar 2021

\$400 Million ADB Loan to Help the Philippines Purchase COVID-19 Vaccines

The Philippines today became the first recipient of financing support under ADB's Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility with approval of a \$400 million loan that will help the country purchase safe and effective vaccines against COVID-19.

8 Mar 2021

Asian Transport Outlook Data to Support Larger and More Sustainable Transport Sector in Asia

ADB has released a first batch of data as part of a new regional knowledge platform to guide sustainable transport development in Asia and the Pacific.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Development Bank [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

Statement by H.E. IsDB Group President on International Women's Day 2021

8 March 2021

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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 13 Mar 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Pakistan

Maintenir les services de santé et de nutrition durant la pandémie mondiale

Posté le 10 mars 2021

Selon le GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX, 12,3 % de la population pakistanaise est sous-alimentée et 37,6 % des enfants de moins de cinq ans souffrent d'un retard de croissance.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

BSI News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest

March 11, 2021

How BRAC Microfinance provides mental health support to their field staff

March 08, 2021

On International Women's Day, meet one of the women behind your Aarong saree

Clubhouse International [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development

EIFL, IFLA issue call on World Trade Organization

10 Mar 2021

EIFL and IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) have called on the Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to extend international trade law measures which reduce burdens on the poorest countries, and allow them to set regulatory frameworks for copyright to enable their libraries to support education, research and cultural participation.

The call comes ahead of a formal meeting of the WTO Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), that monitors implementation of the TRIPS Agreement. The meeting, that takes place on 10-11 March 2021, will discuss, among other issues, a request by Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to extend an exemption for LDCs from implementing the substantive obligations for protection and enforcement of IP rights, including copyright, in the TRIPS Agreement...

Fountain House [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global [to 13 Mar 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

News/Analysis/Statements/Webinars

:: Past weekly editions of **Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review** are [available here](#).

:: A new edition of **Informed Consent: A Monthly Digest** [March 2021] is [now posted here](#) and via a [PDF](#).

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

[**Reiza Dejito: mother and committed humanitarian worker for HI in Nepal**](#)

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[**Durable Solutions / Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons \(IDPs\)**](#)

Heifer International [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/>

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[**"It is important to address the humanitarian consequences of hunger, but we must also treat and prevent its causes"**](#)

Statement by the International Committee of the Red Cross to the Security Council Open Debate: Conflict and Food Security.

11-03-2021 | Statement

[**Millions of young Syrians paid heavy toll during "decade of loss"**](#)

A survey commissioned by the ICRC highlights the heavy price paid by young Syrians, as the crisis in Syria moves into its second decade.

10-03-2021 | News release

"International humanitarian law should not be construed, or interpreted, as legitimizing the resort to conflict."

Statement by International committee of the Red Cross to the open-ended working group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

10-03-2021 | Statement

2020 Humanitarian Report: Covid-19 is an extra burden on most vulnerable in Brazil and the Southern Cone, the ICRC observes

The Regional Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross believes that the pandemic poses an additional challenge to populations that have been impacted by violence and disappearances, migrants and people deprived of their liberty; the

09-03-2021 | News release

IFRC [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Global

COVID-19: IFRC warns of "deadly gap" in global efforts to distribute vaccines

Geneva, 10 March 2021 – Nascent efforts to ensure fair and equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines will fail unless a "deadly gap" in global immunization policy and funding is quickly filled. This is the stark warning issued today by the Internatio ...

10 March 2021

New report: Migrants hit an "invisible wall" in accessing COVID-19 care and vaccines

Geneva, 9 March 2021 – A new report released today documents an "invisible wall" which has blocked migrants from accessing basic services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is now preventing them from accessing vaccines. The report – *Locked down and left out? Why access to basic services for migrants is critical to our COVID-19 response and recovery* – draws on research carried out across all regions by the newly established Red Cross Red Crescent Global Migration Lab, hosted by Australian Red Cross and supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Jagan Chapagain, IFRC Secretary General said: "Our research reveals what we are calling an 'invisible wall' that has blocked migrants – particularly those undocumented or in an irregular situation – from accessing basic services. Interestingly, this wall isn't built mainly of policies designed to exclude migrants. Instead, it is made up of inadvertent exclusions, as well as the unintended consequences of efforts to contain and control the pandemic."...

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases/Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Remarks

[IRC's Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy testifies at US House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on the Yemen crisis](#)

March 11, 2021

Press Release

[Syria: 35 aid agencies warn of irreversible impact of 10 years of conflict](#)

March 11, 2021

Press Release

[New IRC analysis: Excess COVID-19 vaccines secured by US, UK and EU sufficient to vaccinate 20+ countries facing worst humanitarian crises](#)

March 10, 2021

Press Release

[The International Rescue Committee, Community Jameel, and Toyota Motor Corporation announce collaboration, response to humanitarian crisis in Lebanon](#)

March 10, 2021

Press Release

[15 Million People in Need - Mostly Women - Are Currently Left Out of Gender-Based Violence Services Across 10 Countries](#)

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IRCT [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

News 12 Mar 2021

[New webinar on Survivors engagement - register now!](#)

News 12 Mar 2021

[After 5 Years' Imprisonment in Iran, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe Must be Reunited with Family in UK to Recover from Torture and Ill-Treatment](#)

News 08 Mar 2021

[International Women's Day 2021: 19% of torture survivors suffer from gender-based violence](#)

News 05 Mar 2021

[Joint call on President of Uzbekistan to decriminalise same-sex relations between men](#)

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

[Peacebuilding during a pandemic: Islamic Relief participates in Geneva Peace Week](#)

Published: 30 October, 2020

[Aid agencies call on UK government not to cut aid to South Sudan](#)

Published: 11 March, 2021

[Hardy goat breed offers hope to drought-stricken families in Kenya](#)

Published: 11 March, 2021

[Doctors in Syria warn health system cannot cope with impacts of Covid-19 pandemic](#)

Published: 10 March, 2021

[Helping to protect communities in Malawi from the effects of climate change](#)

Published: 9 March, 2021

Landsea [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

March 12, 2021

[International NGOs Appeal for an Estimated \\$1.98 billion to Respond to Increasing Humanitarian Needs in DR Congo](#)

International NGOs working in DR Congo join in an appeal to the international community to prioritize resources and...

March 11, 2021

[NGOs Ask the UK Government Not to Cut Aid to South Sudan as Threat of Famine Looms](#)

International and national non-governmental organisations working in South Sudan call on the UK Government to reconsider...

March 10, 2021

[35 Aid Agencies Warn of Further Irreversible Impact, Marking 10 Years of Syrian Conflict](#)

35 of the leading aid agencies have joined together to warn of the suffering and increased, irreversible, damage if the...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Yemen

Health needs grow for people in former safe haven of Marib

Project Update 11 Mar 2021

Photo Story

A year of a pandemic: our response to COVID-19 in pictures

11 Mar 2021

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

One year of a pandemic

Opinion 11 Mar 2021

Access to medicines

Countries obstructing COVID-19 patent waiver must allow negotiations to start

Press Release 9 Mar 2021

:: Ahead of talks at the WTO on patents on COVID-19 tools, a small number of countries continue to block a waiver that would open up access to these tools during the pandemic.

:: Should the waiver be agreed, countries could produce COVID-19 vaccines and drugs on a larger scale, at lower prices.

:: MSF urges these countries to immediately stop blocking the proposal to allow lives to be saved.

Operation Smile [to 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Rich countries block COVID-19 vaccines waiver at World Trade Organization - Oxfam reaction

11 March 2021

In response to calls for a waiver of Trade and Intellectual Property Rules (TRIPS) for COVID-19 vaccines, which is backed by more than 100 mostly developing countries, being blocked again at World Trade Organisation talks by rich countries, Oxfam's Health Policy Manager, Anna Marriott, said: "This is a massive missed opportunity to speed up and scale up the production of lifesaving vaccines worldwide by waiving the intellectual property barriers that prevent more qualified manufacturers joining the effort."

Oxfam welcomes European Parliament's vote on corporate rules for supply chains

10 March 2021

Today, Members of the European Parliament voted on a report for corporate responsibility in global supply chains.

Rich nations vaccinating one person every second while majority of the poorest nations are yet to give a single dose

10 March 2021

One year on from the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the People's Vaccine Alliance is warning that developing countries are facing critical shortages of oxygen and medical supplies to cope with COVID-19 cases yet the majority have been unable to administer a single dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. In contrast rich nations have vaccinated their citizens at a rate of one person per second over the last month.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest news

Europe | 11. Mar 2021

Pandemic prompts new initiatives for election observation

Covid-19 has affected democratic processes all over the world, making it more important than ever to ensure that elections are up to international standards. NORCAP's experienced election observers usually travel around the world to observe elections, but many experts have had to work remotely or adjust their methodology to the new reality.

Syria | 11. Mar 2021

35 aid agencies warn of further irreversible impact, marking 10 years of Syrian conflict

Thursday, 11 March 2021: 35 of the leading aid agencies have joined together to warn of the suffering and increased, irreversible, damage if the growing humanitarian needs in Syria are not met and a political solution is not found. The 35 agencies have highlighted that a decade since the outset of the conflict, living conditions for many Syrians are worse than ever.

South Sudan | 11. Mar 2021

NGOs ask the UK government not to cut aid to South Sudan as threat of famine looms

Severe humanitarian needs across South Sudan have significantly worsened. The sustained support of the international community is critical. As organisations working to support the people of South Sudan coming out of a painful civil war, we call on the UK Government to ensure South Sudan remains a funding priority.

Global/Africa/Middle East | 08. Mar 2021

Women in power: Why the clean energy shift needs a female perspective

As part of NORCAP's Accelerator Program, our five female junior energy experts are pushing for a clean energy transition. To them, women are the most important pieces of the puzzle.

Syria | 08. Mar 2021

Syria: Another decade of crisis on the horizon expected to displace millions more

The Syria crisis could see at least 6 million more displacements over yet another decade if the conflict, insecurity and economic deterioration continue unabated, a new report by the Norwegian Refugee Council warns today.

Pact [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

Mapping COVID-19: Inside the Epidemic Intelligence Unit

In Massachusetts, outbreak specialists with the Community Tracing Collaborative are looking to pinpoint the sources of multiple infections, or “clusters”—and use those insights to stop the spread of COVID-19.

March 12, 2021

Letter from the CEO: PIH's Dr. Sheila Davis Reflects on a Pandemic Year

The past 12 months have brought inspiring levels of bravery and selflessness, and more of both will be needed in the months ahead, PIH's leader writes.

March 11, 2021

'Dream a Bit Bigger': Influential Leaders Share Advice with PIH Community on International Women's Day

Despite hosting Top Chef for 15 years, co-founding a nonprofit, and publishing a handful of cookbooks, among other accomplishments, Padma Lakshmi has experienced impostor syndrome, along with many other high-achieving people. But she never let her initial beliefs that she wasn't qualified enough get in the way of her career. Her hope is that women and girls will do the same, feel less self-doubt than she did, and not be dissuaded from careers they want to pursue.

March 11, 2021

Ekip Solid: A Conversation With Dr. Valeria Macías

For International Women's Day, we sat down for a conversation with Valeria Macías, executive director of Compañeros En Salud, as PIH is known in Mexico. She reflected on a range of topics, from her career to gender equity to the importance of self-care.

March 8, 2021

Vicky Reed: Sierra Leone's Nurse Champion

As the director of nursing for Partners In Health in Sierra Leone, Vicky Reed mentors nurses, strengthens the health care system, and continues her grandmother's legacy.

March 8, 2021

'Rooted in Elevating and Empowering Women:' Women's Health, Equity Central to PIH

On International Women's Day, PIH CEO Dr. Sheila Davis and nurse midwife Isata Dumbuya, women's and children's health lead for PIH Sierra Leone, celebrate PIH's commitment to women's rights and health.

March 8, 2021

PATH [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

11 March 2021 - Denmark

DENMARK MUST REVERSE DECISION TO STRIP ALMOST A HUNDRED SYRIAN REFUGEES OF THEIR RESIDENCE PERMITS

10 March 2021 - Singapore

Call for millions of teachers in Asia-Pacific to receive COVID-19 vaccine

9 March 2021 - Syria

'Anywhere but Syria': After ten years of war, the vast majority of children can't imagine a future in the country

7 March 2021 - Yemen

Children 'pay the highest price' in Yemen war, says Save the Children as seven injured while leaving school

Tostan [to 13 Mar 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

Trimble Supports Tostan to Advance Good Governance that Benefits Women and Youth

Mar 9, 2021

Women for Women International [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

March 10, 2021

A Decade of Dedication: Beverly Thompson

Article

March 9, 2021

Turning a Page in South Sudan: Welcome Marianne Kajokaya

Article

World Vision [to 13 Mar 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[35 aid agencies warn of further irreversible impact, marking 10 years of Syrian conflict](#)

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[World Vision urges humanitarian ceasefire as child and civilian deaths escalate in Myanmar...](#)

March 10th 2021

[Back to the past – One year on COVID-19 could wipe out progress in poverty and disease red...](#)

March 10th 2021

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

[EFF to Supreme Court: Users Must Be Able to Hold Tech Companies Accountable in Lawsuits When Their Data is Mishandled](#)

Washington, D.C.—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) today urged the Supreme Court to rule that consumers can take big tech companies like Facebook and Google to court, including in class action lawsuits, to hold them accountable for privacy and other user data-related violations, regardless of whether they can show they suffered...

Freedom House [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[Russia: Freedom House Condemns Arrest of Opposition Figures](#)

Press release March 13, 2021

[Armenia: Authorities Must Protect Democratic Institutions and Civil Society](#)

Press release March 12, 2021

[Venezuela: UN Fact-Finding Mission Underscores Grave and Persistent Rights Abuses](#)

Press release March 11, 2021

Human Rights Watch [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

March 12, 2021

[Myanmar: Facial Recognition System Threatens Rights](#)

(Bangkok) – The Myanmar military junta’s access to a new public camera system equipped with facial recognition and license plate recognition technology poses a serious threat to basic rights in the country.

[Thailand: Stop Border Pushbacks, Provide Protection](#)

[India: Halt All Forced Returns to Myanmar](#)

Middle East/North Africa

March 12, 2021 News Release

Condemnation of Egypt's Abuses at UN Rights Body

March 12, 2021 News Release

Gambia: Ex-President Tied to Killing of 59 Migrants

March 11, 2021 News Release

Illinois: Repeal Forced Parental Notice of Abortion

Transparency International [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press

New Transparency International report makes five global recommendations for regulating online political advertising

A new report published today by Transparency International identifies critical risks to the integrity of political financing posed by online advertising and makes five recommendations to policymakers...

11 March 2021

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ChildFund Alliance [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 13 Mar 2021]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

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No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

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Opinion

Women's leadership must drive the global recovery from COVID-19

8 March 2021

Marking International Women's Day 2021, Mary Robinson reflects on why women leadership is crucial in achieving a more equal society post-COVID-19, and why the success of COP26 will depend on it. Published in Inter Press Service.

News

International Women's Day 2021: How close are we to realising gender equality?

8 March 2021

How do we accelerate the unfinished business of the landmark Beijing Declaration on women's rights?
Mary Robinson and Amani Aruri in conversation.

Evidence Aid [to 13 Mar 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

[Immune and bioinformatics identification of T cell and B cell epitopes in SARS-CoV-2 \(search up to 24 April 2020\) Added March 9, 2021](#)

[Anemia and iron metabolism in COVID-19 patients \(search up to 3 August 2020\) Added March 9, 2021](#)

[Remotely delivered information, training and support for informal caregivers of people with dementia Added March 9, 2021](#)

[Effectiveness of digital psychological interventions for mental health problems in low-income and middle-income countries Added March 9, 2021](#)

Gavi [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Getty Conservation Institute [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

[Imaginations of LA: Guadalupe Rosales and Pilar Tompkins Rivas Talk](#)

Mar 18, 2021, 8p.m. , Location: Online

Global Fund [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News & Stories

News

[Global Fund Thanks the United States for US\\$3.5 Billion Emergency Investment to Fight COVID-19](#)

11 March 2021

The Global Fund applauds the U.S. government for approving US\$3.5 billion in emergency funding for the Global Fund's effort to fight the COVID-19 pandemic in low- and middle-income countries.

News

Global Fund Gets Top Marks in New Report on Gender Equality in Global Health

08 March 2021

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is honored to be ranked as one of the “12 very high-scoring” organizations on gender equality in the Global Health 50/50 Report, released today. The report, entitled Gender equality: Flying Blind in A Time of Crisis, surveyed 201 global health organizations to assess how gender equality is being advanced both within the organizations and in the health programs they run. The report identified 45 high scorers in 2021, including 12 very high-scoring organizations and 33 high-scoring organizations.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Website not responding at inquiry...a continuing condition.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Updates

Global & Public Policy Positions

Statement on the Passage of the American Rescue Plan

InterAction | Mar 12, 2021

Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict

Six Practical Measures That Reduce And Respond To Conflict-Induced Displacement

[Archibald Henry](#) , [Katherine Kramer](#) | Mar 12, 2021

Blog Post

NGOs Respond to COVID-19: InterAction Member Snapshot

[Jeremy Doran](#) | Mar 8, 2021

Global & Public Policy Positions

Choose to Challenge: The Gender Data Gap in Humanitarian Aid

Laura Kilbury | Mar 8, 2021

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

Evidence Dialogues | Evidence-informed development – starting with the man in the mirror

Webinar 17 March 2021 Online

3ie's Evidence Dialogues brings together some of the most experienced voices in the development community to discuss the role and importance of evidence in decision-making.

CHS Alliance [to 13 Mar 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 13 Mar 2021]

<http://devinit.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

[ALNAP Webinar: How is COVID-19 transforming M&E?](#)

Date 25 March

Time 13:00 - 14:00, GMT

Link <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/631614348>

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

[Choosing to Challenge: Gender bias and inequality in humanitarian aid systems](#)

GBV programming is still seen as the remit of specialists—rather than a life-saving priority

Elrha Mar 8

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

How OCHA's new Head should be picked

1st-7th March

This week's selection features a diversity of topics. Two blog posts discuss the decolonisation of humanitarian aid, from the contribution of doing a PhD to examples from an NGO in India. Similarly, the localisation agenda is discussed with examples from Kenya and the role of citizen aid.

In times of COVID-19, three blog posts discuss the increased risk of adolescent girls in crisis settings, the role of migrant workers, and the challenges to tackle climate disasters.

Regarding aid's political and economic issues, it is discussed the advances of cashless cash, the presence of massive funds from unknown donors to alleviate hunger in Yemen, and lessons learnt from Sudan's food aid. Finally, two blogs discussed the process of how the new head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has to be chosen

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News

Report

No Education, No Protection: What school closures under COVID-19 mean for children and young people in crisis-affected contexts

15 March 2021

Drawing from research and experience on previous infectious disease outbreaks and an emergent body of work from the current COVID-19 pandemic, this report highlights the primarily negative effects resulting from the combination of sudden school closures and restricted access to and availability of services, social networks, and other protective facilities for children and young people living in crisis-affected contexts.

The consequences of school closures on education and child protection can be categorized into three principal areas:

- :: Loss of learning and impediments to providing inclusive, equitable, quality education
- :: Negative impact on child well-being and healthy development
- :: Amplified child protection risks and harms experienced by children and young people

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

Upcoming Webinar Series on Civilian Safety in Armed Conflict

3/12/2021

On 23 March, PHAP together with the Norwegian Refugee Council will organize the first webinar in a two-part series exploring existing efforts to improve the safety of civilians during armed conflict. This webinar series aims to provide an overview of the range of strategies currently undertaken by national

and international civil society organizations, UN agencies, and donors, providing examples of good practice, and discuss how such efforts can be advanced and systematized in the wider humanitarian community...

Sphere [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 13 Mar 2021

Report

[How Uruguay implemented its computer science education program](#)

Brian Fowler and Emiliana Vegas

Friday, March 12, 2021

Technology & Innovation

[Auditing employment algorithms for discrimination](#)

Alex Engler

Friday, March 12, 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economics

[In some cities, the pandemic's economic pain may continue for a decade](#)

Mark Muro and Yang You

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Report

[Implications of the Tri-Service Maritime Strategy for America's naval forces](#)

Michael Sinclair, Rodrick H. McHaty, and Blake Herzinger

March 2021

Essay

[From commitments to action: How CEOs can advance racial equity in their regional economies](#)

Amy Liu and Reniya Dinkins

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Center for Global Development [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Publication

March 8, 2021

[A Moral Failure in Pandemic Response](#)

As the virus spread and shut down life as we know it, global response became increasingly tainted by provincialism. From seizing masks and medical supplies en route to other countries to preventing vaccine exports, the world's richest countries turned inward and neglected the global response effort. It is not too late to correct what has been an egregious failure in leadership.

[W. Gyude Moore](#)

March 8, 2021

[Financing for Global Health Security and Pandemic Preparedness: Taking Stock and What's Next](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the ways in which global pandemic preparedness and response are under-prioritized and under-resourced. But the good news is that today's shortfalls are finally eliciting global action.

[Amanda Glassman](#) and [Eleni Smitham](#)

CSIS

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

Accessed 13 Mar 2021

Report

[The Future of U.S.-Russian Arms Control: Principles of Engagement and New Approaches](#)

March 12, 2021 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Cyrus Newlin](#), [Roksana Gabidullina](#) As Washington and Moscow look beyond New START to the future of arms control, how should they approach discussions? What means and methods can promote stability and reduce risk between the U.S. and Russia in an evolving strategic environment?

Report

[The Geopolitics of Critical Minerals Supply Chains](#)

March 11, 2021 | [Jane Nakano](#) The race is on to secure rare earths and minerals critical for clean energy technologies. China dominates much of the supply chains today. How do key economies compete?

Report

[Toward a More Coercive Cyber Strategy](#)

March 10, 2021 | [James Andrew Lewis](#) Cyber conflict is messy, covert, and often ambiguous. Better cybersecurity requires persistence and boldness. Cyber Command has built the tools. As a nation, we now need to decide how best to use them in defense of ourselves and our allies.

Report

[Securing the Subsea Network: A Primer for Policymakers](#)

March 9, 2021 | [Jonathan E. Hillman](#) Subsea cables are the world's information super-highways. This guide for policymakers describes how these essential systems work and offers recommendations for advancing U.S. economic and strategic interests.

Rand [to 13 Mar 2021]
<https://www.rand.org/pubs.html>
Selected Research Reports
Research Brief

Chiropractors in the United States Rarely Perform Spinal Manipulation for Chronic Lower Back or Neck Pain When It Is Inappropriate

Across a sample of patients seen by chiropractors, spinal manipulation was rated by experts as appropriate for most patients with chronic lower back pain and as equivocal (uncertain) for most patients with chronic neck pain.

Mar 12, 2021

Patricia M. Herman, Eric Hurwitz, Paul G. Shekelle, Margaret D. Whitley, Ian D. Coulter, Howard Vernon, Mallika Kommareddi

Report

Entrepreneurship in America: Challenges and Opportunities

This Perspective describes recent trends in entrepreneurial activity in the United States. The trends show that entrepreneurial activity is declining and that the United States lags many other developed countries.

Mar 11, 2021

Lisa Abraham, Benjamin K. Master

Report

Updating Personnel Vetting and Security Clearance Guidelines for Future Generations

The authors identified select trends, including age-based factors, among younger adults to understand broader social changes that may affect current security clearance adjudication guidelines for positions in the U.S. government.

Mar 11, 2021

Marek N. Posard, Emily Ellinger, Jamie Ryan, Richard S. Girven

Report

COVID-19 Testing in K–12 Schools: Insights from Early Adopters

This report describes approaches that early adopters of COVID-19 testing in U.S. K–12 schools were using as of December 2020, highlighting key facilitators that made testing feasible, acceptable, and effective.

Mar 9, 2021

Laura J. Faherty, Benjamin K. Master, Elizabeth D. Steiner, Julia H. Kaufman, Zachary Predmore, Laura Stelitano, Jennifer T. Leschitz, Brian Phillips, Heather L. Schwartz, Rebecca Wolfe

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 13 Mar 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

Where are the women? Mapping the gender job gap in AI

Published on 8 March 2021, International Women's Day, this policy briefing from the Turing's Women in Data Science and AI project presents new research into gender gaps in AI and data science, and the extent and impact of men's dominance in these fields.

Monday 08 Mar 2021

Unitaid [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

08 March 2021

Improving outcomes for women and children – Unitaid publishes its RMNCH Thematic Narrative

08 March 2021

Unitaid achieves top rating for promoting gender equality in Global Health 50/50 report

Urban Institute [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Publications

Historic Vaccination Patterns Provide Insights for Covid 19 Vaccine Rollout

Understanding longstanding barriers to vaccine uptake is necessary to ensure the success of Covid-19 vaccination efforts. This analysis examines historic vaccination patterns among adults using data from the 2016-18 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). We examine flu vaccination rates among three risk groups: nonelderly adults (ages 19-64) at low- and high-risk of severe disease from Covid-19, and all

[Stacey McMorrow](#), [Tyler Thomas](#)

March 12, 2021

Brief

Assessing a Social Worker Model of Public Defense

The implementation of social workers has been widespread in public defender offices across the U.S. since the 1970s. Yet, we lack research on how social worker programs influence the quality of public defense services provided and the case outcomes of their clients. In this brief, we begin to fill this gap by evaluating the implementation of the Social Worker Defender Program, a social worker program that was

[Andreea Matei](#), [Jeanette Hussemann](#), [Jonah Siegel](#)

March 12, 2021

Brief

Assessing the Funding Landscape for Programs in Support of Black Girls

This brief provides an overview of past and current trends in philanthropic giving to causes supporting women and girls, particularly Black girls. In our research, we sought to identify emerging and long-standing sources of financial support for organizations, programs, and movement building.

This involved a robust, though not comprehensive, analysis of funders investing to support Black girls and women and/or

[Lesleigh D. Ford](#), [Shena Ashley](#), [Helen Bryant](#), [Susan Nembhard](#), [Marla McDaniel](#)

March 11, 2021

Brief

2021 Poverty Projections: Assessing Four American Rescue Plan Policies

Four key elements of the American Rescue Plan Act would reduce the projected poverty rate for 2021 by more than one-third. In an earlier analysis, we projected that without this legislation, the 2021 annual poverty rate would be 13.7 percent. We project that key elements of the American Rescue Plan would reduce that annual poverty rate to 8.7 percent. The policies would reduce poverty by more than half for

[Laura Wheaton](#), [Sarah Minton](#), [Linda Giannarelli](#), [Kelly Dwyer](#)

March 11, 2021

Brief

Racial and Ethnic Equity Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education

High-quality career and technical education programs offered by community and technical colleges can offer students a path to well-paying careers. Many of these programs shifted online because of the coronavirus pandemic, and many will remain online. Structural racism and other systemic inequalities can limit access to and success in online career and technical education programs for students of color,

[Theresa Anderson](#), [Amanda Briggs](#), [Shayne Spaulding](#), [Eboni Zamani-Gallaher](#), [Daniel López](#)

March 8, 2021

Brief

State and Local Government Revenues and Racial Disparities

The COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing recession, as well as racial injustices and protest responses throughout 2020, have highlighted that public policies can have very different impacts on populations by race or ethnicity. Tax policies, in particular, are commonly perceived as “race neutral,” often because information on race or ethnicity is not solicited in tax collections or explicitly referenced in those

[Aravind Boddupalli](#), [Kim S. Rueben](#)

March 8, 2021

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

Mar. 12, 2021

RNA Editing Protein ADAR1 Protects Telomeres and Supports Proliferation in Cancer Cells

Isoform preserves telomere stability by preventing accumulation of R-loops, emerging as a new cancer cell vulnerability that could be therapeutically targeted.

World Economic Forum [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Media

Vaccine Confidence and Demand Rises Worldwide, Survey Finds

News 12 Mar 2021

:: A new Ipsos-World Economic Forum survey shows a notable increase in the number of people who want to be vaccinated against COVID-19 since December 2020

:: Italy, Spain, UK, Brazil, France, Mexico, Canada and Germany have seen the greatest uptick in vaccine intent – all rising by more than 20 points in just three months

:: Expert says trends are positive, but not at levels needed for herd immunity

:: [Read the report](#) and [check out the data](#)

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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 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases and Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 13 Mar 2021]

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 13 Mar 2021]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

[Lund Humphries and Getty Publications to collaborate on a groundbreaking new book series highlighting the careers and achievements of women artists](#)

March 08, 2021

LONDON AND LOS ANGELES—Lund Humphries and Getty Publications are pleased to announce the joint publication of the first volumes in the Illuminating Women Artists series. This series of beautifully illustrated books is the first to focus in a deliberate and sustained way on women artists throughout history, to recognize their accomplishments, to revive their name recognition, and to make their works better known to art enthusiasts of the 21st century.

The *Illuminating Women Artists* series launches at a critical moment in our culture. It is a significant contribution to a movement underway—among scholars, museums, art dealers and collectors, and the wider world of cultural heritage—to re-assess the contributions of women artists. The first sub-series focuses on artists from the Renaissance and Baroque periods.

The initial volume in the series, by Catherine Hall-van den Elsen, presents the first overview in English of the life and work of Luisa Roldán (1652–1706), a prolific and celebrated sculptor of the Spanish Golden Age. The book, due for publication in September 2021, is replete with invaluable insights into Roldán's technical innovations and artistic achievements, and it includes a list of all known extant works by the artist...

GHIT Fund [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that
Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest

Flora Hewlett Birdzell

Flora Hewlett Birdzell has been a member of the XX Fund in Los Angeles, a women's giving circle at the Liberty Hill Foundation which makes annual grants to nonprofit organizations that enable women and girls to reach their potential, strive for economic justice, and live free of discrimination and violence since 2016.

The role of funders in fostering fair and equitable partnerships in global development

Global Development and Population

By [Joseph Asunka](#)

March 10, 2021

Performing arts at the precipice

Performing Arts

By [Adam Fong](#) March 9, 2021

The performing arts sector, in the Bay Area and beyond, is facing a profound set of challenges brought on by the pandemic and stay-at-home orders. The vast majority of arts organizations will be deeply impaired for the foreseeable future, even with the generosity of individual donors keeping many afloat for now, and a second round of federal support on the horizon. The longer the sector is compromised—artists out of work, audiences isolated, consumer habits altered, and finances depleted—the greater the odds for permanent damage. For the Bay Area, this means risking the loss of one of its most distinguishing characteristics: the incredible diversity, richness, and interconnection of its local arts ecosystem...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

#OnlyTogether campaigns for equal access to COVID-19 vaccines—and hope

For families around the world, we want 2021 to be a year that restores health, incomes and hope for the future. This is why the IKEA Foundation is supporting the United Nations' call for equitable global vaccine access through the #OnlyTogether campaign...

March 11, 2021

Energising, empowering and enabling women through renewables

Rambu Yati Radandima, a finance manager in Indonesian start-up Sumba Sustainable Solutions (3S), is giving back to her community. A start-up with a focus on inclusive and sustainable innovations in...

March 8, 2021

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation

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

Accessed 13 Mar 2021

March 11, 2021 *News Release*

[KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on LGBT People](#)

The latest report from the KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor examines how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and finds that larger shares of LGBT adults report economic losses and mental health struggles than their non-LGBT counterparts. Based on data gathered on...

March 10, 2021 *News Release*

[Updated KFF Calculator Estimates Marketplace Premiums to Reflect Expanded Tax Credits in COVID-19 Relief Legislation](#)

KFF has updated its 2021 Health Insurance Marketplace Calculator to reflect the expanded premium tax credits available to people who purchase their own coverage through their state's health insurance exchange as passed by Congress in the American Rescue Plan Act and expected to be signed into law soon. The calculator...

March 10, 2021 *News Release*

[Early COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts Through Community Health Centers Are Reaching People of Color](#)

More than half of those who received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine through a community health center were people of color, suggesting that health centers appear to be doing a better job of reaching people of color than are overall vaccination efforts, finds a new KFF analysis. People of...

March 9, 2021 *News Release*

[KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor Probes Americans' Experiences Trying to Sign Up for a Vaccine and to Find Relevant Information](#)

Many Relied on Another Person's Help to Try to Get a Vaccine Appointment As many states and local authorities ramp up their COVID-19 vaccination efforts, the latest KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor report provides the first in-depth look at Americans' experiences trying to gather relevant information and sign up to get...

Kellogg Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

[Recognizing the importance of caring for communities](#)

March 10, 2021

Aga Khan Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

[Engaging Communities to Advocate for Improved Services](#)

March 11, 2021 *Grantee Research*

Connected Development's (CODE) Follow the Money initiative helped improve the delivery of \$1.5 million of education funds in Kaduna state in Nigeria, under the universal basic education spend. The project engaged communities and kept them informed on government projects and resources, and it helped them advocate for accountability with contractors and officials. According to a [case study](#) and [documentary video](#) on the initiative, Follow the Money improved access to education, strengthened accountability, and resulted in delivery of public goods across sectors to neglected communities. A [comic strip](#) that pairs with the study tells the story of a family, local media advocacy, and community meetings ultimately achieving better conditions at their school...

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

Press Releases

[Celebrated Arts Advocate Deana Haggag Joins The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation as Program Officer for Arts and Culture](#)

March 12, 2021

... As part of her role, Haggag will help shape grantmaking initiatives and develop innovative projects to support a diverse group of artists and cultural institutions across the country. Her work will primarily focus on artists and organizations working outside traditional boundaries and institutional walls...

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases, Statements, Events

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Reports/Press Releases

Press Releases

[Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter and First Ladies Michelle Obama, Laura Bush, Hillary Clinton, and Rosalynn Carter Join the Ad Council and COVID Collaborative's National COVID-19 Vaccine Education Initiative](#)

New PSAs featuring former Presidents and former First Ladies encourage Americans to get the facts and learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines

March 11, 2021

Press Releases

[The Rockefeller Foundation Releases New Action Plan to Accelerate Development of a National System for Gathering and Sharing Information on SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Variants and Other Pathogens](#)

The United States is currently conducting sequence-based surveillance for fewer than one percent of coronavirus cases, a rate that is lagging far behind ...

Mar 08 2021

Press Releases

[Dr. Rick Bright Joins The Rockefeller Foundation to Lead Pandemic Prevention Institute Development](#)

The Rockefeller Foundation is pleased to announce that Dr. Rick Bright is joining as Senior Vice President of Pandemic Prevention and Response.

March 8, 2021

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 13 Mar 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..."

March 12, 2021

Leadership Transition at the Science Philanthropy Alliance

A note from Alliance board chair Harvey V. Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D.

Valerie Conn is stepping down from her position as president of the Science Philanthropy Alliance. After nearly six years at the Alliance and more than a year as its president, Valerie wants now to pursue other ways to contribute to science, higher education, and society...

Marc Kastner, first president of the Alliance, has graciously agreed to return as interim executive officer of the Alliance while the board undertakes a search for our next leader.

SDGFunders [to 13 Mar 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 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 13 Mar 2021]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 13 Mar 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 2: E83-211 Mar 2021

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/racial-and-ethnic-health-equity-us-part-2>

Racial and Ethnic Health Equity in the US: Part 2

Health equity is defined by the World Health Organization as the “absence of unfair and avoidable or remediable differences in health among social groups.” Domestically and globally, health inequity is not a historical accident. Inequity today is not *unfortunate*—that is, not a product of a mere turn of the proverbial cosmic wheel—but *unjust*—that is, generated by colonial, White supremacist policies and practices structured and maintained over time, forged to persist in hierarchies that serve some of us, our ancestors, and our descendants well and some of us, our ancestors, and our descendants ill. This first of a 2-part theme issue focuses specifically on racial and ethnic inequity in morbidity, mortality, and access to services that are endemic to American life. We investigate health inequity as a product of transgenerational patterns of oppression that must be remediated by all of us compassionately and more deliberately and quickly than they were created.

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American Journal of Infection Control

March 2021 Volume 49 Issue 3 p281-408

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

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American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2021 Volume 60 Issue 3 p311-452

<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

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American Journal of Public Health

March 2021 111(3)

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American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 104, Issue 1, January 2021

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/104/1>

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Annals of Internal Medicine

February 2021 Volume 174, Issue 2

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

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Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 379 - February 2021

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

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Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 292 March 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/292/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

[Cost-effectiveness of a reactive oral cholera immunization campaign using Shanchol™ in Malawi](#)

Oral cholera vaccines (OCV) have been recommended as additional measures for the prevention of cholera. However, little is known about the cost-effectiveness of OCV use in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in reactive outbreak contexts. This study aimed to investigate the cost-effectiveness of the use of OCV Shanchol in response to a cholera outbreak in the Lake Chilwa area, Malawi...Relative to the Malawi gross domestic product per capita, the reactive OCV campaign represented a cost-effective intervention, particularly when considering indirect vaccine effects. Results will need to be assessed in other settings, e.g., during campaigns implemented directly by the Ministry of Health rather than by international partners.

Authors: Patrick G. Ilboudo, Martin A. Mengel, Bradford D. Gessner, Bagrey Ngwira, Philippe Cavailler and Jean-Bernard Le Gargasson

Content type: Research

10 March 2021

BMJ Global Health

March 2021 - Volume 6 - 3

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/3>

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BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

Improving access to healthcare for paediatric sickle cell disease patients: a qualitative study on healthcare professionals' views

In well-resourced countries, comprehensive care programs have increased life expectancy of patients with sickle cell disease, with almost all infants surviving into adulthood. However, families affected by sic...

Authors: Maite E. Houwing, Marit Buddenbaum, Thijs C. J. Verheul, Anne P. J. de Pagter, Jacobus N. J. Philipsen, Jan A. Hazelzet and Marjon H. Cnossen

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2021 21:229

Content type: Research article

Published on: 12 March 2021

Business models for primary health care delivery in low- and middle-income countries: a scoping study of nine social entrepreneurs

Social enterprises are organizations created to address social problems that use business models to sustain themselves financially. Social enterprises can help increase access to primary health care in low res...

Authors: Lutfi Lokman and Teresa Chahine

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2021 21:211

Content type: Research article

Published on: 9 March 2021

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

Clinical outcomes and healthcare costs of inpatients with tetanus in Korea, 2011–2019

Tetanus is a rare, vaccine-preventable but extremely serious disease. We investigated the recent trend of the clinical outcomes and medical costs for inpatients with tetanus in South Korea over 10 years.

Authors: Sohyun Bae, Minsik Go, Yoonjung Kim, Soyeon Hwang, Shin-Woo Kim, Ki Tae Kwon, Sook-In Jung and Hyun-Ha Chang

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2021 21:247

Content type: Research article

Published on: 9 March 2021

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

Research article

Experts' moral views on gene drive technologies: a qualitative interview study

Gene drive technologies (GDTs) promote the rapid spread of a particular genetic element within a population of non-human organisms. Potential applications of GDTs include the control of insect vectors, invasive species and agricultural pests. Whether, and if so, under what conditions, GDTs should be deployed is hotly debated. Although broad stances in this debate have been described, the convictions that inform the moral views of the experts shaping these technologies and related policies have not been examined in depth in the academic literature.

Authors: N. de Graeff, Karin R. Jongsma and Annelien L. Bredenoord

Content type: Research article

8 March 2021

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

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BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 13 Mar 2021)

The role of intellectual property rights on access to medicines in the WHO African region: 25 years after the TRIPS agreement

It is now 25 years since the adoption of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and the same concerns raised during its negotiations such as high prices of medicines, ma...

Authors: Marion Motari, Jean-Baptiste Nikiema, Ossy M. J. Kasilo, Stanislav Kniazkov, Andre Loua, Aissatou Sougou and Prosper Tumusiime

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:490

Content type: Research article

Published on: 11 March 2021

Research on aging during the Venezuelan humanitarian crisis: the experience of the Maracaibo aging study

Venezuela is in the throes of a complex humanitarian crisis that is one of the worst in decades to impact any country outside of wartime. This case analysis describes the challenges faced by the ongoing Maraca...

Authors: Gladys E. Maestre, Rosa V. Pirela, Carmen L. Paz, Jesus D. Melgarejo, Luis J. Mena, Carlos A. Chavez, Reinier Leendertz, Michele Petitto, Eglé Silva, Gustavo E. Calmón, Lama Al-Aswad, Joseph H. Lee and Joseph D. Terwilliger

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:473

Content type: Research in practice

Published on: 9 March 2021

BMC Research Notes

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

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BMJ Open

March 2021 - Volume 11 - 3

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Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 99, Number 3, March 2021, 169-240

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/99/3/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 47, Issue 2 Pages: 143-296 March 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

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Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 113 March 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/113/suppl/C>

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Clinical Therapeutics

January 2021 Volume 43 Issue 1 p1-210, e1-e32

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

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Clinical Trials

Volume 18 Issue 1, February 2021

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/18/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 13 Mar 2021]

[Reproductive health at conflict borders: a cross-sectional survey of human rights violations and perinatal outcomes at the Thai-Myanmar border](#)

Human rights violations (HRVs) are common in conflict and displacement contexts. Women are especially vulnerable to HRVs in these contexts, and perinatal health is acutely sensitive to related stressors and health care barriers. However, how HRVs affect immediate and long-term perinatal health in chronic displacement settings has not been closely investigated. Furthermore, it remains unclear whether and how HRVs in these contexts are tied directly to displacement circumstances or other marginalizing factors affecting local migrant and minority populations generally... Human rights must be urgently attended to, through expanded HRV screenings and responsive care, and policy changes to further protect migrant workers, displaced persons, and others in precarious legal status situations.

Authors: Stephanie M. Koning, Kaylee Scott, James H. Conway and Mari Palta

Citation: Conflict and Health 2021 15:15

Content type: Research

Published on: 10 March 2021

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 101 February 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/101/suppl/C>

Clinical Trial Management and Optimization

Review article Full text access

[Remdesivir for the treatment of COVID-19: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials](#)

Ahmad Al-Abdoun, Anas Bizanti, Mahmoud Barbarawi, Ahmad Jabri, ... Erin D. Michos

Article 106272

Study Design, Statistical Design, Study Protocols

Research article eFull text access

[Reporting and design of randomized controlled trials for COVID-19: A systematic review](#)

Alison Dillman, Jay J.H. Park, Michael J. Zoratti, Noor-E Zannat, ... Edward J. Mills

Article 106239

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 4, Issue 1 / February 2021

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/4/1>

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, issue 4, December 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/8-4>

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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2021 - Volume 34 - Issue 2

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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Current Protocols in Human Genetics

Volume 108, Issue 1 December 2020

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/19348258/current>

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 21, Issue 1 Pages: i, 1-54 March 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

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Development in Practice

Volume 30, Issue 8, 2020

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

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Development Policy Review

Volume 39, Issue 2 Pages: 153-339 March 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

ARTICLES

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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 16 - Issue 2 - 2021

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>

Review Article

3D printing and amputation: a scoping review

Danielle Ribeiro, Stephanie R. Cimino, Amanda L. Mayo, Matt Ratto & Sander L. Hitzig

Pages: 221-240

Conclusions

The use of 3D printing technology has a number of benefits for improving the manufacturing process of devices for people with lower and upper limb loss. However, more research and technological advancements are required to fully understand the impact of this technology on patients and how it will affect their daily life. The long-term effects of this technology will also need to be investigated in order to produce a more sustainable alternative to traditional prostheses.

IMPLICATIONS FOR REHABILITATION

:: The use of 3D printing technology for the fabrication of prosthetics for persons with limb-loss has a number of promising features to improve the fitting and customization of these devices for this patient population.

:: Although the costs of producing 3D printed devices is less expensive and burdensome than traditional approaches to manufacturing techniques, there is a need for additional technological advancements to improve the functionality of these devices.

:: Future research needs to adopt more robust research designs with larger sample sizes to provide a better understanding of the viability of using 3D printing technology to improve patient outcomes.

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>

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Disasters

Volume 45, Issue 1 Pages: 1-252 January 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

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EMBO Reports

Volume 22 Issue 3 3 March 2021

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

Science & Society 21 February 2021 Free Access

[A CRISPR response to pandemics?: Exploring the ethics of genetically engineering the human immune system](#)

Federico Germani, Sebastian Wäscher, Nikola Biller-Andorno

Ethical challenges should be addressed before gene editing is made available to improve the immune response against emerging viruses.

... It would therefore be extremely helpful from a public health perspective—and indeed lifesaving for those with elevated risk of developing severe course of the disease—if we could boost the human immune system by other means to better fight off SARS-CoV-2 and possibly other viruses. Recent studies showing that some individuals may be less susceptible to contract severe COVID-19 depending on their genetic status support such visions (COVID-[19](#) Host Genetics Initiative, [2020](#)). This could eventually inspire research projects on gene therapy with the aim of generally enhancing immunity against viral infections....

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 27, Number 3—March 2021

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Epidemics

Volume 34 March 2021

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Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 149 - 2021

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Ethics & Human Research

Volume 43, Issue 1 January–February 2021

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

When disadvantaged by research • Privacy and medical records • Research misconduct

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Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2020 (34,4)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2021/winter-2020-34-4/>

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.

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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 31, Issue 1, February 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/31/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 99 February 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/99/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 13, issue 1, February 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/13-1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 66 March 2021

<https://www.fmreview.org/issue66/contents>

Mental health and psychosocial support, Data and displacement, Missing migrants *Contents*

Faith-sensitive MHPSS for humanitarian practitioners

Leonie Harsch, Corrie van der Ven and Olivia Wilkinson

Faith and spirituality are part of many people's identities and everyday lives, and faith sensitivity is integral to providing holistic, people-centred MHPSS in humanitarian situations.

GBV and mental health among refugee and host community women in Lebanon

Alina Potts, Rassil Barada and Angela Bourassa

Underlying gender and power imbalances that put displaced women and girls at risk of gender-based violence (GBV) are exacerbated by vulnerabilities related to legal status, economic security, access to services, and living conditions.

Adaptation of MHPSS in camps in the context of COVID-19

Jordan Balletto, Hannah Bergbower, Alice Tang and Fernando Ona

The pandemic has placed significant additional mental and emotional burdens on forced migrants. MHPSS interventions must be adapted to meet this challenge and not be overlooked in the wake of containment and mitigation efforts.

From place to space: field insights on adapting child-friendly spaces during COVID-19

Janna Metzler, Aimyleen Gabriel, Frieda Mwebe and Kevin Savage

While COVID-19 is not currently perceived as a serious disease threat to children, its indirect effects as a pandemic on their lives and psychosocial well-being may be profound. Child-friendly spaces may therefore be all the more important, particularly in fragile contexts of displacement.

General Articles

Data and evidence on forced displacement: reflections on progress and challenges

Ewen Macleod

In recent decades substantial advances have been made by the humanitarian and development communities in terms of gathering and using data to underpin programming. Significant challenges and gaps remain, however, requiring new approaches and partnerships.

Aligning humanitarian surveys with international statistical standards

Felix Schmieding

There are huge benefits to be gained from producing statistics that are familiar to, and usable by, governments and development partners.

Including refugees and IDPs in national data systems

Natalia Krynsky Baal

The recent endorsement of international statistical recommendations on refugees and IDPs will help systematise the inclusion of these vulnerable groups in national policy and development agendas. Much work needs to be done, however, to move the recommendations from paper into practice.

Additional Articles

Tackling DNA data-sharing challenges

Administrative and ethical barriers to DNA data sharing for identification of migrants found along the US–Mexico border exemplify the need for long-term solutions and sustainable processes.
Sara H Katsanis, Diana Madden, Courtney C Siegert, Eduardo Canales and Kate Spradley

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 3

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

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Gates Open Research

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Genome Medicine

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Geoheritage

Volume 13, issue 1, March 2021

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Global Health Action

Volume 14, Issue 1 (2021)

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 8, No. 4 December 23, 2020

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

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Global Public Health

Volume 16, Issue 3 (2021)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

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Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 13 Mar 2021]

"I just need to be with my family": resettlement experiences of asylum seeker and refugee survivors of torture

Refugees/asylum seekers face barriers upon entry to the U.S. The Western New York Center for Survivors (WNYCST) provides care coordination/trauma-informed care to mitigate these challenges. The objective of this study was to explore the resettlement experiences of survivors of torture living in Western New York, who had received services from the WNYCST; identifying challenges, unmet needs, and services that were helpful. Secondly, we describe the experiences of asylum seekers and legally resettled refugees, who due to their differing legal status, might be expected to have different experiences. Data were collected using semi-structured qualitative interviews.

Authors: Kim S. Griswold, Bonnie M. Vest, Angelique Lynch-Jiles, Douglas Sawch, Kateryna Kolesnikova, Leonce Byimana and Pamela Kefi

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9 March 2021

Health Affairs

Vol. 40, No. 3 March 2021

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>

March 2021 / Nursing Homes, COVID-19 & More

[Reviewed earlier]

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 16 - Special Issue 1 - January 2021

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

SPECIAL ISSUE: The future of EU health law and policy

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 36, Issue 1, February 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/36/1>

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Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 32, Issue 3-4 / February 2021

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/32/3-4>

Special Issue on Oncolytic Viruses/Cancer Immunotherapy

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 43, Number 1, February 2021

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/43987>

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 78, October 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/inclusion-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-humanitarian-action-what-now/>

Disability inclusion in humanitarian action

by HPN October 2020

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed from Islamic Relief Worldwide, is disability inclusion in humanitarian action. Persons with disabilities are not only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, but also face barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance. At the same time, global commitments and standards and the IASC Guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action all emphasise how persons with disabilities are also active agents of change. Disability and age-focused organisations have led on testing and demonstrating how inclusion can be done better. Yet despite this progress, challenges to effective inclusion remain.

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. Simione 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 13 Mar 2021]

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournals.com/content>

[Accessed 13 Mar 2021]

[The application of social innovation in healthcare: a scoping review](#)

Social innovation has been applied increasingly to achieve social goals, including improved healthcare delivery, despite a lack of conceptual clarity and consensus on its definition. Beyond its tangible artefacts to address societal and structural needs, social innovation can best be understood as innovation in social relations, in power dynamics and in governance transformations, and may include institutional and systems transformations.

Authors: Lindi van Niekerk, Lenore Manderson and Dina Balabanova

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Content type: Scoping Review

Published on: 8 March 2021

International Health

Volume 13, Issue 2, March 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/13/2>

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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>

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The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 29 (2021): Issue 1 (Feb 2021)

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Vol 8, No 3 (2021) March 2021

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Volume 52 January 2021

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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 50, Issue 1, February 2021

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International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 27, Issue 3, 2021

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

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International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 14 Issue 1 2021

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/14/iss/1>

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International Journal of Infectious Diseases

February 2021 Volume 103 p1-654

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International Migration Review

Volume 55 Issue 1, March 2021

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrxa/current>

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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>

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JAMA

March 9, 2021, Vol 325, No. 10, Pages 907-1016

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

Research Letter

[Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 in Karnataka, India](#)

Manoj Mohanan, PhD; Anup Malani, PhD; Kaushik Krishnan, PhD; et al.

free access

JAMA. 2021;325(10):1001-1003. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.0332

In the context of large numbers of workers moving from urban to rural areas with less strict lockdown policies in low- and middle-income countries, this study describes community-based severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) prevalence in urban vs rural areas of Karnataka state, India.

Viewpoint

Rapid Implementation of a Vaccination Superstation

Christopher A. Longhurst, MD, MS; Brendan Kremer, MHA; Patricia S. Maysent, MBA, MHA

free access

JAMA. 2021;325(10):931-932. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.0801

This Viewpoint details lessons learned from a county-private-university collaboration in San Diego to stand up a coronavirus vaccine superstation to immunize 4500-5000 people daily, detailing optimization of patient throughput and ways to monitor adverse events and document vaccine administration at scale.

Medical News & Perspectives

The Price of Success—How to Evaluate COVID-19 Vaccines When They're Available Outside of Clinical Trials

Rita Rubin, MA

free access has active quiz

JAMA. 2021;325(10):918-921. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.0641

This Medical News feature examines the challenge of continuing or launching placebo-controlled trials of COVID-19 vaccines now that some have been authorized for use in the community.

JAMA Network

COVID-19 Update March 13, 2021

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

JAMA Pediatrics

March 2021, Vol 175, No. 3, Pages 225-332

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

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JBIC Evidence Synthesis

February 2021 - Volume 19 - Issue 2

<https://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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Journal of Adolescent Health

March 2021 Volume 68 Issue 3 p429-636

<https://www.jahonline.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

Vol. 70 (2021)

<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 46, issue 2, April 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/volumes-and-issues/46-2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 48 Pages 1-336 (March–April 2021)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/48/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[Resilient cultural heritage through digital cultural heritage cube: Two cases in South Korea](#)

Yoonjo Choi, Yun-Jung Yang, Hong-Gyoo Sohn

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Abstract

Recent developments in geospatial information technology have prompted researchers to utilise geospatial information for decision making in disaster situations. Cultural properties should be preserved because they reflect the local characteristics and knowledge of their creators. Therefore, damaged cultural properties, which are difficult to restore, should be among the first considerations in a disaster situation. In this paper, we propose a method for using geospatial information to promote cultural heritage resilience with respect to disasters. Images from satellites, drones, and terrestrial sensors are available in various forms and provide various types of information. The acquired data can be formed into a digital cultural heritage cube, which enables timely access to any desired data.

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Establishment of the African Medicines Agency: progress, challenges and regulatory readiness

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Abstract

Insufficient access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable medical products in Africa has posed a significant challenge to public health for decades. In part, this is attributed to weak or absent policies and regulatory systems, a lack of competent regulatory professionals in National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) and ineffective regional collaborations among NMRAs. In response to national regulatory challenges in Africa, a number of regional harmonisation efforts were introduced through the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH) initiative to, among others, expedite market authorisation of medical products and to facilitate the alignment of national legislative frameworks with the AU Model Law on Medical Products Regulation. The goals of the model law include to increase collaboration across countries and to facilitate the overall regional harmonisation process. The AMRH initiative is proposed to serve as the foundation for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA). The AMA will, as one of its mandates, coordinate the regional harmonisation systems that are enabled by AU Model Law domestication and implementation. In this paper, we review the key entities involved in regional and continental harmonisation of medicines regulation, the milestones achieved in establishing the AMA as well as the implementation targets and anticipated challenges related to the AU Model Law domestication and the AMA's establishment...

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Editorial

[Access to COVID-19 vaccines: looking beyond COVAX](#)

The Lancet

Global health leaders have been in a congratulatory mood. On March 1, they celebrated the first vaccinations against COVID-19 in Africa delivered through COVAX—the scheme led by GAVI, CEPI, and WHO to support research and development, raise funding, and negotiate the bulk purchase and equitable global distribution of vaccines for COVID-19. As of March 9, 12 million doses have been shipped to 29 countries, marking the beginning of the largest vaccine roll-out in history. This is an unprecedented achievement. Yet COVAX is wholly unequipped to resolve many of the most pressing threats to its mission. Global vaccination is central to ending the pandemic, yet it has been dealt with at far too low a political level. Too many obstacles are going unchallenged. A high-level individual or group with political acumen, technical competency, and the ability to advocate for justice is needed to galvanise the effort.

There is a startling lack of solidarity between countries. As outlined in a Health Policy paper, the many bilateral deals struck between governments and vaccine manufacturers, independently of COVAX, threaten the supply of doses. Rich nations have given money to COVAX and paid lip service to the idea of vaccines for all while scrambling to buy up all the doses they can. Olivier Wouters and colleagues report that polities representing only 16% of the global population have secured 70% of the available doses for the five leading vaccines in 2021. As a result, dozens of countries have yet to administer a single dose, whereas others have already immunised large proportions of their populations. COVAX will continue to face competition for purchasing doses and risks being outbid; it can only bemoan such agreements. No one may be able to persuade countries to cease these deals entirely. But a well respected and dedicated former head of state with the ability to encourage and cajole prime ministers and presidents might have more success in encouraging countries to behave more equitably. It would be far better for countries that have made bilateral deals to donate a fixed proportion of their acquired doses to COVAX, for example, than simply promise to share their surpluses. An authoritative voice with moral credentials is needed to support global access to vaccines, to intervene when that goal is under threat, and to call out unfair practices.

Clearer leadership and oversight are also needed to bring greater cohesion to the complex patchwork of national governments, technical organisations (including GAVI, CEPI, WHO, UNICEF, and the World Bank), the private sector, and civil society that is aiming to ensure global access to vaccines. The list of well meaning but varied vaccination targets is growing. COVAX's current conservative aim is to immunise 20% of people in each country, which it estimates is enough to cover high-risk groups and health workers. Most high-income countries seem set on a policy of mass vaccination. The African Union has set a target of 60% coverage, whereas Nigeria, for example, is aiming for 40%. Some order needs to be brought to these disparate goals.

A dedicated envoy or tsar could also help moderate disagreements between countries, which are hampering global COVID-19 vaccination. Last year, South Africa and India [called](#) on the World Trade Organization to waive intellectual property protections on COVID-19 drugs and vaccines to boost manufacturing. Despite support from the WHO Director-General, the proposal has languished under opposition from the UK, the USA, Canada, Norway, and the EU. Meanwhile, on March 4, the Italian Government [blocked the export](#) of 250 000 doses of the AstraZeneca–Oxford vaccine bound for Australia following disagreements between the manufacturer and the EU. These issues require political and diplomatic solutions. They cannot be solved by technical agencies.

Who should take on this role? If a UN Special Envoy, they must be more than a symbolic appointee, flying around the world to shake hands with political leaders and getting little done. Their tasks must be actionable. The Elders, a group of varied political leaders formed by Nelson Mandela to use public and private diplomacy to advance justice and human rights, have successfully championed causes such as universal health coverage, and have the requisite experience.

Whoever it is, they must above all be able to drive a worldwide movement. Although the roll-out of vaccines brings hope, case numbers are increasing again globally and there is a grave risk of complacency. Progress has been capricious and there are still many uncertainties about COVID-19, not least the impact of new variants. Global vaccination is essential to ending the pandemic but this fact has still not prompted the unity required to deliver it. Far more vision and ambition are needed. They must come from the highest political levels.

Comment

[Priorities for the COVID-19 pandemic at the start of 2021: statement of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission](#)

Commissioners of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission,
Task Force Chairs and members of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission,
Commission Secretariat and Staff of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission

The Lancet COVID-19 Commission calls for three urgent actions in the COVID-19 response. First, all regions with high rates of new COVID-19 cases, including the USA and the European Union (EU), should intensify measures to minimise community transmission alongside rapid deployment of COVID-19 vaccines. Second, governments should urgently and fully fund WHO and the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator,¹ including COVAX. Third, the G20 countries should empower the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and multilateral development banks to increase the scale of financing and debt relief. Success on all three priorities—containment of transmission, rapid vaccination, and emergency finance—will require improved global cooperation.

[SARS-CoV-2 variants and ending the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Arnaud Fontanet, Brigitte Autran, Bruno Lina, Marie Paule Kieny, Salim S Abdool Karim, Devi Sridhar

Health Policy

Challenges in ensuring global access to COVID-19 vaccines: production, affordability, allocation, and deployment

Olivier J Wouters, Kenneth C Shadlen, Maximilian Salcher-Konrad, Andrew J Pollard, Heidi J Larson, Yot Teerawattananon, Mark Jit

Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic is unlikely to end until there is global roll-out of vaccines that protect against severe disease and preferably drive herd immunity. Regulators in numerous countries have authorised or approved COVID-19 vaccines for human use, with more expected to be licensed in 2021. Yet having licensed vaccines is not enough to achieve global control of COVID-19: they also need to be produced at scale, priced affordably, allocated globally so that they are available where needed, and widely deployed in local communities. In this Health Policy paper, we review potential challenges to success in each of these dimensions and discuss policy implications. To guide our review, we developed a dashboard to highlight key characteristics of 26 leading vaccine candidates, including efficacy levels, dosing regimens, storage requirements, prices, production capacities in 2021, and stocks reserved for low-income and middle-income countries. We use a traffic-light system to signal the potential contributions of each candidate to achieving global vaccine immunity, highlighting important trade-offs that policy makers need to consider when developing and implementing vaccination programmes. Although specific datapoints are subject to change as the pandemic response progresses, the dashboard will continue to provide a useful lens through which to analyse the key issues affecting the use of COVID-19 vaccines. We also present original data from a 32-country survey (n=26 758) on potential acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines, conducted from October to December, 2020. Vaccine acceptance was highest in Vietnam (98%), India (91%), China (91%), Denmark (87%), and South Korea (87%), and lowest in Serbia (38%), Croatia (41%), France (44%), Lebanon (44%), and Paraguay (51%).

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Incompatible research designs will obscure essential answers about vaccine effectiveness. It's time to plan together.

Natalie Dean

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[Growing support for valuing ecosystems will help conserve the planet](#)

The idea that ecosystems have monetary value now has global support — and creates a route to protecting Earth's endangered regions.

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Large-area display textiles integrated with functional systems

A large electronic display textile that is flexible, breathable and withstands repeated machine-washing is integrated with a keyboard and power supply to create a wearable, durable communication tool... We show that an integrated textile system consisting of display, keyboard and power supply can serve as a communication tool, demonstrating the system's potential within the 'internet of things' in various areas, including healthcare. Our approach unifies the fabrication and function of electronic devices with textiles, and we expect that woven-fibre materials will shape the next generation of electronics.

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Genes do not operate in a vacuum, and neither should our research

It's time for a paradigm shift in the scientific enterprise. Our social responsibilities, especially as stakeholders in a field such as genetics, are central to the responsible conduct of research.

Daphne Oluwaseun Martschenko & Markia Smith

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The NCI Genomic Data Commons

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Genomic Data Commons (GDC) contains more than 2.9 petabytes of genomic and associated clinical data from more than 60 NCI-funded and other contributed cancer genomics research projects. The GDC consists of five applications over a common data model and a common application programming interface.

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How will COVID-19 transform global health post-pandemic? Defining research and investment opportunities and priorities

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...Achieving rapid pandemic control is possible but is predicated on decisive leadership and collaboration for COVID-19 responses—at global, national and local levels—and a commitment to leave no one behind. Global health diplomacy has a critical role to play in catalysing governments and non-state actors to enact effective, innovative and just policy solutions. An ‘every country for itself’ approach clearly does not hold up in this interdependent world, and we need reforms. In particular, the International Health Regulations, which govern all countries to have core health system capacities to detect future pandemics, need to be revitalized. More effective rules of the road are also needed to foster cooperation among countries seeking to manage future outbreaks and as a global trigger for the United Nations and other international organizations to take appropriate actions. A well-funded WHO is

also essential to effective global health governance and offers a model for global collaboration. The WHO has a critical role to play in supporting all countries to prioritize universal health systems, not only because it will vastly improve health and be an important bulwark against future pandemics, but also to reap marked economic dividends.

Although we have much to learn about SARS-CoV-2, the epidemic and its consequences, the virus has made one thing clear: for any crisis that threatens the globe, the problems of any of us are the problems of all of us. Global post-pandemic recovery must therefore be coordinated and multi-dimensional. Governance systems that are inclusive, accountable and guided by approaches that prioritize transparent, multisectoral decision-making processes are urgently needed to respond effectively. Only a holistic response based on cross-sectoral collaboration at all levels of society can build the necessary resilience to respond to the immediate and long-term effects of COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic reminds us that no country acting alone can respond effectively to health threats in a globalized world [13]. The crisis has also created a unique opportunity to re-imagine and transform global health so that future pandemics are not nearly as devastating as this one, and that health gains made to date are sustained and strengthened rather than reversed.

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Informed consent rates for neonatal randomized controlled trials in low- and lower middle-income versus high-income countries: A systematic review

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Influence of a COVID-19 vaccine's effectiveness and safety profile on vaccination acceptance

Robert M. Kaplan and Arnold Milstein

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Significance

Acceptance of vaccines has been on the decline in recent years. Despite encouraging early results for coronavirus vaccine trials, achieving herd immunity requires substantial uptake. We presented scenarios varying vaccine efficacy, minor side effects, and severe reactions to a sample representative of the US population. Vaccine acceptance improved when the efficacy increased beyond 70%. Respondents were unaffected by the probability of minor side effects, such as a sore arm or fever lasting 24 h. The chances of accepting the vaccine were lower when the probability of serious adverse reactions was 1/100,000 in contrast to 1/million or 1/100 million. A replication showed that the results were largely unchanged following the public announcement that the vaccines were 95% effective.

Abstract

Although a safe and effective vaccine holds the greatest promise for resolving the COVID-19 pandemic, hesitancy to accept vaccines remains common. To explore vaccine acceptance decisions, we conducted a national survey of 1,000 people from all US states in August of 2020 and a replication in December of 2020. Using a $3 \times 3 \times 3$ factorial experimental design, we estimated the impact of three factors: probability of 1) protection against COVID-19, 2) minor side effects, and 3) a serious adverse reactions. The outcome was respondents' reported likelihood of receiving a vaccine for the coronavirus. Probability of vaccine efficacy (50%, 70%, or 90%) had the largest effect among the three factors. The probability of minor side effects (50%, 75%, 90%) including fever and sore arm, did not significantly influence likelihood of receiving the vaccine. The chances of a serious adverse reaction, such as temporary or permanent paralysis, had a small but significant effect. A serious adverse reaction rate of 1/100,000 was more likely to discourage vaccine use in comparison to rates of 1/million or 1/100 million. All interactions between the factors were nonsignificant. A replication following the

announcement that vaccines were 95% effective showed small, but significant increases in the likelihood of taking a vaccine. The main effects and interactions in the model remained unchanged. Expected benefit was more influential in respondents' decision making than expected side effects. The absence of interaction effects suggests that respondents consider the side effects and benefits independently.

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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Review

[**Towards Eradication of Malaria: Is the WHO's RTS,S/AS01 Vaccination Effective Enough?**](#)

Arora N, Anbalagan LC, Pannu AK

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy 2021, 14:1033-1039

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Science

12 March 2021 Vol 371, Issue 6534

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

Editorial

[**COVID-19 lessons for research**](#)

By Francis S. Collins

Summary

As we mark the 1-year anniversary of the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, the world has suffered a staggering and tragic human toll. During this dark time, the scientific community has been called to rise to the occasion in unprecedented ways. The intensity of the work and the sense of urgency have been unremitting and exhausting. As we sort out the triumphs and frustrations, we can begin to reflect on what we have learned.

In Depth

As vaccine surpluses loom, donation plans urged

By Jon Cohen, Kai Kupferschmidt

Science 12 Mar 2021 : 1087-1088 Restricted Access

Rich countries have ordered billions of doses more than needed for their populations.

Summary

Last week, U.S. President Joe Biden promised COVID-19 vaccine doses would be available for all U.S. adults by the end of May. That's welcome news for the United States, and it could also be good news for nations that may benefit from the more than 1 billion extra doses the federal government has ordered. Like three dozen other countries, the United States contracted with multiple vaccine companies for several times the number of doses needed to cover its population. But by now, most of the prepurchased vaccines appear to offer solid protection—which means many countries will receive far more vaccine than they need. Over the next year or two, U.S. surplus doses and those from other countries could add up to enough to immunize everyone in the many poorer nations that lack any secured COVID-19 vaccine.

Policy Forum

Market design to accelerate COVID-19 vaccine supply

By Juan Camilo Castillo, Amrita Ahuja, Susan Athey, Arthur Baker, Eric Budish, Tasneem Chipty, Rachel Glennerster, Scott Duke Kominers, Michael Kremer, Greg Larson, Jean Lee, Canice Prendergast, Christopher M. Snyder, Alex Tabarrok, Brandon Joel Tan, Witold Wiecek

Science 12 Mar 2021 : 1107-1109 Full Access

Build more capacity, and stretch what we already have

Summary

Each month, COVID-19 kills hundreds of thousands of people, reduces global gross domestic product (GDP) by hundreds of billions of dollars, and generates large, accumulating losses to human capital by harming education and health (1–4). Achieving widespread immunization 1 month faster would thus save many lives and mitigate short- and long-run economic harm. Although the value of vaccines may seem obvious, government action and investment in vaccines have not been commensurate with the enormous scale of benefits, with many countries not likely to achieve widespread immunization until the end of 2022.

Science Translational Medicine

10 March 2021 Vol 13, Issue 584

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Social Science & Medicine

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Social and behavioral science at the forefront of genomics: Discovery, translation, and health equity

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Abstract

This special issue highlights the unique role that social and behavioral science has to play at the forefront of genomics. Through the introduction of papers comprising this special issue, we outline priority research areas at the nexus of genomics and the social and behavioral sciences. These include: Discovery science; clinical and community translation, and equity, including engagement and inclusion of diverse populations in genomic science. We advocate for genomic discovery that considers social context, neural, cognitive, and behavioral endophenotypes, and that is grounded in social and behavioral science research and theory. Further, the social and behavioral sciences should play a leadership role in identifying best practices for effective clinical and community translation of genomic discoveries. Finally, inclusive research that engages diverse populations is necessary for genomic discovery and translation to benefit all. We also highlight ways that genomics can be a fruitful testbed for the development and refinement of social and behavioral science theory. Indeed, an expanded ecological lens that runs from genomes to society will be required to fully understand human behavior.

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Winter 2021 Volume 19, Number 1

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.

Systematic Reviews

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Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics

Volume 41, issue 5-6, December 2020

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 22 Issue 2, April 2021

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tvaa/current>

Review Manuscripts

Factors Associated With Violence Against Children in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review and Meta-Regression of Nationally Representative Data

Ilan Cerna-Turoff, Zuyi Fang, Anne Meierkord, Zezhen Wu, Juan Yanguela, Clare Ahabwe Bangirana, Franziska Meinck

First Published January 19, 2021; pp. 219–232

Indigenous Peoples' Help-Seeking Behaviors for Family Violence: A Scoping Review

Renee Fiolet, Laura Tarzia, Mohajer Hameed, Kelsey Hegarty

First Published May 30, 2019; pp. 370–380

Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

Volume 39 January–February 2021

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Tropical Medicine & International Health

Volume 26, Issue 3 Pages: i-iv, 257-384 March 2021

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

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Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 16, Issue 1, 2021

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World Heritage Review

n°96 - December 2020

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/96/>

Current Issue

World Heritage and Biodiversity

These articles were prepared in anticipation of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15) originally planned for October 2020 in Kunming, China, and the designation of a “biodiversity super year”. Many far-reaching decisions concerning the preservation of biodiversity were meant to be taken in 2020. But 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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