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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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Democracy

FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2021 – Democracy under Siege

Freedom House

Written by Sarah Repucci, Amy Slipowitz

March 2021 :: 35 pages

PDF: https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/FIW2021_World_02252021_FINAL-web-upload.pdf

As a lethal pandemic, economic and physical insecurity, and violent conflict ravaged the world, democracy's defenders sustained heavy new losses in their struggle against authoritarian foes, shifting the international balance in favor of tyranny.

New Report: The global decline in democracy has accelerated

Press release March 3, 2021

Freedom in the World 2021 finds that the annual gap between losses and gains widened in 2020, and fewer than a fifth of the world's people now live in fully Free countries.

Washington - March 3, 2021 — Authoritarian actors grew bolder during 2020 as major democracies turned inward, contributing to the 15th consecutive year of decline in global freedom, according to [Freedom in the World 2021](#), the annual country-by-country assessment of political rights and civil liberties released today by Freedom House.

The report found that the share of countries designated Not Free has reached its highest level since the deterioration of democracy began in 2006, and that countries with declines in political rights and civil liberties outnumbered those with gains by the largest margin recorded during the 15-year period. The report downgraded the freedom scores of 73 countries, representing 75 percent of the global population. Those affected include not just authoritarian states like China, Belarus, and Venezuela, but also troubled democracies like the United States and India.

In one of the year's most significant developments, India's status changed from Free to Partly Free, meaning less than 20 percent of the world's people now live in a Free country—the smallest proportion since 1995...

..."Our report concludes that democracy today is beleaguered but not defeated," said Abramowitz. "Its adversaries have grown more powerful, making the world a more hostile environment for self-government, but its enduring appeal among ordinary people—which we've already seen this year in places like Russia and Myanmar—bode well for the future of freedom."

KEY FINDINGS

:: The 2021 edition of [Freedom in the World](#), covering the events of 2020, marked the **15th consecutive year of decline in global freedom**. Of the 195 independent countries assessed by the report, 73 experienced aggregate score declines and just 28 made gains, the widest margin of its kind during the 15-year period. **There are now 54 Not Free countries**, accounting for 38 percent of the world's population, the highest share since the decline began.

:: With India's downgrade from Free to Partly Free, less than 20 percent of the global population now **lives in a Free country, the lowest level since 1995**.

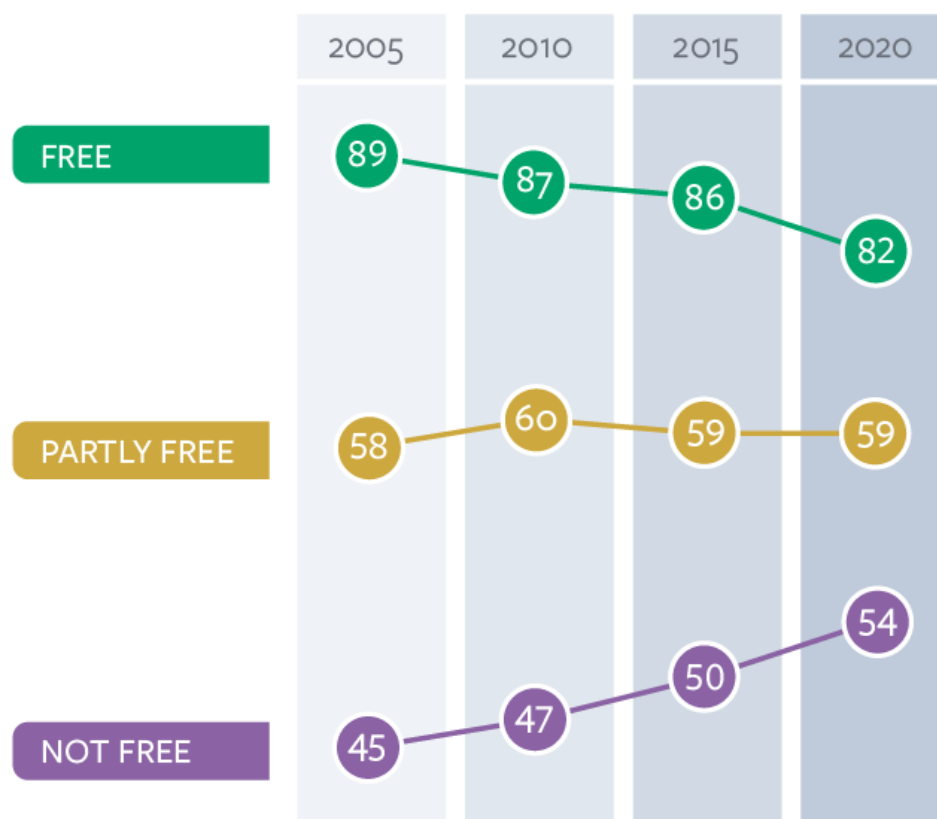
:: The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the democratic decline. **Some 42 score declines across 36 countries and territories were linked to the health crisis**.

:: **Beacons of democratic hope are being extinguished**. Freedom House noted 39 countries and territories that experienced major prodemocracy protests in 2019. Of these, 23 (nearly 60 percent) suffered a net score decline in 2020.

:: **The United States, which remained Free, fell by three points in 2020**, for a total decline of 11 points on the report's 100-point scale over the last decade.

A Shifting International Balance

In 2020, the number of Free countries in the world reached its lowest level since the beginning of a 15-year period of global democratic decline, while the number of Not Free countries reached its highest level.





Development – Livelihoods, Child Care

Report – Better Jobs and Brighter Futures : Investing in Childcare to Build Human Capital

World Bank – Amanda E. Devercelli and Frances Beaton-Day

December 2020 :: 100 pages

PDF: <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/35062/Better-Jobs-and-Brighter-Futures-Investing-in-Childcare-to-Build-Human-Capital.pdf?sequence=5&isAllowed=y>

Abstract

In this paper, the authors present the evidence on why childcare matters for building human capital, look at the current status of childcare provision worldwide, including an estimate of the global gaps in access, and present specific actions countries can take to expand access to quality, affordable childcare for all families that need it, especially the most vulnerable. This paper was originally drafted prior to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and has been updated to include new content, taking into account the unique challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic poses for families, children, governments, and the childcare industry, as well as the importance of investing in childcare to drive countries' economic recovery. In section one the authors make the case for why childcare matters for building human capital and how it relates to a web of diverse issues that include women's employment, family welfare, child development, business productivity, and the overall economy. In section two, the authors present the scope of the challenge worldwide, with projections of the unmet need for quality childcare and, ultimately, the size of the market opportunity. In section three the authors suggest five policy goals that all governments should work toward to ensure affordable, quality childcare for those families that need it. In section four, the authors lay out an agenda to better leverage existing resources and cross-sectoral opportunities, support country-level processes, and expand the research agenda. Detailed annexes are included at the end of the paper, which include additional research, guidance for countries, and specific policy and country examples that may be helpful in policy dialogue. These annexes can be used as standalone resources to go into more depth on specific topics.

Press Release

Nearly 350 Million Children Lack Quality Childcare in the World

WASHINGTON, March 4, 2021— More than 40 percent of all children below primary-school age – or nearly 350 million – need childcare but do not have access, according to a new World Bank report launched today. As a result, too many children are spending time in unsafe and unstimulating environments. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exposed the inadequacies in childcare provision and the vulnerability of the sector across the world.

The new report, [Better Jobs and Brighter Futures: Investing in Childcare to Build Human Capital](#), highlights how investments in childcare can increase women's employment and productivity, create new jobs, improve child outcomes, drive economic growth, and support a more resilient and inclusive recovery from the pandemic. It notes that the struggles so many parents have experienced during the pandemic to balance childcare and work responsibilities may also generate policy momentum to address the issue.

Investing in quality, affordable childcare is key to unlocking pathways out of poverty, helping everyone achieve their potential, and increasing equity – all of which are cornerstones of a country's economic growth and productivity.

"The first five years of a child's life are a period of rapid brain development. Providing children with a safe and stimulating environment during this time has huge returns and makes subsequent education investments much more effective," said Jaime Saavedra, World Bank's Global Director for Education. "But 40 percent of children in low- and middle-income countries need childcare and do not have access. We need to urgently expand investments in childcare."

In order to maximize both female labor force participation and child development, governments play a crucial role. They can help ensure that quality childcare is available, affordable, and meets the needs of all families, particularly the most vulnerable. Expanding the childcare economy and building the childcare workforce also can create up to 43 million new jobs while facilitating more people—particularly women—to be able to seek or return to employment...

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AI and "National Security"

The National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence :: Final Report

March 2021 :: 756 pages

PDF: <https://www.nscai.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Full-Report-Digital-1.pdf>

Abstract

The Final Report presents the NSCAI's strategy for winning the artificial intelligence era. The 16 chapters explain the steps the United States must take to responsibly use AI for national security and defense, defend against AI threats, and promote AI innovation. The accompanying Blueprints for Action provide detailed plans for the U.S. Government to implement the recommendations.

Preface [excerpt]

The National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence's (NSCAI) task is to make recommendations to the President and Congress to "advance the development of artificial intelligence [AI], machine learning, and associated technologies to comprehensively address the national security and defense needs of the United States." In establishing the Commission, Section 1051 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 instructs NSCAI to examine AI through the lenses of national competitiveness, the means to sustain technological advantage, trends in international cooperation and competitiveness, ways to foster investment in basic and advanced research, workforce and training, potential risks of military use, ethical concerns, establishment of data standards and incentivization of data sharing, and the future evolution of AI.¹ The 15 commissioners were nominated by Congress and the Executive Branch. They represent a diverse group of technologists, business executives, academic leaders, and national security professionals. They have approached all inquiries in bipartisan fashion and reached consensus on the Final Report. The Commission's operations have been guided by two principles: the need for action and the importance of transparency.

Conclusion

This new era of competition promises to change the world we live in and how we live within it. We can either shape the change to come or be swept along by it. We now know that the uses of AI in all aspects of life will grow and the pace of innovation will continue to accelerate. We know adversaries are determined to turn AI capabilities against us. We know China is determined to surpass us in AI

leadership. We know advances in AI build on themselves and confer significant first-mover advantages. Now we must act. The principles we establish, the federal investments we make, the national security applications we field, the organizations we redesign, the partnerships we forge, the coalitions we build, and the talent we cultivate will set America's strategic course. The United States should invest what it takes to maintain its innovation leadership, to responsibly use AI to defend free people and free societies, and to advance the frontiers of science for the benefit of all humanity. AI is going to reorganize the world. America must lead the charge.

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Blueprints for Action

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Philanthropy – COVID Focus

New Report Finds That More Than \$20 Billion Went to COVID-19 Philanthropy in 2020

Candid and the Center for Disaster Philanthropy provide new data and analysis that shows an increase in giving to communities of color, highlights that there's still more work to do

New York, NY, and Washington, DC—March 3, 2021. Candid and the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) released a new report, [Philanthropy and COVID-19: Measuring one year of giving](#), that examines COVID-19-related philanthropic funding in 2020. It is the second of two reports assessing COVID-19 philanthropic data. The first report, released in August 2020, examined COVID-19 philanthropy in the first half of 2020. Today's report provides updates and looks at the global philanthropic response to COVID-19 for all of 2020.

An unprecedented response to a devastating disaster

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The global philanthropic community was already funding COVID-19 response efforts. After the WHO's designation, corporations, foundations, public charities, and high-net-worth individuals increased giving that continued throughout the rest of the year.

Candid identified \$20.2 billion in global COVID-19 giving by grantmakers and wealthy donors for 2020. Closer examination of the data reveals:

- :: Corporate foundations and corporate giving programs accounted for \$9.4 billion (44 percent) of total COVID-19 funding in 2020.

- :: Community foundations awarded more grants than any other grantmaker type, making up 54 percent of total awards.

- :: Funding by independent foundations more than doubled, increasing from \$1.7 billion in the first half of the year to \$4.7 billion for the entire year.

- :: High-net-worth donors accounted for \$5.8 billion, more than one-quarter of total philanthropic funding. MacKenzie Scott's grants accounted for nearly three-quarters of funding from high-net-worth individuals.

- :: Human services organizations received the most support, followed by health organizations. In the first half of 2020, health organizations received the most support, followed by public safety organizations.

- :: The majority of funding dollars (\$13.5 billion, around 63 percent) went to "unknown" recipients or to "multiple" recipients.

Promising updates

Funding designated for specific populations provided some encouraging updates, particularly regarding Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities. In the first half of 2020, only 5 percent of COVID-19-related funding that specified recipients was designated for BIPOC communities, despite these populations being disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Since then, available data shows a dramatic increase:

- :: 23 percent of specified global funding was explicitly designated for communities of color.

- :: 35 percent of specified U.S. funding was designated for BIPOC communities.

- :: High-net-worth donors designated the highest proportion of funding for BIPOC communities (44 percent), whereas corporations accounted for only 11 percent of funding designated for BIPOC communities.

Additionally, 8 percent of funding was directed explicitly for people with disabilities, an increase from 1 percent reported in the first report.

In contrast, funding specified for women and girls increased nominally, from 3 percent in the first half of 2020 to 4 percent for the entire year. Funding directed to immigrants and refugees remained at 2 percent, and funding specified for older adults also remained at 2 percent.

Grace Sato, director of research at Candid, says, "After the first report, there were questions about whether philanthropic funding would taper down. What we see is exactly the opposite—not only did funding stay strong throughout the rest of the year, but we also see promising trends in several categories. It shows that philanthropy can, and is, playing an especially important role in times of crisis."...

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Rotavirus vaccines made available for use in humanitarian crises

Health partners welcome landmark pricing agreement through Humanitarian Mechanism, urging more manufacturers to follow suit

4 March 2021 News release Geneva/London/New York

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Save the Children, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) welcome the opportunity to make rotavirus vaccine available to more children living in humanitarian crises **thanks to a landmark pricing agreement with the manufacturer, GSK.**

Children living in refugee camps, displaced communities or in other emergency situations now have a better chance of being protected against severe diarrhoeal disease with these lower price rotavirus vaccines. Diarrhoea is one of the leading causes of death among children under five.

The agreement makes use of the multi-partner [Humanitarian Mechanism](#), launched in 2017. Rotavirus vaccine is the second vaccine to be accessed through the scheme, which depends on manufacturers making their vaccines available at their lowest price for use in emergencies - across countries of all income levels. The first to be made available was the pneumococcal vaccine.

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COVID Impacts – “Cultural Catastrophe”

States must prevent COVID-19 cultural catastrophe: UN expert

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

GENEVA (3 March 2021) – A UN expert today warned that COVID-19 may lead to a global “cultural catastrophe” with severe, long-lasting consequences for human rights if urgent measures, such as establishing a global cultural fund, are not implemented.

Karima Bennouna, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, said in a [report](#) to the Human Rights Council that culture sectors have been among those hit hardest by the pandemic crisis.

“The cultural rights commitments of states under international law require them to take action so as to avoid catastrophe but also to lead to cultural renewal as an essential component of any efforts to build back better,” Bennouna said.

Arts workers and cultural practitioners are among those most affected by pandemic-related unemployment crises worldwide. An entire generation of young artists may be forced to turn elsewhere for jobs, diminishing cultural life for years to come, the expert said.

“This is not the time for cuts in culture funding but for increases,” the Special Rapporteur said. “Culture and arts funding should be integrated into all COVID-19 relief and stimulus packages, with the specific nature of cultural and artistic work accounted for. Additionally, adequate, direct support for cultural workers is critical now, including full consideration of vulnerable sectors such as young artists. The creation of a global culture fund to save the cultural life of humanity should be considered.”

Bennoune said the pandemic has had a grave impact on women's participation in cultural life and urged that responses to the current crisis must fully consider the cultural rights of women.

The expert also expressed concern that some governments had exploited emergency powers to censor and criminalise artists with dissenting views. "I call for all those imprisoned for their artistic or cultural work to be immediately released, such as Ahmed Kabir Kishore, a Bangladeshi cartoonist, and Nigerian singer Yahaya Sharif Aminu."

The Special Rapporteur cautioned that as important as digital cultural life may have become during the pandemic, it is a complement, not an alternative, to a shared public cultural life in physical public spaces. States must commit to the full renaissance of such a public cultural life. when that becomes safe again.

"Future generations must not lose the opportunity to go to the cinema, to the theatre or to browse in a bookshop. If they do, the pandemic will have not only killed and impoverished millions but have also destroyed some of the best tools we have for imagining a better future," Bennoune said.
ENDS

The expert: Ms. Karima Bennoune was appointed [as Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](#) by the United Nations Human Rights Council in October 2015. Ms Bennoune, grew up in Algeria and the United States. She is Professor of Law and Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall Research Scholar at the University of California-Davis School of Law where she teaches courses on human rights and international law. Her research and writing, including on cultural rights issues, has been widely published in leading journals and periodicals. Her mandate covers all countries and has been renewed by Human Rights Council resolution 37/12.

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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: 23 January 2021

Confirmed cases :: 115 653 459 [week ago: 113 076 707] [two weeks ago: 110 384 747]

Confirmed deaths :: 2 571 823 [week ago: 2 512 272] [two weeks ago: 2 446 008]

Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 223

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UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table Accessed 6 Mar 2021

An overview of information collected from publicly announced bilateral and multilateral supply agreements [Agreements view from 2021-02-19 to date]

Number of vaccines
approved for use

13

Reported global vaccine
production volumes in
2021

20bn

Number of secured
vaccine doses

10.2bn

Number of doses
secured and optioned for
the COVAX facility

3.56bn*

Range of reported
vaccine price per dose

\$2.19 - \$44

Deal date	Recipient	Deal type	Vaccine name	Vaccine developer	Manufacturer
2021-02-19	African Union	Multilateral purchase	Sputnik V	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute
2021-02-19	Cambodia	Government purchase	Covishield	AstraZeneca	Serum Institute of India
2021-02-19	Sri Lanka	Government purchase	Covishield	AstraZeneca	Serum Institute of India
2021-02-24	Honduras	Government purchase	AZD1222	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca
2021-02-24	Honduras	Government purchase	Sputnik V	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute
2021-02-24	Ukraine	Government purchase	BNT-162	Pfizer/BioNTech	Pfizer/BioNTech
2021-02-25	Argentina	Government purchase	BBIBP-CorV	CNBG	CNBG
2021-02-25	Macao	Government purchase	BNT-162	Pfizer/BioNTech	Fosun Pharma
2021-02-25	Ecuador	Government purchase	CoronaVac	Sinovac	Sinovac
2021-02-26	Canada	Government purchase	Covishield	AstraZeneca	Serum Institute of India

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Our World in Data

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations – Fully Vaccinated Population Percentage](#)

Our World in Data and the SDG-Tracker are collaborative efforts between researchers at the University of Oxford, who are the scientific editors of the website content; and the non-profit organization [Global Change Data Lab](#), who publishes and maintains the website and the data tools that make our work possible. At the University of Oxford we are based at the [Oxford Martin Programme on Global Development](#).

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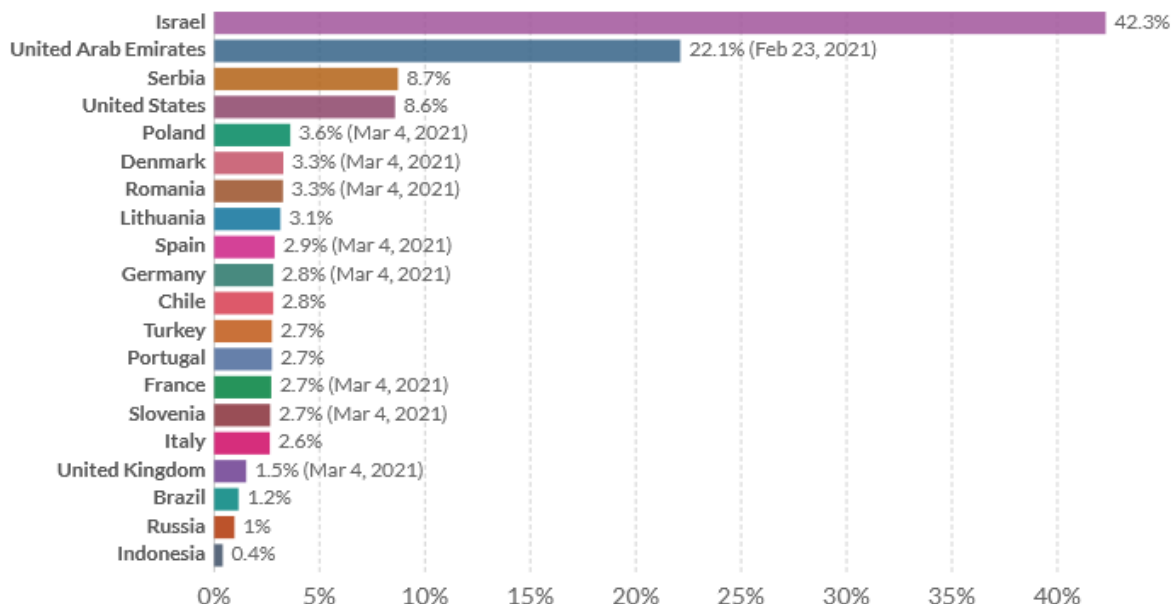
Web development: Breck Yunits, Ernst van Woerden, Daniel Gavrilov, Matthieu Bergel, Shahid Ahmad, Jason Crawford, and Marcel Gerber

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Mar 5, 2021

Share of the total population that have received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol. This data is only available for countries which report the breakdown of doses administered by first and second doses.

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Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 6 March, 11:46 (London time)

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 03 March 2021

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

- :: **Afghanistan:** one cVDPV2 case and nine cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Pakistan:** three WPV1 environmental samples, three cVDPV2 cases and 10 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Egypt:** two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Ethiopia:** one cVDPV2 case and one positive environmental sample
- :: **Liberia:** three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **South Sudan:** seven cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Tajikistan:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

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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 6 Mar 2021]

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new digest announcements identified [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 6 Mar 2021]

Angola

:: Angola becomes the first country in Eastern and Southern Africa region to receive COVAX Vaccines... 02 March 2021

Angola today received 624,000 doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine from the Sérum Institute of India as part of the COVAX initiative, which aims to ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines against COVID-19 worldwide.

Burkina Faso

:: Au Burkina Faso, la « menace non perçue par les populations » de la résistance aux a... 05 mars 2021

Malawi Floods

:: Malawi receives first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines from COVAX 05 March 2021

Niger

:: La Première Dame du Niger Dr Lalla Malika Issoufou s'exprime sur l'impact de la COVI... 04 mars 2021

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

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

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

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

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

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 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]
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]
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 6 Mar 2021]

Chad - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 30 June 2018]
Djibouti - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 25 novembre 2020]
Kenya - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 11 December 2020]
Mali - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 3 May 2017]
Namibia - viral hepatitis - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 20 July 2018]
Tanzania - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 21 October 2020]

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Humanitarian Update No. 24 As of 3 March 2021

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

East Africa Locust Infestation

:: Desert Locust situation update 3 March 2021

COVID-19

:: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Weekly Epidemiological Update (2 March 2021)

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

4 March 2021

SC/14458

Syria's Chemical Weapons Declaration Cannot Be Considered 'Accurate, Complete', High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Tells Security Council

Nearly eight years after the Security Council first mandated the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons programme, the senior United Nations disarmament official today described only limited progress towards declaring that dossier closed, as delegates continued to voice divergent views about the neutrality of the global non-proliferation architecture itself.

1 March 2021

SG/SM/20609

Disappointing Outcome of Yemen Funding Conference Mere 'Down Payment' to Prevent Famine, Secretary-General Says, Asking Donors to Boost Pledges

1 March 2021

SG/SM/20607

As Famine Looms in Yemen, Secretary-General Calls on Donors to Fund \$3.85 Billion Humanitarian Appeal, Describes Recent Aid Decline as 'Death Sentence'

1 March 2021

SG/SM/20608

'Pandemic Recovery Is Our Chance', Secretary-General Tells Aswan Forum, Pledging Solidarity with Africa amid Efforts to Expand COVID-19 Vaccination

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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Myanmar military must stop murdering and jailing protestors – Bachelet

Myanmar: UN human rights expert issues report and urges decisive, unified action to put an end to brutality

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Athletes with disabilities should enjoy the same level of support as all other athletes, High Commissioner tells Human Rights Council

05/03/2021

Impunity for killings of human rights defenders remains a key driver for more murders, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders tells Human Rights Council

05/03/2021

COVID-19 Pandemic May Lead to a “Cultural Catastrophe”, Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights Warns in Dialogue with the Human Rights Council

03/03/2021

Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food: the COVID-19 Pandemic has Laid Bare the Inequities of the Food System and Accelerated it

02/03/2021

COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the risks of vulnerable children to trafficking and sexual exploitation, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children tells Human Rights Council

02/03/2021

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>
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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 6 Mar 2021]

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Latest News

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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/virtual-library/press-release-archive/>
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Nigeria: Missing Schoolgirls must be Immediately Released, Concerns at Increased Abduction Incidents – UN Representative for Children & Armed Conflict

Monday, 1 March 2021

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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USA: Environmental racism in “Cancer Alley” must end – experts

2 March 2021

COVID-19: UN experts urge WTO cooperation on vaccines to protect global public health

1 March 2021

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

States must prevent COVID-19 cultural catastrophe: UN expert

3 March 2021

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/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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UN OCHA [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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01 March 2021

[International donors must act now to prevent a widespread famine in Yemen \[EN/AR/FR\]](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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Press release 03/05/2021

[More than 1.7 million COVID-19 vaccines arrive in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

Press release 03/04/2021

[BTS and Big Hit renew commitment to "LOVE MYSELF" campaign to support UNICEF in ending violence and neglect as well as promoting self-esteem and well-being](#)

Grammy-nominated group recommit with \$1 million donation and message of love and togetherness as pandemic-related social distancing enters second year

Statement 03/04/2021

[UNICEF condemns killings and arbitrary detentions of children by security forces during ongoing crisis in Myanmar](#)

At least five children reportedly killed, four severely wounded and 500 arbitrarily detained since protests began last month

Press release 03/03/2021

[At least 1 in 7 children and young people has lived under stay-at-home policies for most of the last year, putting mental health and well-being at risk](#)

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the pandemic, UNICEF urges greater investment in mental health services

Press release 03/03/2021

[Sudan receives first delivery of COVID-19 vaccines with over 800,000 doses](#)

Sudan becomes first country in the Middle East and North Africa to receive vaccines via the COVAX Facility

Press release 03/03/2021

[340,000 doses of COVAX vaccines due in Rwanda today](#)

Air freight carrying the AstraZeneca/Oxford SII vaccines supplied through the COVAX Facility arrives in Kigali. Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines expected to arrive later today.

Press release 03/02/2021

COVID-19: Schools for more than 168 million children globally have been completely closed for almost a full year, says UNICEF

UNICEF unveils 'Pandemic Classroom' at United Nations Headquarters in New York to call attention to the need for governments to prioritise the reopening of schools

Statement 03/02/2021

Remarks by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director at COVAX media briefing on first deliveries and first round of allocations

As prepared for delivery

Statement 03/02/2021

COVAX publishes first round of allocations

Statement 03/02/2021

Statement from UNICEF Nigeria Representative Peter Hawkins on the release of abducted schoolgirls in Jangebe, Zamfara State, Nigeria

Statement 03/01/2021

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's Remarks at Yemen Pledging Conference

As prepared for delivery

Press release 03/01/2021

First COVID-19 COVAX vaccine doses administered in Africa

This week's first vaccinations happen as a further 11 million doses are expected to be delivered this week

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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WFP, UNHCR appeal for funding for over 3 million refugees hit by ration cuts in Eastern Africa

2 Mar 2021

Surging violence in Nigeria drives displacement to Niger

2 Mar 2021

UNHCR to relocate thousands of Central African refugees to safer locations

2 Mar 2021

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

Mexican filmmaker Samuel Kishi, new IOM Goodwill Ambassador

2021-03-05 14:00

Mexico City – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) announced yesterday the appointment of Mexican filmmaker Samuel Kishi Leopo as its new Goodwill Ambassador, making him a strategic ally in promoting the mandate of the leading United Nations agency in the field of...

IOM Opens First Women and Girls Safe Space for Host Communities in Cox's Bazar

2021-03-05 13:59

Cox's Bazar – Nearly three-quarters of married Bangladeshi women have experienced domestic violence in their lives, according to a 2015 study, and COVID-19 has only exacerbated the risk. A recent report highlights the rise in gender-based violence (GBV), particularly intimate...

IOM Launches USD 8 Million Plan to Stop Ebola Resurgence in Guinea

2021-03-04 18:44

Geneva / Conakry – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is mobilizing to help stop the resurgence of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Guinea and...

Striving for Equitable Access to COVID-19 Vaccines to Leave No Migrant Behind

2021-03-03 18:25

Geneva – As vaccine roll-outs are bringing back hope that the end of the pandemic might be in sight, too many migrants remain excluded from national deployment and vaccination plans (NDVPs). Although the number of vaccinations globally has overtaken reported COVID-19 infections...

UNAIDS [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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5 March 2021

Putting people at the centre brings good results in Nigeria

3 March 2021

Gender inequalities in Senegal highlighted on Zero Discrimination Day

3 March 2021

From HIV survivor to COVID-19 responder

2 March 2021

Central African Republic marks Zero Discrimination Day

2 March 2021

Faith-based project against paediatric HIV launched in Côte d'Ivoire

1 March 2021

Reporting the realities faced by LGBTI people and people living with HIV in Asia and the Pacific

1 March 2021

US\$ 64 million to respond to HIV, TB and malaria in Congo

WHO & Regional Offices [to 6 Mar 2021]

5 March 2021

News release

[**New WHO/IAEA publication provides guidance on radiotherapy equipment to fight cancer**](#)

5 March 2021

Departmental news

[**WHO publishes materials that aim to provide high-quality care to people affected by lymphatic filariasis**](#)

4 March 2021

News release

[**Rotavirus vaccines made available for use in humanitarian crises**](#)

[See Milestones above for detail]

4 March 2021

Medical product alert

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

3 March 2021

Departmental news

[**New WHO report on Human T-lymphotropic virus type 1 highlights strategies for its prevention and control**](#)

2 March 2021

Statement

[**COVAX publishes first round of allocations**](#)

2 March 2021

News release

[**WHO: 1 in 4 people projected to have hearing problems by 2050**](#)

1 March 2021

Departmental news

[**World Pharmacopoeias support public health during COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

1 March 2021

News release

[**First COVID-19 COVAX vaccine doses administered in Africa**](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: Niger's First Lady, Dr Lalla Malika Issoufou, speaks on COVID-19 impact on women 04 March 2021

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified

WHO European Region EURO

:: WHO/Europe launches caregiver skills training in Kazakhstan to support children with neurodevelopmental delays 05-03-2021

:: Republic of Moldova prepares for COVID-19 vaccine deployment 04-03-2021

:: International Women's Day: the need to build back better, with women in the lead 04-03-2021

:: Inspiring change: women's leadership in health care is vital during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond 04-03-2021

:: How healthy are children's eating habits? – WHO/Europe surveillance results 03-03-2021

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: First COVID-19 vaccines arrive in Djibouti 6 March 2021

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Meetings and events

Press Release

1 March 2021

[Urgent funding needed to provide protection and health services to millions of women in Yemen](#)

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest from News Centre

[Preventing Atrocity Crimes: Countering and Addressing Hate Speech](#)

Remarks by Crisis Bureau Director Asako Okai at the High-Level Event on Preventing Atrocity Crimes: the role of countering and addressing hate speech Moderated Discussion, as part of UNDP Development...

Posted on March 5, 2021

[International Women's Day 2021](#)

This year's International Women's Day is like no other. As countries and communities start to slowly recover from a devastating pandemic, we have the chance to finally end the exclusion and...

Posted on March 4, 2021

UNDP calls for temporary basic income to help world's poorest women cope with effects of COVID-19 pandemic

A temporary basic income (TBI) given specifically to hundreds of millions of women in the world's developing countries could prevent rising poverty and widening gender inequalities during the COVID-19...

Posted on March 4, 2021

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 6 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 6 Mar 2021]

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

04 Mar 2021 *Press release*

Mayors, Scientists and Communities along the Mississippi River come together to tackle plastic pollution

Washington, D.C., 3 March 2021—The Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative was launched today at the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative's ninth annual Capitol Meeting, where mayors representing...

04 Mar 2021 *Press release*

UN: 17% of all food available at consumer levels is wasted

Wasted in 2019: 931 million tonnes of food sold to households, retailers, restaurants and other food services Study finds food waste is a global, not just developed world, problem Food Waste Index report helps...

02 Mar 2021 *Press release*

Can financial institutions invest in ocean health? UN publishes guidelines

Nairobi, 02 March 2021 – New, pivotal guidance published today by the UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) provides a market-first, practical toolkit for financial institutions to take immediate...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

05 Mar 2021 | DESA

[Elliott Harris: Measure the value of nature – before it's too late](#)

Elliott Harris is the Chief Economist of the United Nations. In a recent interview, he spoke about a ground-breaking change to national accounting ...

02 Mar 2021 | DESA

[Countries to consider ground-breaking change to economic reporting that includes natural capital](#)

In a ground-breaking development that could fundamentally reorient economic and policy planning toward sustainable development...

02 Mar 2021 | DESA

[Making nature count](#)

Since the beginning of time, we have treated nature as a free and endless provider of services. We hike in forests, swim in oceans and use its resources without a second thought.

01 Mar 2021 | DESA

[Bringing the latest stories from the heart of sustainable development](#)

[A revamped UN DESA Voice](#) is out today, bringing readers the very latest from the heart of sustainable development.

UNESCO [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Kyoto Crime Congress agrees declaration to tackle growing crime threats and promote inclusive COVID-19 recovery](#)

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News & Stories

New Earth Observations Toolkit provides opportunities for improved monitoring of global urban targets

Saturday 6 March, 2021

Groundbreaking Innovate4Cities Conference to explore climate crisis solutions

Thursday 4 March, 2021

UN-Habitat and the European Union to help Burkina Faso's cities supporting large numbers of displaced people

Thursday 4 March, 2021

UN-Habitat and JICA surveys to assess impacts and challenges of COVID-19 on Kenyan and Ugandan urban areas

Tuesday 2 March, 2021

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/>
No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News releases

2 March 2021

WFP appeals for solution to Yemen fuel shortages that threaten to worsen widespread food insecurity

GENEVA – The United Nations World Food Programme warns that a crippling fuel shortage in Yemen is making an already catastrophic food security situation far worse and appeals for an urgent solution to this man-made crisis.

2 March 2021

WFP, UNHCR appeal for funding for over 3 million refugees suffering from rations cuts in eastern Africa

NAIROBI – UNHCR, the U.N. Refugee Agency, and World Food Programme (WFP) appealed today for US\$266 million to end food ration cuts for over 3 million refugees in Eastern Africa. Funding shortages have forced cuts up to 60 percent. The agencies warned of growing risks including increased malnutrition and anaemia, stunted child growth and a myriad of protection risks.

2 March 2021

WFP, UNHCR appeal for funding for over 3 million refugees suffering from rations cuts in eastern Africa

GENEVA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the UNHCR, the U.N. Refugee Agency, are appealing for US\$266 million to end food ration cuts for over 3 million refugees in East Africa. Critical funding shortages have forced cuts of up to 60 percent, compromising long-standing efforts to achieve food security in camps.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

International Women's Day

"We Sing" for a better future of work for all women and men

05 March 2021

An original song and music video for International Women's Day, created by JONA OAK for the ILO and featuring a collective of artists and musicians from around the world.

Labour market

COVID-19 widens existing gender inequalities, creates new gaps in Viet Nam

04 March 2021

A new research brief by ILO Viet Nam calls for a change in the mindset of every woman, and man to influence their economic behaviour and achieve gender equality in the labour market.

Vocational education and training

New academy builds capacity for effective and efficient skills development in Lebanon

04 March 2021

The ILO has launched the Skills Academy Lebanon to build the capacity of partners in the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) sector, through a customised, online training programme and coaching services.

Voices

A vision for domestic workers

03 March 2021

Mendy Lerato Lusaba, founder of the Domestic Workers Association of Zimbabwe and winner of the ILO Skills Innovation Challenge, has big plans to improve the life of domestic workers in her country. Read her story on our new Voices multimedia platform.

COVID-19 and the World of work

ILO/EBRD assessment report says COVID-19 threatens 245,000 jobs in Bosnia and Herzegovina

02 March 2021

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the ILO Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, jointly assessed the impact of the crisis on the Western Balkan labour markets. The latest impact assessment report is on Bosnia and Herzegovina. Reports on North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia were published last year.

Working from home

ILO Turkey's report reveals home-based work is primarily shaped by gender roles

02 March 2021

A report by the ILO Office for Turkey on home-based work – the oldest form of work that has become even more widespread in the times of COVID-19 pandemic – reveals the gender-based dimensions of home-based work. "Home bounded – Global outreach: Home-based workers in Turkey", establishes that home-based work, regardless of workers' socio-economic status, is a form of work without social security or social protection.

Gender equality

How to strengthen gender measures and data in the COVID-19 era

01 March 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit sectors where women are over-represented the hardest: tourism, retail, the care economy. Yet the pandemic has also exposed data collection gaps that undermine our ability to craft effective policy responses.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

ICAO to partner with IATA and CANSO on new runway safety training initiative

5/3/21

Closer regional, international coordination needed for safety, security, efficiency of vaccine distribution globally

Montréal, 1 March 2020 – Speaking to European and North Atlantic Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCAs) very recently, ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu emphasized that while COVID-19 vaccines are now offering hope of a more imminent pandemic recovery globally, closer collaboration and procedural alignment among air transport stakeholders will be needed to get the billions of doses to their destinations safely, securely and rapidly.

“We must continue to reinforce to decision makers that air cargo supply chains are critical to these efforts,” Dr. Liu remarked. “ICAO has published safety and security guidelines for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, and we’ve also enacted our Vaccine Action Plan to more efficiently align vaccine efforts with applicable CART guidance and other ICAO provisions related to air cargo.”

Vaccine distribution is consistent with the traditional expectation societies have placed on air freight for the global distribution of many pharmaceuticals, through well-established global procedures. Some COVID vaccines, however, pose exceptional temperature requirements far beyond what aircraft and supply chains were formerly expected to maintain...

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Press Briefings

05 March 2021

GreenVoyage2050: States accelerate action to decarbonize shipping

IMO-Norway project is supporting States to implement energy efficiency measures and explore opportunities for low carbon shipping.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 4 March 2021

Setting your sights high

New standards for eye protection just published.

The [ISO 16321 series](#) of standards specifies the general requirements for eye and face equipment that protects against common hazards seen in the workplace, such as flying particles, harmful gases, optical radiation, splashes and more.

By Clare Naden on 2 March 2021

Keeping clean

New guidance on the sterilization of health care products just published.

[ISO/TS 22421](#), *Sterilization of health care products – Common requirements for sterilizers for terminal sterilization of medical devices in health care facilities*, provides high-level, overarching requirements and respective test methods, and sets the scene for further, more detailed standards to be developed.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Announcements

06.05.2020 // WG2020-01 Recommendation 1/1 - Preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework: conclusions of the Working Group at its first meeting

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USAID [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

The United States Announces \$3.5 Million in Assistance to Contain Ebola Outbreaks in The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Guinea

March 6, 2021

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing more than \$3.5 million in rapid response Ebola assistance to support efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Guinea. The assistance will support disease surveillance, laboratory testing, infection prevention and control, contact tracing, community awareness and social mobilization, and logistics management.

Acting Administrator Steele's Meeting with UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore

March 3, 2021

Yesterday, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Acting Administrator Gloria Steele met with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Executive Director Henrietta Fore. During the meeting, they affirmed their shared interest in maintaining USAID and UNICEF's long-standing partnership in addressing the critical humanitarian and development challenges facing children and vulnerable populations. They noted shared concern about the immediate and long-term challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on education.

USAID Congratulates El Salvador on Achieving Malaria Elimination

March 2, 2021

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) applauds El Salvador on being officially certified by the World Health Organization as malaria free, the first Central American country to secure this landmark achievement. The U.S. Government, through USAID and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is proud to have supported El Salvador on its journey to malaria elimination and contributed to the decades of multisectoral collaboration that helped make this result possible.

USAID Deploys Disaster Assistance Response Team to Respond to Humanitarian Needs in Tigray, Ethiopia

March 1, 2021

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is deploying a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to respond to growing humanitarian needs stemming from conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region.

United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Yemen

March 1, 2021

Today, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken announced nearly \$191 million in additional humanitarian assistance at the virtual 2021 High Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen. Combined with the nearly \$160 million provided at the end of last year, the United States has provided more than \$350 million since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021. In total, the United States—one of the largest donors to the humanitarian response—has provided more than \$3.4 billion to alleviate the suffering of the people of Yemen since the crisis began six years ago.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

Myanmar violence: Foreign Secretary's statement, 1 March 2021

1 March 2021 — Press release

Dominic Raab gave a statement on Myanmar following an increase in violence by the military against peaceful protesters over the weekend.

ECHO [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

Guinea Ebola response: additional EU financial support

04/03/2021

The EU mobilised an additional €3.2 million to assist the Republic of Guinea and support immediate response actions following the resurgence of the Ebola virus in the country. Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič, said: "EU support...

Yemen: €95 million in EU humanitarian aid for people threatened by conflict and famine

01/03/2021

The European Commission is allocating €95 million in humanitarian support to address the most pressing needs of people in Yemen amid record highs of child malnutrition, an imminent threat of famine and renewed fighting. More than 2 million...

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African Union [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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Stemming Corruption in The Cultural and Creative Industries

March 03, 2021

Homegrown school feeding a game changer for Africa's school children

March 01, 2021

African Ministers adopt Common African Position for more women in leadership positions

March 01, 2021

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Secretariat News

ASEAN, China reaffirm commitment to strong partnership

JAKARTA, 5 March 2021 – ASEAN and China reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen their Strategic Partnership as both sides celebrate the 30th anniversary of the relations this year. This was stressed at the 22nd ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting held via video conference, today. A series of commemorative activities will be held this year, including the plan to [...]

Supporting disadvantaged women key to achieving SDGs in ASEAN, new data shows

JAKARTA, 1 March 2021 - Women and girls across South-East Asia who are members of an ethnic minority, live in a rural location, or suffer from poverty are at greatest risk of being left behind despite the region's recent progress in gender equality, according to a new report by ASEAN and UN Women. The ASEAN [...]

European Commission [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest

Press release 5 March 2021

EU adopts €130 million support package for Syrian refugees and local communities in Jordan and Lebanon

Yesterday, the European Union, via the Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian crisis, adopted a €130 million assistance package to support Syrian refugees and local communities in Jordan and Lebanon in key areas such as social protection, healthcare services or waste management.

Press release 3 March 2021

Team Europe partners with Equity Bank to support Kenyan business and agriculture amid COVID-19

The European Union and the European Investment Bank, working together as Team Europe, are providing €120 million (KES 15.8 billion) of new support for Equity Bank to enhance financing to Kenyan companies most impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Press release 1 March 2021

Yemen: €95 million in EU humanitarian aid for people threatened by conflict and famine

The European Commission is allocating €95 million in humanitarian support to address the most pressing needs of people in Yemen amid record highs of child malnutrition, an imminent threat of famine and renewed fighting

OECD [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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Organization of American States (OAS) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

OAS Electoral Observation Mission Congratulates the Salvadoran People for a Peaceful and Civic Election Day

March 1, 2021

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

International Women's Day: Al-Othaimeen Affirms Women's Competence in Leadership and Decision-making Roles

On the occasion of International Women's Day, March 08 of each year, Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, stressed the significance of women's issues and empowerment, which are among the OIC's top priorities based on its conviction that strengthening the role of women in the comprehensive development process calls for taking concrete measures to ensure their active participation at various levels....

07/03/2021

Group of 77 [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ambassador Boubacar Diallo, G-77 Coordinator of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations, on agenda item 147: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2020 and programme of work for 2021, at the first part of the resumed 75th session of the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 2 March 2021\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ambassador Boubacar Diallo, G-77 Coordinator of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations, on agenda item 146: Human resources management, at the first part of the resumed 75th session of the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 1 March 2021\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ambassador Boubacar Diallo, G-77 Coordinator of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations, on the organization of work of the first part of the resumed seventy-fifth session of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 1 March 2021\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News – Selected Items

03 March 2021

Launch of WCO Trade Tools, a new online database for the Harmonized System, Origin and Valuation

03 March 2021

Successful Anniversary 20th Session of the Integrity Sub-Committee – Evolution of Integrity in Customs and the Need to be Responsive

02 March 2021

WCO celebrates World Wildlife Day in support of forests and their contribution to livelihoods

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

WTO News and Events

DG Okonjo-Iweala hits the ground running

5 March 2021

Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala finished her first week at the WTO by meeting with ambassadors and groups of members for solutions-oriented conversations aimed at finding ways for the organization to deliver results in 2021 and beyond. She kicked off her tenure by attending the General Council session from 1 to 4 March.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press releases

05/03/2021

Proportion of women MPs inches up but gender parity still far off

Following elections in 2020, the global proportion of women in parliament reached a record 25.5 per cent, representing an increase of 0.6 points compared with 2019, according to the IPU's [latest Women in Parliament report](#)..

International Court of Justice [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 6 Mar 2021]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

Farewell message of ICC President Chile Eboe-Osuji

Information 4 March 2021

Lubanga Case: The TFV announces details of the collective reparation award

Press Release 3 March 2021

Trust Fund for Victims

Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, respecting an investigation of the Situation in Palestine

Statement 2 March 2021

Office of the Prosecutor

[Six newly elected ICC judges to be sworn in on 10 March 2021](#)

Media Advisory 1 March 2021

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World Bank [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News, Announcements

[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

[World Bank Bond Expands Support to COVID-19 Resilience Through the United Nations Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)](#)

Washington, DC, March 4, 2021—The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development or IBRD) has issued a US\$100 million 5-year bond which both supports IBRD's ongoing sustainable development...

Date: March 04, 2021 Type: Press Release

[Nearly 350 Million Children Lack Quality Childcare in the World](#)

WASHINGTON, March 4, 2021— More than 40 percent of all children below primary-school age – or nearly 350 million – need childcare but do not have access, according to a new World Bank report launched today...

Date: March 04, 2021 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[Reversing the Disproportionate Impact of the Pandemic on Female Workers in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Women were 44 percent more likely to lose their jobs in the crisis than men. Permanent job losses affected one in five women according to a new World Bank report. WASHINGTON, March 4, 2021 – Working women...

Date: March 04, 2021 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Africa Human Capital Plan](#)

The Africa Human Capital Plan, released in 2019, sets out clear targets and commitments to boost Sub-Saharan Africa's potential through its human capital—the health, knowledge, skills, and resilience of...

Date: March 03, 2021 Type: Publication

[Gender Dynamics of Disaster Risk and Resilience](#)

Natural hazards, such as floods, droughts and earthquakes, are gender neutral - but their impacts are not. Men and women, boys and girls are affected differently from disaster, even if they live in the...

Date: March 03, 2021 Type: Publication

Future of Cities Will Shape Post-COVID-19 World

Cities have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to leverage the pandemic and build back in a resilient, inclusive and sustainable way

Date: March 02, 2021 Type: Feature Story

IMF [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News, Announcements

March 2, 2021

IMF Executive Board Concludes Regional Consultation with West African Economic and Monetary Union

:: After almost a decade of strong growth, the WAEMU region is facing a triple crisis impacting health, the economy, and security.

:: For 2021, growth is projected at 5.4 percent, mostly driven by a rebound in private consumption and private investment, reflecting the relaxation of lockdown constraints and the return of foreign direct investment, but the economic outlook remains uncertain.

:: A gradual fiscal consolidation is expected to start this year and bring back the regional fiscal deficit toward the 3 percent of GDP regional ceiling by 2023.

African Development Bank Group [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

The African Development Bank extends a grant of \$2 million to strengthen cybersecurity and boost financial inclusion in Africa

05-Mar-2021 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank has awarded a \$2 million grant to establish the African Cybersecurity Resource Center (ACRC) for Financial Inclusion to tackle cybercrime across Africa and to strengthen the resilience of digital financial ecosystems. The grant will be disbursed through the Africa Digital Financial Inclusion Facility, a blended finance vehicle, which the institution supports.

Making Finance Work for Africa webinar: Experts discuss African capital market space, Joint African Exchanges Linkages project

04-Mar-2021 - The Making Finance Work for Africa (MFW4A) partnership, hosted by the African Development Bank, and the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) have provided a recent progress update on the African Exchanges Linkage Project (AELP), which aims to connect Africa's leading securities exchanges and boost cross-border investment flows. The AELP is a joint initiative of the Bank and ASEA involving seven leading African securities exchanges. AELP is funded by the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAPEC) Trust Fund, one of the Bank's...

African Development Bank provides \$320 000 in grant funding to mainstream gender in ECOWAS' digital financial operations

02-Mar-2021 - The African Development Bank has awarded a grant of \$320, 535 to the West African Monetary Agency to mainstream gender in ECOWAS' core digital financial services (DFS) regulatory frameworks.

Aswan II Forum: African leaders identify security and health challenges to the continent's recovery

02-Mar-2021 - The second edition of the Aswan Forum on peace, security and development opened on Monday, 1 March in Cairo, Egypt, with African leaders identifying insecurity and the burden of debt as the most pressing challenges to the continent's post-COVID development. The virtual opening session, chaired by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, was on the subject of "Shaping Africa's New Normal: Recovering Stronger, Rebuilding Better". The African Development Bank is a strategic partner of the Forum, which runs until 5 March.

Asian Development Bank [to 6 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]

No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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

News

Jakarta, Indonesia, March 01, 2021

AIIB President Jin Liguang attends virtual signing ceremony in support of the Government of Indonesia's Multifunctional Satellite PPP Project

...The SMF Satellite Project is an initiative that will deliver internet connectivity to more than 149,000 public service points—including hospitals and schools—in the least developed, frontier and outermost regions of Indonesia...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

06 MAR

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

03 MAR

El FIDA lanza la Segunda Edición del Premio a la Innovación Juvenil Rural en América Latina y el Caribe

Islamic Development Bank [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

BSI News

01 Mar 2021

[This year the Blue Shield is 25!](#)

About our Anniversary! On 6 June 1996, Patrick Boylan (International Council of Museums – ICOM), Dinu Bumbaru (International Council on Monuments and Sites – ICOMOS), George Mackenzie (International Council on Archives —ICA) and Marie-Therese Varlamoff (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions — IFLA) concluded and signed a permanent cooperation agreement on behalf of their [...]

BRAC [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

[Statement on Myanmar](#)

1. March 2021

Statement on Myanmar by Charlotte Slente, Secretary General of the Danish Refugee Council

The Danish Refugee Council is deeply concerned over the increasing and disproportionate use of force against peaceful protesters in Myanmar, leading yesterday to 18 killed and many injured. No one should be targeted or killed as a result of exercising their right to engage in peaceful protest. Furthermore, as a humanitarian organisation, the Danish Refugee Council remains committed to responding to the urgent and increasing needs of vulnerable persons in areas affected by decades of war and instability in Myanmar. Persons displaced by conflict across Myanmar have expressed their growing concerns over access to assistance...

ECPAT [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

News

[A New Era for Fountain House](#)

March 4, 2021

GE2P2 Global [to 6 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 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[**Report: Are older people being heard?**](#)

2021 :: 7 pages [Download now](#)

The impact of COVID-19 on older people's ability to exercise their voice. Findings, recommendations and key questions.

ICRC [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[**1990-1991 Gulf War: 9 Human Remains Identified and Returned to their Families after 30 years**](#)

Today, under the umbrella of the Tripartite Commission nine human remains including a Saudi citizen gone missing during the 1990-1991 Gulf War, and whose relatives have remained without news since will be officially buried in the State of Kuwait.

06-03-2021 | News release

[**Joining forces to secure water and sanitation in protracted crises: a new report**](#)

People living in densely populated cities are supported by an intricate mesh of water, sanitation, health and electricity systems.

05-03-2021 | Publication

[**South Sudanese face life-threatening food shortages as harvests fall by 50%**](#)

Nine out of the ten states in South Sudan harvested on average 50 per cent less cereal and vegetables in 2020 than they did in 2019.

04-03-2021 | News release

High Level Pledging Event For the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Speech given by Mr Peter Maurer to the High Level Pledging Yemen Conference 2021.
01-03-2021 | Statement

IFRC [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Asia Pacific

Myanmar: Red Cross urges protection for first aiders amid recent violence

Kuala Lumpur/Yangon/Geneva, 5 March 2021 – The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is deeply saddened by recent loss of life in Myanmar and is urging immediate protection for all Red Cross volunteers and health workers ...

5 March 2021

Middle East and North Africa, Syria

Syria crisis: 10 years on, humanitarian situation is worse than ever

The daily suffering of Syrians is worse now than it has been at nearly any point throughout the decade-long conflict that has ravaged the country. This is the sobering message delivered today by three senior Red Cross and Red Crescent officials as Syria enters the second decade of a relentless crisis.

4 March 2021

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Updates / Alerts

Frontline Heroes: Two Somali Women Protecting Their Communities

Trust and knowledge become secret weapons in the fight against deadly viruses
March 3, 2021

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

IRC calls on the Biden Administration to sign an emergency refugee admissions goal for FY21

March 5, 2021

Press Release

New IRC report: A decade of attacks on health care in Syria

March 3, 2021

Press Release

David Miliband responds to insufficient funding galvanized at Yemen pledging conference

March 1, 2021

Press Release

Western Union Foundation awards \$250,000 to the IRC for immediate relief and long-term support to refugees and asylum seekers stranded on Greek Isles

March 1, 2021

IRCT [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

News 05 Mar 2021

Joint call on President of Uzbekistan to decriminalise same-sex relations between men

News 04 Mar 2021

Celebrating Female Leadership with Suzanne Jabbour for International Women's Day!

News 02 Mar 2021

Georgia: Authorities should immediately release Nika Melia

News 01 Mar 2021

Syria: Bianca Schmolze from MFH Bochum reflects on German court conviction of ex-intelligence officer

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

"Women and girls are capable of extraordinary things"

This International Women's Day 2021, we're putting the spotlight on the exceptional women in our organisation. These women are driving real change for Islamic Relief and the communities that we serve. Here we hear from Arwa Kawan, a community fundraising officer for Islamic Relief UK.

March 7, 2021

Landsea [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

March 01, 2021

Statement on the High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Earlier today, the United Nations and the governments of Sweden and Switzerland concluded a High-Level Pledging Event...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Ethiopia

People in Tigray “are suffering from a lack of medical care”

Project Update 5 Mar 2021

DRC Ebola outbreaks

DRC's twelfth Ebola outbreak

Crisis Update 5 Mar 2021

Women's health

Practicing self-care: empowering women to manage their own health

Project Update 4 Mar 2021

Mozambique

Displaced by violence, people in Cabo Delgado arrive in more mental than physical pain

Interview 4 Mar 2021

Syria

A decade of war in Syria: 10 years of increasing humanitarian needs

Project Update 3 Mar 2021

Syria

MSF denounces unsafe environment in Al-Hol camp in wake of staff killing

Press Release 2 Mar 2021

Operation Smile [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Statement: Civil Society calls on MEPs to support corporate accountability in key plenary vote

4 March 2021

Next week, Members of the European Parliament will vote on a report that paves the way for the EU to require companies to protect human rights and the environment in their global value chains by law. MEPs must back this report.

Oxfam Reaction to Yemen High-Level Pledging Event

1 March 2021

In response to the Virtual High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Situation in Yemen, Muhsin Siddiquey, Oxfam's Country Director in Yemen said: "Donors' pledges to Yemen fall woefully short of what is desperately needed. Torn apart by six years of brutal conflict, with two thirds of the population reliant on food aid to survive, and thousands facing famine, Yemen desperately needs a ramping up not a reduction in aid."

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest news

DR Congo | 05. Mar 2021

Three NRC staff safely released following security incident

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is extremely relieved that three of our staff members were safely released after being held captive for several hours following an incident on a humanitarian convoy in eastern DR Congo on Monday (March 1).

Yemen | 01. Mar 2021

Disappointing Yemen aid pledges

Reaction by Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, on the outcome of the international pledging conference for Yemen

Yemen | 01. Mar 2021

"The families I'm meeting in Yemen are staring starvation in the eyes"

Sana'a, 1 March 2021: "I am deeply distressed by seeing first-hand how advanced the starvation has become in Yemen. It is infinitely worse today than when I visited three years ago. The families I'm meeting are staring starvation in the eyes – and for many it worsened when food rations had to be halved last year," warned Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, on a week-long visit to Yemen.

Pact [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

Lesotho Teams Innovating After Bridge Collapses on Lone Road to Mountain Health Center

Community members are helping PIH staff carry patients over a footbridge--among other adjustments--to reach Methalaneng Health Center, which serves 8,500 people in an isolated region.

March 3, 2021

FAQs: COVID-19 Vaccines

Partners In Health clinical leaders and experts answer your questions about COVID-19 vaccines.

March 1, 2021

PATH [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

5 March 2021 - *Syria*

[Save the Children welcomes decision to repatriate Belgian children from Syria, urges repatriation of all children and their mothers](#)

4 March 2021 - *Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States*

[Rotavirus vaccines made available for use in humanitarian crises](#)

3 March 2021 - *Myanmar*

[Appalled after at least four children have been killed in Myanmar by security forces since Sunday](#)

2 March 2021 - *United Kingdom*

[Children have lost more than a third of their school year to the pandemic](#)

1 March 2021 - *Yemen*

[Pledging conference: Yemenis let down once again](#)

Tostan [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

Ten years of war in Syria has cost \$1.2 trillion USD according to World Vision

March 4th 2021

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

New Report: The global decline in democracy has accelerated

Press release March 3, 2021

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Freedom House Welcomes New Trustee

Press release March 1, 2021

Freedom House, the nation's leading prodemocracy organization, today welcomed Dionisio Gutiérrez to its Board of Trustees.

Human Rights Watch [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

March 1, 2021

New Podcast Series: Speaking Truth to Power

A new podcast series that will begin on March 1, 2021 will feature young African activists who are fighting gender-based violence and discrimination and leading change across the continent.

Africa March 5, 2021

Report

Ethiopia: Eritrean Forces Massacre Tigray Civilians

Global March 4, 2021

News Release

Covid-19 Pandemic Sparked Year of Rights Crises

:: Government policies and actions in the year since Covid-19 was declared a pandemic have precipitated human rights crises around the globe.

:: The pandemic and abusive government approaches have especially harmed the world's most marginalized people.

:: Governments should have the moral courage and political will to put protection of everyone's human rights at the heart of a post-pandemic recovery, end abusive policies, and cooperate on vaccine access for all.

Asia March 3, 2021

News Release

Myanmar: End Lethal Force Against Protesters

Transparency International [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press

Corruption investigation into German MP Axel Fischer again demonstrates why Council of Europe needs a permanent investigative body

Germany should use its current Chairmanship to create anti-corruption safeguard

The German Bundestag yesterday lifted MP Axel Fischer's parliamentary immunity over suspicions of corruption during his former role as delegate to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe...
05 March 2021

France adopts new provision for returning stolen assets and proceeds of crime: a step forward with room for improvement

Issued by TI France

Yesterday, on 2 March, 2021, within a broader aid and development programming bill, the French National Assembly unanimously adopted new provisions providing for the restitution of confiscated stolen...

03 March 2021

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ChildFund Alliance [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

News

The role of international actors in peace-building must be guided by humility and respect

4 March 2021

It is only through working together in a spirit of solidarity and mutual respect that we can build peace, recover sustainably from the pandemic and tackle the other great existential challenges facing humanity.

Speech

[The COVID-19 pandemic is a crisis for human rights and development](#)

1 March 2021

Mary Robinson addresses the UN Human Rights Council on the rights of the child and the SDGs, highlighting the importance to uphold rights for the most vulnerable in the global community amid COVID-19.

Evidence Aid [to 6 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

[Travel-related control measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic \(search done on 26 June 2020\)](#) Added March 4, 2021

[Olfactory dysfunction after COVID-19 \(search up to 31 January 2020\)](#) Added March 4, 2021

[Reducing transmission of COVID-19 to healthcare workers \(research available in April 2020\)](#) Added March 4, 2021

[Interventions to help women and children experiencing or witnessing domestic violence and abuse](#) Added March 4, 2021

[Zinc for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19: effects are uncertain \(search up to 8 May 2020\)](#) Added March 3, 2021

[Mental Distress and Human Rights Violations During COVID-19: A Rapid Review of the Evidence Informing Rights, Mental Health Needs, and Public Policy Around Vulnerable Populations](#) Added March 2, 2021

[Engaging the vulnerable: A rapid review of public health communication aimed at migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe](#) Added March 2, 2021

[Impact of Viral Respiratory Epidemics on Mental Health: An Implication on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic](#) Added March 2, 2021

[Aetiology of fever in returning travellers and migrants](#) Added March 2, 2021

Gavi [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News Releases

2 March 2021

COVAX publishes first round of allocations

1 March 2021

First COVID-19 COVAX vaccine doses administered in Africa

Getty Conservation Institute [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

The Arensbergs in Hollywood Discussion Series

Talk Mar 09, 2021, 6p.m. , Location: Online

Global Fund [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News & Stories

News

Global Fund and Fondation CHANEL Form New Partnership to Advance Women's Health in Western and Central Africa

04 March 2021

The Global Fund and Fondation CHANEL have signed a new agreement to set up a civil society-led fund to strengthen women's and girls' engagement in developing health policies, including Global Fund-related processes, in western and central Africa. The partnership, worth US\$1.5 million, will run for three years starting in Senegal, Burkina Faso, and Côte d'Ivoire.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN COVID-19

March, 2020

United Nations (UN)

COVID-19 NGOs critical to the delivery of principled and effective humanitarian assistance

March, 2020

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

ICVA 2021 Annual Conference - Concept note

March, 2021

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

Terms of Reference: Consultant to Support Inter-Agency COVAX Humanitarian Buffer Implementation

February, 2021

Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

InterAction [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest Updates

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment

[Launching The Safeguarding Community Visual Toolkit](#)

Kirsten Mullin | Mar 4, 2021

... To address this, Habitat for Humanity International, Oxfam International, and WaterAid, with the help of funding from InterAction, teamed up to create a "safeguarding community visual toolkit." The toolkit is adaptable and designed to assist humanitarian and development agencies to communicate key safeguarding messages derived from the (IASC) Six Core Principles Relating to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse to the communities in which they and their partners work,...

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

[Engaging stakeholders to identify and address implementation bottlenecks in iron-folic acid supplementation programmes in East Central Uganda](#)

3ie Programme brief, 2021

This brief is based on a bottleneck assessment exercise that uses an implementation science approach to understand and improve iron-folic acid supplementation programmes for pregnant women in East Central Uganda.

CHS Alliance [to 6 Mar 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

5 March 2021

[Development Initiatives \(DI\) joins Crack the Crises coalition](#)

DI has joined more than fifty other organisations in a new coalition to address the triple global crisis of Covid, injustice and climate change.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

[Covid-19 and fragile states: Deaths underreported, health services overwhelmed and famine looming, says new report from leading aid agencies](#)

28/02/2021

Embargoed until 00.01 Monday 01 March 2021

The coronavirus pandemic is pushing people in fragile states towards catastrophe, with hunger levels rising dramatically and famine looming in several countries, [an in-depth report](#) by the Disasters Emergency Committee's coalition of leading UK aid agencies says today.

The report finds that the pandemic has worsened the already dire humanitarian situation in fragile states such as Syria, Yemen and South Sudan, with aid workers saying they expect it to deteriorate further in the coming months. The economic impact of the virus has left people unable to afford food and other essentials, they said, with thousands likely to die from hunger this year in several countries.

As the anniversary of Covid-19 being declared a global pandemic nears, the report provides stark new evidence of the impact of the virus on people in countries with high levels of conflict, displacement and humanitarian need, and paints a devastating picture of the outlook for the year ahead in these places.

Other findings from the report include:

:: Covid-19 cases and deaths have been chronically underreported in fragile states due to minimal testing as well as stigma and fear, with Afghanistan carrying out just 400 tests per day for a population of 40 million in November.

:: Fragile health services have been overwhelmed, with maternal and newborn care and vaccination services being disrupted as a result.

:: The situation in some fragile states is the worst it has been in a decade – including in Syria and Yemen where civil wars were raging before the pandemic – according to a survey of senior aid workers.

:: The impact of the pandemic has been particularly severe on displaced people, making coronavirus and conflict a deadly combination.

:: Aid funding is falling as humanitarian needs rise, meaning many aid agencies are having to cut back on life-saving services...

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

25.02.2021

[Meet the WASH innovations gathering evidence to scale](#)

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

4 March 2021

Online option introduced for all 2021 short courses

4 March 2021

In the news: "Au Nigeria, une guerre contre les écoles"

1 March 2021

Help map SRH Innovations!

Are you an innovator? Share your work!

If you know of an innovation taking place within the SRH sector in a humanitarian setting, we'd like to hear from you. Complete this short, online survey to provide details of the innovation and help us to map where, how and why innovation is taking place. This should take no longer than 15 minutes:

[English](#) version

[French](#) version

[Spanish](#) version

We are the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Science Practice and we're conducting this study on behalf of Elrha to explore sexual and reproductive health (SRH) innovations in humanitarian settings. As part of our research, we are interested in a wide array of innovations including, but not limited to, new or significant adaptations to products, technologies, services, delivery methods, processes, approaches or policies that address important problems in humanitarian SRH...

Groupe URD [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

The political crisis in Somalia

22nd-28th February

This week we start with climate change; one piece on the possibility of local and low-cost solutions to help with early warning of floods. Another about the importance of understanding politics and power when analysing vulnerability to climate change.

Somalia is another key topic. Analysts express concern about the protests and violence in Mogadishu last week arising from the failure to have elections. We also highlight Darfur where sexual violence is ongoing, and where women lack access to justice and political representation.

Finally, we have an opinion on the need to analyse cash transfer programmes more critically, in particular the power gained by payment service providers, which links nicely to a blog on how little decision-making in the humanitarian system is based on evidence.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News

Presentation

Using video as a tool for storytelling & advocacy on EiE

Published 5 March 2021

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

Recording now available– webinar on Parliamentary action to end statelessness by 2024
3/5/2021

On 25 February, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and PHAP, organized a webinar that paid particular attention on how to move beyond pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) and High-Level Segment on Statelessness (HLS) in order to strengthen implementation of the #IBelong Campaign and the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness by 2024...

Sphere [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News and Blog

Start Network begins search for new chair

by Helen James 05 Mar 21

News Article

Start Network has announced today it will be seeking a new chair, after Christof Maetze announced his intention to step down on 31 March.

The organisation's Nominations Committee have launched the search and is aiming to have the new chair in post within the next three months. Noreen Gumbo, vice chair of Start Network's Board of Trustees, will act as the charity's interim chair...

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Brookings

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

Accessed 6 Mar 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

One year in, COVID-19's uneven spread across the US continues

William H. Frey

Friday, March 5, 2021

Report

Digital capital and superstar firms

Prasanna Tambe, Lorin M. Hitt, Daniel Rock, and Erik Brynjolfsson
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Workforce Development

Race and jobs at risk of being automated in the age of COVID-19

Kristen Broady, Darlene Booth-Bell, Jason Coupet, and Moriah Macklin
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Climate Change

The future of electric power in the United States

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Examining and addressing COVID-19 racial disparities in Detroit

Rashawn Ray, Jane Fran Morgan, Lydia Wileden, Samantha Elizondo, and Destiny Wiley-Yancy
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Center for Global Development [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Publication

March 5, 2021

Cost-Effectiveness and Synergies for Emissions Mitigation Projects in Developing Countries

This paper assesses the available evidence evaluating the effectiveness of concessional spending on climate mitigation in developing countries. Impact evaluation evidence on climate mitigation in developing countries is very limited. However, the Green Climate Fund and the Clean Technology Fund lead their peers by making available project-level data on the expected mitigation and cost of funded projects

[Matt Juden](#) and [Ian Mitchell](#)

March 3, 2021

More Problems More Money? Does China Lend More to African Countries with Higher Credit Risk Levels?

Over the past decade, China has provided billions of dollars in concessional and non-concessional finance to countries around the world. In light of these trends, both researchers and pundits have focused on China's motivations for allocating development finance, particularly in Africa, due to debt sustainability concerns.

David Landry and [Gailyn Portelance](#)

March 2, 2021

Global Trends in 2021: How COVID-19 Is Transforming International Development

In this note, we explore some of the changes and trends in development agency strategic direction brought about by the pandemic, as well as fundamental challenges that bilateral development agencies will need to address in the years to come.

[Mikaela Gavas](#) and [Samuel Pleeck](#)

March 2, 2021

Can COVID-19 Induce Governments to Implement Tax Reforms in Developing Countries?

We estimate that the short to medium-term fiscal impact of previous pandemics has been significant in 170 countries (including low-income countries) during the 2000-2018 period.

[Sanjeev Gupta](#) and [João Tovar Jalles](#)

March 1, 2021

[Using Health Taxes to Support Revenue: An Action Agenda for the IMF and World Bank](#)

The Covid-19 pandemic has led to large budget gaps in low- and middle-income countries, with revenues projected to be reduced for years to come. This is the moment for policymakers to consider whether health taxes—levied on tobacco products, alcoholic and sugar-sweetened beverages, and polluting fuels—can play a part in boosting revenue while also supporting better health

[Chris Lane](#) , [Amanda Glassman](#) and [Eleni Smitham](#)

CSIS

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

Accessed 6 Mar 2021

Report

[Rethinking the Role of Remotely Crewed Systems in the Future Force](#)

March 3, 2021 | [Todd Harrison](#) Remotely crewed systems can help the military balance the trade-offs that resource constraints require among force structure, investment, and readiness. This report compares operating costs between remotely piloted aircraft and crewed aircraft to inform future trade-offs.

Report

[Opportunities for the U.S.-Mexico Economic Partnership under the Biden and AMLO Administrations](#)

March 2, 2021 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Linnea Sandin](#) The next four years are a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the new Biden administration to engage with Mexico and President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) to reinforce the trade relationship between their two countries.

Report

[The Changing Military Dynamics of the MENA Region](#)

March 2, 2021 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The United States must restructure its security assistance and force posture in the MENA region to respond to the changing dynamics of the political and security landscape, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

Report

[Accelerating 5G in the United States](#)

March 1, 2021 This 5G strategy offers a comprehensive approach to network technologies, building on the strength of the United States to innovate and invest while designing government policies to support and complement those strengths.

Report

[Red Flags: Triaging China's Projects in the Western Balkans](#)

March 1, 2021 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Jonathan E. Hillman](#), [Donatienne Ruy](#), [Maesea McCalpin](#) This report provides recommendations for U.S. and partner responses to China's growing economic and political influence in the Western Balkans and a "red flags" checklist to help identify activities that warrant further scrutiny.

Rand [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Research Reports

Report

The Relationship Between Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment in the U.S. Military: Findings from the RAND Military Workplace Study

This report describes analyses, using data from the 2014 RAND Military Workplace Study, designed to identify how the sexual harassment of others in a service member's work environment affects his or her own risk of being sexually assaulted.

Mar 2, 2021

Terry L. Schell, Matthew Cefalu, Coreen Farris, Andrew R. Morral

Report

What Contributes to COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Black Communities, and How Can It Be Addressed?

Recent polls show that Black Americans are less willing than Americans of other races or ethnicities to be vaccinated for COVID-19. RAND researchers surveyed Black Americans to better understand the drivers of such hesitancy.

Mar 1, 2021

Laura M. Bogart, Lu Dong, Priya Gandhi, Samantha Ryan, Terry L. Smith, David J. Klein, Luckie-Alexander Fuller, Bisola O. Ojikutu

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 6 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

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Publications

First Things First: How Social Security Reform Can Eliminate Elderly Poverty

In this brief, we examine how Social Security proposals could eliminate poverty and relative poverty (defined as having low income relative to average wages in the economy) for older adults and people who receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. We add a basic minimum benefit to three prominent Social Security proposals that as currently designed would increase or maintain relative poverty over

[C. Eugene Steuerle](#), [Karen E. Smith](#)

March 4, 2021

Brief

Norms and Narratives That Shape US Charitable and Philanthropic Giving

The past few decades have brought about a profound shift in the norms and narratives surrounding smaller-scale charitable giving and larger-scale philanthropic giving. In this report, I analyze some of the most significant of those norms and narratives—that is, the rules governing accepted or valued charitable and philanthropic behavior and the replicable, archetypal stories that have developed to make sense of

[Benjamin Soskis](#)

March 4, 2021

Research Report

The Federal Government Could Do More to Help Finance Short-Term Occupational Preparation

The federal student aid system has emerged as the primary source of funding for students pursuing a wide range of subbaccalaureate credentials. But the eligibility rules for federal student aid, offered under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, require a minimum program length of 600 hours for Pell grants, despite little evidence showing that short programs meeting the current benchmark produce better labor-

[Sandy Baum](#), [Harry Holzer](#)

March 4, 2021

Fact Sheet

Extending the California Earned Income Tax Credit to Postsecondary Students

Postsecondary education can be a critical step toward financial independence. Total college costs in California may present an extraordinary financial burden. For students with incomes under \$30,000 in California, the cost of attendance at public universities (after accounting for existing grant aid) consumes about half of a person's household income. Extending the maximum California earned income tax credit (

[Elaine Maag](#), [Nikhita Airi](#)

March 3, 2021

Brief

Education Borders in Atlanta

School segregation is one of the most enduring inequities in US public education, reinforcing racial and ethnic gaps in academic and socioeconomic outcomes. School boundaries, whether between districts or between schools within a district, often help perpetuate school segregation in otherwise racially and ethnically diverse cities and neighborhoods. To understand which school boundaries contribute most to

[Tomás Monarrez](#), [David Schonholzer](#), [Carina Chien](#), [Macy Rainer](#)

March 2, 2021

Research Report

Covering More Workers with Unemployment Insurance

The performance of the federal-state Unemployment Insurance (UI) system in past recessions holds potential lessons for the UI system in supporting workers through the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. This brief identifies themes from research on the Great Recession about how UI can cover more workers, including findings related to the UI modernization provisions of the Recovery Act of 2009 and efforts that expanded

[William J. Congdon](#), [Wayne Vroman](#)

March 2, 2021

Brief

Extending Unemployment Insurance Benefits in Recessions

Among the major policies supporting workers through the COVID-19 crisis is the federal-state Unemployment Insurance (UI) system, which provides cash benefits to those who lose their jobs or, in some cases, lose work hours. This brief identifies themes from research on the Great Recession about extending UI benefits, including findings related to the standing Extended Benefits and temporary Emergency Unemployment

[William J. Congdon](#), [Wayne Vroman](#)

March 2, 2021

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Media

Japan Launches Circular Economy Collaboration with World Economic Forum

News 03 Mar 2021

:: Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) announced the launch of the Partnership on Circular Economy Tuesday, 2 March.

:: This public-private partnership between MOEJ and Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) will enhance resource circulation in focus areas such as plastics.

:: The World Economic Forum's Circular Economy initiative will help shape the strategy and approach to this partnership in the months ahead.

:: The announcement, made at the World Economic Forum's March Japan Circular Economy Roundtable, follows other efforts by the country to control plastic use, manufacturing and waste.

:: [Learn more about the roundtable here.](#)

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

Cell Shorts | Building a better model of blindness and eye disease

March 3, 2021

Researchers at the University of Washington are working on growing human retinal tissue in the lab to better understand macular degeneration, glaucoma and other vision disorders

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases and Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 6 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 6 Mar 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 6 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 6 Mar 2021]

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

The Latest

News 3 March 2021

Major Philanthropies Tackle Inequality by Strengthening How Open Source Code is Developed and Maintained

NEW YORK — Today, the Ford Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Omidyar Network, and the Mozilla Open Source Support Program in collaboration with the Open Collective Foundation announced \$1.3 million in grants to 13 research projects to advance our understanding of critical digital infrastructure across the globe. The funding will support the most cutting edge research to date on digital infrastructure and open source code—the building blocks of a free and open internet. Researchers will also examine how a lack of diversity and sustainability has reduced innovation and blunted the growth of the digital infrastructure field.

Everything from hospitals to banks to social media platforms runs on open source software, nearly all of which is built on digital infrastructure. The field, run largely by volunteers, remains at risk of collapse from a lack of maintenance, resources, and diversity. These pose significant risks to the open internet and the ability to develop new, innovative research and businesses within it...

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest

Shifting the power in global development: Should we stay or should we go now?

Global Development and Population

By [Pat Scheid](#)

March 5, 2021

Hewlett Foundation names Charmaine Jackson Mercer as first-ever Chief of Equity and Culture

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has named Charmaine Jackson Mercer, a leader in education, government, philanthropy, and nonprofit arenas, as its first-ever Chief of Equity and Culture, the foundation said today. In this newly created senior role, Mercer will oversee external grantmaking related to racial equity, including a new 10-year, \$150 million racial justice...
Education March 5, 2021

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

Changemakers for the future: Vincy Abraham, Purpose Climate Lab

The IKEA Foundation helps many organisations accelerate their efforts in combating climate change. Facts and figures speak for themselves, but who exactly are the people behind this extraordinary work?
March 4, 2021

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Room

Research Mar 02 2021

Here's How Insects Coax Plants into Making Galls

Scientists have identified proteins in aphid saliva that can alter plant development. These proteins drive abnormal growths called galls, which give insects a protected place to feed and reproduce.

Research Mar 02 2021

Flexible "Slinkies" Form in DNA of Archaea

New cryo-electron microscopy images suggest archaeal microbes pack their chromatin into tight coils that can spring open, forming unexpected contortions.

Kaiser Family Foundation

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

Accessed 6 Mar 2021

March 4, 2021 *News Release*

THE CONVERSATION: Between Us, About Us, A New Campaign By Black Health Care Workers for Black People about the COVID-19 Vaccines

March 4, 2021 – THE CONVERSATION: Between Us, About Us. is a new campaign to provide Black communities with credible information about the COVID-19 vaccines co-developed by KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation) and the Black Coalition Against COVID. Black doctors, nurses and researchers dispel misinformation and provide accessible facts in 50...

March 3, 2021 *News Release*

KFF Tracking Poll: More Than a Third of Americans Say They've Struggled to Pay Living Expenses Since December; 6 in 10 Families Hit by COVID Have Lost A Job or Income

Majorities Favor Provisions to Expand Marketplace Tax Credits and Encourage States to Expand Medicaid As Congress considers an additional \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief plan, more than a third (37%) of Americans say that someone in their household has had trouble paying basic living expenses over the past three months, the...

March 1, 2021 *News Release*

Many Nonelderly People With Disabilities Face COVID-19 Risks Similar to Those of the Elderly in Nursing Homes, But Do Not Have Equal Footing When it Comes to Vaccine Priority

While the toll of COVID-19 on nursing home residents has been well documented, less noticed has been the experience of nonelderly people with disabilities who rely on long-term care services and supports outside of nursing homes. In many ways the two groups face similar health risks from the virus, but...

March 1, 2021 *News Release*

Analysis: Spending on Health Care Would Drop by an Estimated \$352 Billion in 2021 if Private Insurance Used Medicare Rates to Reimburse Hospitals and Other Health Care Providers

Total health care spending for people with private health insurance would be an estimated \$352 billion lower in 2021 if private insurers used Medicare rates to pay hospitals and other health care providers, rather than the substantially higher rates they currently pay, a new KFF analysis finds. That would represent...

Kellogg Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

Rethinking Norms of Surveillance After COVID-19

March 2, 2021

Grantee Research

In a report on surveillance during the pandemic, the Social Science Research Council examines the lasting surveillance apparatuses established to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and identifies strategies for more responsible technology use. Expanded surveillance has created new norms that increasingly target vulnerable groups and cause harm especially when they are used to manage and

enforce behavior. In its analysis, the MacArthur-supported report presents strategies to rethink the use of surveillance, including building more trust and transparency between communities and authorities and working toward more data minimalism.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

Grantee News

Judith F. Baca's Iconic 'Great Wall' Mural Gets an Update, Thanks to a Major Grant

March 3, 2021

Judith F. Baca's The History of California, better known as the Great Wall of Los Angeles, is an epic mural cycle that envisions history from the perspective of Indigenous, Black, Latinx, and Asian people, who have historically been pushed to the margins of mainstream versions of L.A. history centering white politicians, activists, and more. In the work, Baca highlights the important—and painful—moments to which these communities have bore witness over the centuries. But the work has never charted the recent past—its focus has cut off at the 1950s since 1983, when the mural was completed.

"That will all change following a \$5 million Mellon Foundation grant that will allow Baca and the arts nonprofit she cofounded, the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC), to extend the imagery of the Great Wall to include happenings over the past 70 years through 2021....



Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases, Statements, Events

Event March 5, 2021

Flood Resilience in the Year Ahead: Opportunities for the New Congress

Opinion March 5, 2021

Dear Senate: Want to Help the Economy? Pass These Conservation Bills

Opinion March 1, 2021

How President Biden Can Improve Health Data Sharing For COVID-19 and Beyond

Rockefeller Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Reports/Press Releases

Press Releases

Mar 01 2021

Founders First Capital Partners Announces Initial Close of \$9 Million Series A to Support Underrepresented Entrepreneurs, Underserved Communities

The Rockefeller Foundation led financing as part of the Foundation's Zero Gap Fund, channeling private capital for public good.

SAN DIEGO, CA | February 25, 2021 – [Founders First Capital Partners](#) (Founders First) announced its initial close for a \$9 million Series A financing led by The Rockefeller Foundation and the Surdna Foundation to support underfunded and underrepresented entrepreneurs. This Series A will accelerate the deployment of Founders First's \$100 million credit facility from Community Investment Management to fund 400 companies. Diverse founders are defined as those companies led by women, military veterans, LGBTQ+ and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) founders, offering them more flexible growth capital than traditional bank debt. The funding will also allow Founders First to expand into new regions across the United States.

The financing seeks not only to position businesses for scale, but also to demonstrate the value proposition in supporting minority-led small businesses. Through this expansion, Founders First will become one of the country's largest revenue-based finance and advisory support investment platforms for underserved small businesses. In addition to The Rockefeller Foundation and the Surdna Foundation, investors include Kauffman Foundation through the Capital Access Lab Fund at

ImpactAssets, LivingCities Blended Catalyst Fund, Spring Point Partners, The Impact Seat and Lindmor Foundation...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 6 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..."

No new digest content identified.

SDGFunders [to 6 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 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Q&A

Anna Mouser, Jeremy Farrar

[**Why we need fair global vaccine allocation to end Covid-19**](#)

2 March 2021

Explainer

[**Why is a global Covid-19 vaccine rollout vital?**](#)

2 March 2021

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 6 Mar 2021]

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

Press Room

March 3, 2021

New Report Finds That More Than \$20 Billion Went to COVID-19 Philanthropy in 2020

Candid and the Center for Disaster Philanthropy provide new data and analysis that shows an increase in giving to communities of color, highlights that there's still more work to do

[See Week in Review for detail]

Council on Foundations [to 6 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 Feb 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.

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2021 Volume 49 Issue 3 p281-408

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2021 Volume 60 Issue 3 p311-452

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2021 111(3)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 104, Issue 1, January 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

February 2021 Volume 174, Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 379 - February 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 292 March 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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Commentary

[Communicating COVID-19 vaccines: lessons from the dengue vaccine controversy in the Philippines](#) (2 March, 2021)

Gideon Lasco, Vincen Gregory Yu

[An urgent call to collect data related to COVID-19 and Indigenous populations globally](#) (2 March, 2021)

Alistair Mallard, Maria Amalia Pesantes, Carol Zavaleta-Cortijo, James Ward

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[Short-term, medium-term and long-term effects of early parenting interventions in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#) (5 March, 2021)

Joshua Jeong, Helen O Pitchik, Günther Fink

[Improving estimates of the burden of severe wasting: analysis of secondary prevalence and incidence data from 352 sites](#) (2 March, 2021)

Sheila Isanaka, Christopher T Andersen, Simon Cousens, Mark Myatt, André Briend, Julia Krasevec, Chika Hayashi, Amy Mayberry, Louise Mwirigi, Saul Guerrero

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[Antibiotic resistance in Pakistan: a systematic review of past decade](#)

During the last six decades, extensive use of antibiotics has selected resistant strains, increasing the rate of fatal infectious diseases, and exerting an economic burden on society. This situation is widely ...

Authors: Hazrat Bilal, Muhammad Nadeem Khan, Tayyab Rehman, Muhammad Fazal Hameed and Xingyuan Yang

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2021 21:244

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BMC Medical Ethics

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Research article

Systematic review: bioethical implications for COVID-19 research in low prevalence countries, a distinctly different set of problems

A systematic review failed to identify articles relating to COVID-19 research ethics, specific to low prevalence countries. It shows that there is a significant gap in the literature that warrants further investigation. Common ethical principles were used to present a distinct set of challenges experienced by a country with a low prevalence of COVID-19. This unique perspective of some of the common ethical problems surrounding research, may help guide further discussion and guide research in similar countries.

Authors: Tony Skapetis, Constance Law and Rohan Rodricks

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:22

Content type: Research article

Published on: 3 March 2021

Facing new challenges to informed consent processes in the context of translational research: the case in CARPEM consortium

In the context of translational research, researchers have increasingly been using biological samples and data in fundamental research phases. To explore informed consent practices, we conducted a retrospective study on informed consent documents that were used for CARPEM's translational research programs. This review focused on detailing their form, their informational content, and the adequacy of these documents with the international ethical principles and participants' rights.

Authors: Elise Jacquier, Pierre Laurent-Puig, Cécile Badoual, Anita Burgun and Marie-France Mamzer

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:21

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BMC Public Health

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The prevalence of risk factors associated with non-communicable diseases in Afghan refugees in southern Iran: a cross-sectional study

Refugees are highly vulnerable to many health-related risks. Monitoring non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is of overriding importance in these populations. This study aimed to investigate the prevalence of risk...

Authors: Erfan Taherifard, Mohammad Javad Moradian, Ehsan Taherifard, Abdolrasool Hemmati, Behnaz Rastegarfar and Hossein Molavi Vardanjani

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:442

Content type: Research article

Published on: 5 March 2021

Measles outbreak in complex emergency: estimating vaccine effectiveness and evaluation of the vaccination campaign in Borno State, Nigeria, 2019

From January to May 2019, large measles outbreaks affected Nigeria. Borno state was the most affected, recording 15,237 suspected cases with the state capital of Maiduguri having 1125 cases investigated and li...

Authors: Anne Eudes Jean Baptiste, John Wagai, Richard Luce, Balcha Masresha, Don Klinkenberg, Irene Veldhuijzen, Joseph Oteri, Boubacar Dieng, Obianuju Caroline Ikeonu, Sule Meleh, Audu Musa, Fiona Braka, Susan Hahné, E. A. M. Sanders and Eelko Hak

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:437

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Published on: 4 March 2021

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BMJ Open

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Protocol: Evaluation of the decision-making process underlying the initial off-label use of vaccines: a scoping review protocol (4 March, 2021)

Dieynaba Diallo, Caroline Quach

Vaccination has become a central part of public health prevention. Vaccines are introduced after licensure by national regulatory authorities, whereas recommendations for use of licensed vaccines are made by national or international advisory committees and may include off-label use. The methodological and decision-making processes that are used to assess novel initial off-label vaccine use are unclear. This review aims to examine the off-label assessment processes to map evidence and concepts used in the decision-making process and present a common approach between all recommendations and specifics of each decision.

Strengths and limitations of this study

:: Strengths of this review comprise the substantial significance of mapping the decision-making processes and methods used for off-label vaccine recommendations.

:: The use of recognised scoping review methodology.

:: A search strategy developed in collaboration with an experienced senior health research librarian.

:: Systematic screening and extraction of data independently conducted in duplicate.

:: Off-label vaccine use established practices, not published in an official form by national authorities, potentially represent a limitation for this review.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 99, Number 3, March 2021, 169-240
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/99/3/en/>

EDITORIALS

[The quality-of-care agenda in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable settings](#)

— Matthew Neilson, Sheila Leatherman & Shamsuzzoha Syed

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...In response to this need for action, the World Health Organization (WHO) has worked with partners to develop a practical approach to address quality in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable settings.⁷ These efforts have culminated in a technical package comprising an action-focused guide⁸ and tools compendium.⁹

The technical package builds on WHO's established approach to national quality policy and strategy.^{10,11} The package is designed for the complexities of delivering health services in such settings. Over a 2-year period, Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina, United States of America, in collaboration with WHO, undertook foundational research to understand the evidence base and implementation experience around what works to improve quality in these settings.¹² This research was supplemented by several rounds of consultation with experts to ground the technical package in a pragmatic understanding of the factors that determine successful implementation.

Quality of care in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable settings: taking action presents a flexible, non-prescriptive approach to support action planning for quality in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable settings.⁸ Implementation will be different across diverse settings, also depending on the scope of executing organizations. Action may be taken by: individual providers or humanitarian partners for services that they provide; multiple stakeholders pursuing a coordinated quality agenda; national governments, in settings where they have adequate control and capacity; and subnational governments addressing a specific geographical area, complementing the broader national quality strategy where it exists.

The technical package outlines eight elements for quality action planning: service priorities and quality goals; shared local understanding of quality; stakeholder mapping and engagement; situational analysis; governance for quality; interventions for quality improvement; health information systems and quality assessment; and quality measurement...

[Coordinating COVID-19 vaccine deployment through the WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform](#)

— M Anne Yu, Angela K Shen, Michael J Ryan & Linda Lucy Boulanger

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.21.285550>

RESEARCH

[Access to female contraceptives by Rohingya refugees, Bangladesh](#)

— Md Nuruzzaman Khan, M Mofizul Islam, Md Mashiur Rahman & Md Mostafizur Rahman

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.269779>

Objective

To determine the prevalence of the use of contraceptives among female Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and its associated factors.

Methods

We conducted our cross-sectional survey at the Kutupalong refugee facility located in Cox's Bazar in November 2019. We used univariable and multivariable logistic regression models to determine the association between the use of contraceptives and our various predictor variables, including women's age, age at first marriage, education level and employment status. We also considered factors such as whether previous pregnancies were planned or unplanned, and the occurrence of non-consensual sex with husbands.

Findings

We found that 50.91% (251/493) of the survey participants used contraceptives, and that injection (169/251; 67.33%) and oral contraceptives (75/251; 29.88%) were the predominant modes. Of the women who did not use contraceptives, the main reasons were reported as disapproval by husbands (118/242; 48.76%), actively seeking a pregnancy (42/242; 17.36%) and religious beliefs (37/242; 15.29%). An increased likelihood of using contraceptives was found to be positively associated with women's employment outside their households (odds ratio, OR: 3.11; 95% confidence interval, CI: 1.69–6.11) and the presence of a health-care centre in the camp (OR: 3.92; 95% CI: 2.01–7.67). Women who reported an unplanned pregnancy during the previous 2 years were less likely to use contraceptives (OR: 0.02; 95% CI: 0.01–0.05).

Conclusion

To increase the acceptance and use of contraceptives, we recommend programmes targeted at women of reproductive age and their husbands, religious and community leaders, and providers of family planning and child and maternal health-care services.

PERSPECTIVES

[Adapting environmental surveillance for polio to the need to track antimicrobial resistance](http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.258905)

— Christine Årdal, David McAdams, Astrid Louise Wester & Sigrun Møgedal

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.258905>

Child Care, Health and Development

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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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[Meta-analysis of the effects of two interviewing practices on children's disclosures of sensitive information: Rapport practices and question type](#)

Jennifer Lavoie, Joshua Wyman, Angela M. Crossman, Victoria Talwar

Article 104930

Clinical Therapeutics

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

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

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Volume 18 Issue 1, February 2021

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Conflict and Health

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

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Vulnerability of Syrian refugees in Lebanon to COVID-19: quantitative insights

Lebanon, a middle-income country with ongoing political turmoil, unstable economic situation, and a fragmented and under-resourced health system, hosts about one million Syrian refugees since 2011. While the country is currently experiencing substantial COVID-19 epidemic spread, no outbreaks have been reported yet among Syrian refugees. However, testing of this population remains limited and exposure levels are high given dire living conditions and close interaction with the host community. Here, we use quantitative insights of transmission dynamics to outline risk and contextual factors that may modulate vulnerability of Syrian refugees in Lebanon to potentially large COVID-19 epidemics.

Authors: Fouad M. Fouad, Stephen J. McCall, Houssein Ayoub, Laith J. Abu-Raddad and Ghina R. Mumtaz

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Volume 100 January 2021

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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

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Developing World Bioethics

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

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES

Lessons from the Ebola epidemics and their applications for COVID-19 pandemic response in sub-Saharan Africa

Muhammed O. Afolabi et al

Pages: 25-30

First Published: 12 July 2020

Allocation of scarce resources in Africa during COVID-19: Utility and justice for the bottom of the pyramid?

Keymanthri Moodley et al

Pages: 36-43

First Published: 26 August 2020

Considerations for stakeholder engagement and COVID-19 related clinical trials' conduct in sub-Saharan Africa

Morenike Oluwatoyin Folayan et al;

Pages: 44-50

First Published: 15 August 2020

ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to determine how stakeholder engagement can be adapted for the conduct of COVID-19-related clinical trials in sub-Saharan Africa. Nine essential stakeholder engagement practices were reviewed: formative research; stakeholder engagement plan; communications and issues management plan; protocol development; informed consent process; standard of prevention for vaccine research and standard of care for treatment research; policies on trial-related physical, psychological, financial, and/or social harms; trial accrual, follow-up, exit trial closure and results dissemination; and post-trial access to trial products or procedures. The norms, values, and practices of collectivist societies in Sub-Saharan Africa and the low research literacy pose challenges to the conduct of clinical trials. Civil-society organizations, members of community advisory boards and ethics committees, young persons, COVID-19 survivors, researchers, government, and the private sector are assets for the implementation and translation of COVID-19 related clinical trials. Adapting ethics guidelines to the socio-cultural context of the region can facilitate achieving the aim of stakeholder engagement.

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

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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 16 - Issue 1 - 2021

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

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

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

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Epidemics

Volume 34 March 2021

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Research article Open access

[Optimised prophylactic vaccination in metapopulations](#)

Mingmei Teo, Nigel Bean, Joshua V. Ross

Article 100420

Highlights

:: A flexible SIR stochastic metapopulation model is studied.

:: Insights to when it is best to allocate vaccines (pre-versus post-outbreak) and to whom they should be allocated are provided.

:: In practice it is generally optimal to distribute all vaccines prophylactically, rather than withholding vaccines.

:: An approximately optimal vaccination scheme is introduced and is shown to be consistently at least as good as three strategies reported in the literature.

Abstract

A highly effective method for controlling the spread of an infectious disease is vaccination. However, there are many situations where vaccines are in limited supply. The ability to determine, under this constraint, a vaccination strategy which minimises the number of people that become infected over the course of a potential epidemic is essential. Two questions naturally arise: when is it best to allocate vaccines, and to whom should they be allocated? We address these questions in the context of metapopulation models of disease spread. We discover that in practice it is generally optimal to distribute all vaccines prophylactically, rather than withholding until infection is introduced. For small metapopulations, we provide a method for determining the optimal prophylactic allocation. As the optimal strategy becomes computationally intensive to obtain when the population size increases, we detail an approximation method to determine an approximately optimal vaccination scheme. We find that our approximate strategy is consistently at least as good as three strategies reported in the literature across a wide range of parameter values.

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 149 - 2021

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Ethics & Human Research

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Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2020 (34,4)

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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

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Food Policy

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Food Security

Volume 13, issue 1, February 2021

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

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Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 65 November 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/recognising-refugees>

Recognising refugees

FMR issue 65's main feature on Recognising refugees explores shortcomings, challenges and innovations (and their consequences for refugees/asylum seekers) in refugee status determination processes worldwide. A second feature offers reflections on lessons and good practice emerging from the 2018–20 GP20 Plan of Action for IDPs.

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Forum for Development Studies

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Gates Open Research

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Genome Medicine

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Geoheritage

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Global Health Action

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 8, No. 4 December 23, 2020

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Global Public Health

Volume 16, Issue 3 (2021)

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Globalization and Health

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

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[A survey of International Health Regulations National Focal Points experiences in carrying out their functions](#)

The 2005 International Health Regulations (IHR (2005)) require States Parties to establish National Focal Points (NFPs) responsible for notifying the World Health Organization (WHO) of potential events that might constitute public health emergencies of international concern (PHEICs), such as outbreaks of novel infectious diseases. Given the critical role of NFPs in the global surveillance and response system supported by the IHR, we sought to assess their experiences in carrying out their functions.

Authors: Corinne Packer, Sam F. Halabi, Helge Hollmeyer, Salima S. Mithani, Lindsay Wilson, Arne Ruckert, Ronald Labonté, David P. Fidler, Lawrence O. Gostin and Kumanan Wilson

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[COVID-19 preparedness: capacity to manufacture vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic is a biosecurity threat, and many resource-rich countries are stockpiling and/or making plans to secure supplies of vaccine, therapeutics, and diagnostics for their citizens. We review the products that are being investigated for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19; discuss the challenges that countries in sub-Saharan Africa may face with access to COVID-19 vaccine, therapeutics, and diagnostics due to the limited capacity to manufacture them in Africa; and

make recommendations on actions to mitigate these challenges and ensure health security in sub-Saharan Africa during this unprecedented pandemic and future public-health crises.

Authors: Bisi Bright, Chinedum Peace Babalola, Nadia Adjoa Sam-Agudu, Augustine Anayochukwu Onyeaghala, Adebola Olatunji, Ufuoma Aduh, Patrick O. Sobande, Trevor A. Crowell, Yenew Kebede Tebeje, Sunny Phillip, Nicaise Ndembi and Morenike Oluwatoyin Folayan

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Health Affairs

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Analysis COVID-19

[How New Models Of Vaccine Development For COVID-19 Have Helped Address An Epic Public Health Crisis](#)

David E. Bloom, Daniel Cadarette, Maddalena Ferranna, Randall N. Hyer, and Daniel L. Tortorice

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine development and manufacturing have proceeded at a historically unprecedented pace. This speed may be accounted for by the unprecedented scale of resources being devoted to addressing COVID-19; an unusual ...

Analysis COVID-19

[Reflections On Governance, Communication, And Equity: Challenges And Opportunities In COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

Daniel Salmon, Douglas J. Opel, Matthew Z. Dudley, Janesse Brewer, and Robert Breiman

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

Recent Viewpoints

[The Value of Human Rights for Vaccine Prioritization at the National Level](#)

Sharifah Sekalala, 8 February 2021

In this Viewpoint I argue that human rights have been largely left out of conversations about how to prioritise allocation within national vaccine programmes, but an intersectional human-rights approach is the fairest and most effective way to address COVID-19 vaccine prioritization.

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

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 36, Issue 1, February 2021

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

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[Competing interests, clashing ideas and institutionalizing influence: insights into the political economy of malaria control from seven African countries](#)

Justin Parkhurst, Ludovica Ghilardi, Jayne Webster, Robert W Snow, Caroline A Lynch

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 36, Issue 1, February 2021, Pages 35–44,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa166>

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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[How to bring research evidence into policy? Synthesizing strategies of five research projects in low-and middle-income countries](#)

Authors: Séverine Erisman, Maria Amalia Pesantes, David Beran, Andrea Leuenberger, Andrea Farnham, Monica Berger Gonzalez de White, Niklaus Daniel Labhardt, Fabrizio Tediosi, Patricia Akweongo, August Kuwawenaruwa, Jakob Zinsstag, Fritz Brugger, Claire Somerville, Kaspar Wyss and Helen Prytherch

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2021 19:29

Content type: Research

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Abstract

Background

Addressing the uptake of research findings into policy-making is increasingly important for researchers who ultimately seek to contribute to improved health outcomes. The aims of the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d Programme) initiated by the Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation are to create and disseminate knowledge that supports policy changes in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This paper reports on five r4d research projects and shows how researchers engage with various stakeholders, including policy-makers, in order to assure uptake of the research results.

Methods

Eleven in-depth interviews were conducted with principal investigators and their research partners from five r4d projects, using a semi-structured interview guide. The interviews explored the process of how stakeholders and policy-makers were engaged in the research project.

Results

Three key strategies were identified as fostering research uptake into policies and practices: (S1) stakeholders directly engaged with and sought evidence from researchers; (S2) stakeholders were involved in the design and throughout the implementation of the research project; and (S3) stakeholders engaged in participatory and transdisciplinary research approaches to coproduce knowledge and inform policy. In the first strategy, research evidence was directly taken up by international stakeholders as they were actively seeking new evidence on a very specific topic to update international guidelines. In the second strategy, examples from two r4d projects show that collaboration with stakeholders from early on in the projects increased the likelihood of translating research into policy, but that the latter was more effective in a supportive and stable policy environment. The third strategy adopted by two other r4d projects demonstrates the benefits of promoting colearning as a way to address potential power dynamics and working effectively across the local policy landscape through robust research partnerships.

Conclusions

This paper provides insights into the different strategies that facilitate collaboration and communication between stakeholders, including policy-makers, and researchers. However, it remains necessary to increase our understanding of the interests and motivations of the different actors involved in the process of influencing policy, identify clear policy-influencing objectives and provide more institutional support to engage in this complex and time-intensive process.

Human Gene Therapy

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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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[Abusing Immigrants: An Analysis of Immigrant Enforcement and Mexican Migrant Claims of Human Rights Violations by Agents of the United States](#)

Ricardo D. Martínez-Schuldt, Jacqueline Maria Hagan

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[The Linkages Between Business and Human Rights and Their Underlying Root Causes](#)

Ilias Bantekas

pp. 117-137

ABSTRACT:

Scholarly and activist debate in the business and human rights conversation has largely centered on the conduct of corporations. This article suggests that we look deeper at the structural, underlying causes and commence remedial action from there. More specifically, corporations make use of the politico-economic space available to them from the extensive international law of foreign investment and international trade regimes. These laws are meant to favor corporations over and above the ordinary regulatory competence of (mostly) developing states, which in turn gives rise to a lax regulatory environment. This is further exacerbated by poor extra-territorial regulation in home/mother states, in addition to the outdated notion that corporations only possess soft law human rights obligations, supposedly because of their limited international legal personality. This article argues that it is the global financial/investment architecture that effectively pushes corporations to take advantage of poor governance, which in turn necessitates stronger domestic (human rights and developmental based) regulation in parallel with adequate standards of investment and trade protection.

[Facilitated Communication, Neurodiversity, and Human Rights](#)

William Paul Simmons, Janyce Boynton, Todd Landman

pp. 138-167

ABSTRACT:

Facilitated Communication (FC) has rightly been labeled a pseudoscience as there are no controlled studies showing its validity as a form of communication for people with severe autism or other disabilities. In controlled studies, it has been the facilitator and not the person with disabilities that is

generating the communication. Spurious communications have led to numerous cases of sexual assault and false accusations of misconduct. Nevertheless, FC remains widely practiced and touted even by supposed experts. We argue that this controversy has important human rights implications, especially for activists attempting to amplify marginalized people's voices by speaking for them, and raises critical questions about epistemological issues in human rights work.

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 78, October 2020

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

Disability inclusion in humanitarian action

by HPN October 2020

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

As Kirstin Lange notes in the lead article, chief among these challenges is humanitarian agencies' lack of engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities. Simone Bula, Elizabeth Morgan and Teresa Thomson look at disability inclusion in humanitarian response in the Pacific, and Kathy Al Jubeh and Alradi Abdalla argue for a 'participation revolution', building on learning from the gender movement. Tchaurea Fleury and Sulayman AbdulMumuni Ujah outline how the Bridge Article 11 training initiative is encouraging constructive exchange between humanitarian and disability actors. The lack of good, disaggregated data is highlighted by Sarah Collinson; Frances Hill, Jim Cranshaw and Carys Hughes emphasise the need for training resources in local languages and accessible formats; and Sophie Van Eetvelt and colleagues report on a review of the evidence on inclusion of people with disabilities and older people.

Rebecca Molyneux and co-authors analyse the findings of a review of a DFID programme in north-east Nigeria, while Carolin Funke highlights the importance of strategic partnerships between disability-focused organisations, drawing on her research in Cox's Bazar. Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed describes Islamic Relief Worldwide's approach to mainstreaming protection and inclusion, while Pauline Thivillier and Valentina Shafina outline IRC's Client Responsive Programming. The edition ends with reflections by Mirela Turcanu and Yves Ngunzi Kahashi on CAFOD's SADI approach.

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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Volume 13, Issue 2, March 2021

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

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Spatial clustering of cholera cases in the Kathmandu Valley: implications for a ring vaccination strategy](#)

Mellisa Roskosky, Mohammad Ali, Shyam Raj Upreti, David Sack

Editor's Choice

[Offering care for victims of torture among a migrant population in a transit country: a descriptive study in a dedicated clinic from January 2017 to June 2019](#)

Manar Keshk, Rebecca Harrison, Walter Kizito, Christina Psarra, Phillip Owiti ...

[Engaging ethnic minority communities through performance and arts: health education in Cambodian forest villages](#)

James J Callery, Nou Sanann, Rupam Tripura, Thoek Buntau, Thomas J Peto ...

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Volume 9 (2020): Issue 2 (Oct 2020)

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The International Journal of Children's Rights

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

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 8, No 3 (2021) March 2021

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[Knowledge, attitude and practice towards COVID-19 vaccination acceptance in West India](#)

This is a cross-sectional study done in an urban slum in Mumbai, India. The main outcome variable was the responses related to COVID-19 vaccine acceptance among the study participants.

Shibal Bhartiya, Nishant Kumar, Tarundeep Singh, Sathiabalan Murugan, Saranya Rajavel, Meenakshi Wadhvani

[A study on predictors of complete immunization in children aged 12-23 months in slums of Kanpur Nagar, India](#)

Educational status of the parents particularly mothers and the economic status of the family have great bearing on the immunization coverage of under 5 children. So female empowerment measures may prove helpful in improvement of the immunization status.

Ruchi Chaturvedi, R. P. Sharma, D. S. Martolia, Tanu Midha

Attitude towards childhood vaccination among parents in a rural area of Trivandrum district

A cross-sectional study was carried out among parents of children below the age of 15 years, who are residents of a rural area in Thiruvananthapuram district. Data was collected using the parents' attitude about childhood vaccination (PACV) survey, with the consent of the participants. The collected data entered into MS Excel and analysis was carried out using SPSS 20.

Nithya Girija, Deena Divakaran Sreelatha, Benny Purandaran Vasanthamani, Anil Bindhu Sukumaran, Regi Jose, Manju Leelavathy, Divija ., Ramiz Raja

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Volume 52 January 2021

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Volume 50, Issue 1, February 2021

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Volume 27, Issue 3, 2021

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Volume 14 Issue 1 2021

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

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February 2021 Volume 103 p1-654

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Volume 55 Issue 1, March 2021

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Immigrant Integration, Civic Engagement, and Institutions

Ethnic Enclaves, Self-employment, and the Economic Performance of Refugees: Evidence from a Swedish Dispersal Policy

Henrik Andersson

First Published May 5, 2020; pp. 58–83

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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March 2, 2021, Vol 325, No. 9, Pages 805-898

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

Viewpoint

SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines and the Growing Threat of Viral Variants

John P. Moore, PhD; Paul A. Offit, MD

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JAMA. 2021;325(9):821-822. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.1114

This Viewpoint reviews circulating SARS-CoV-2 genetic variants and mechanisms of immunity by which they might escape coronavirus vaccine-induced protection and proposes 6 measures to address them, including enhanced variant isolation and testing procedures and continued adherence to mask-wearing and other established public health measures.

[Audio Clinical Review:](#) Understanding SARS-CoV-2 Genetic Variants

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Coronavirus Vaccine Update with Paul Offit and Robert Wachter

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Coronavirus Update With Peter Piot, MD, PhD

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Coronavirus Vaccine Update With Paul Offit – February 11, 2021

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Coronavirus Vaccine Update From the CDC With Nancy E. Messonnier, MD

Funding of Pharmaceutical Innovation During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

James C. Robinson, PhD, MPH

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JAMA. 2021;325(9):825-826. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.25384

This Viewpoint considers whether the shift away from private investment toward government funding of drug and vaccine development and commercialization during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is sustainable, arguing that the same or greater level of public investment will be necessary if drug prices are to remain affordable and if the US wants to maintain its global leadership position.

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Funding of Pharmaceutical Innovation During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

Editorial

Vaccine Distribution—Equity Left Behind?

Muriel Jean-Jacques, MD, MAPP; Howard Bauchner, MD

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JAMA. 2021;325(9):829-830. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.1205

The health disparities laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic have not been surprising in their direction. Likewise, the inequities that are likely to manifest when a limited supply of vaccine is rolled out to a large number of eligible individuals are predictable. As local communities roll out vaccine distribution to those aged 65 and older it is important to consider potential challenges and to proactively plan for ways to mitigate likely disparities.

[1] Prioritize vaccine distribution to zip codes that have been most severely affected by COVID-19 and that have high indexes of economic hardship.

[2] Partner with local health care institutions, community organizations, and other trusted sources to promote vaccine awareness and uptake within local communities, with particular attention to institutions and organizations that serve communities who have borne the brunt of COVID-19 exposure, illness, and death.

[3] Prioritize vaccine distribution to those who face mobility or other transportation barriers to receipt of the vaccine (eg, vans to deliver vaccine to homebound older persons, vaccination sites that are near public transportation, and hours of operation that are accessible to those who work or who rely on those who work during standard business hours).

[4] Simplify registration procedures. Ensure registration options that do not require the internet or digital platforms (such as phone or in-person registration). Ensure registration is accessible to those with limited English proficiency or limited literacy. Registration should not require nonessential documentation, such as proof of citizenship, that is likely to deter individuals from immigrant communities from seeking vaccination. Offer vaccination options that do not require preregistration (eg, at local community centers, schools, houses of worship, or other highly frequented and trusted sites in the community)...

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Who Gets Coronavirus Vaccine First?

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Prioritizing Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations for Coronavirus Vaccination

[Conversations with Dr Bauchner:](#) Coronavirus Vaccine Update From the CDC With Nancy E. Messonnier, MD

JAMA Live Highlights

Experts Discuss COVID-19—Vaccine Doses, Virus Variants, and More

free access has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2021;325(9):812-813. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.1101

JAMA Live Highlights features comments from livestream interviews by JAMA Network Editor in Chief Howard Bauchner, MD. His discussions with experts in clinical care, public health, and health policy focus on critical issues related to the [coronavirus disease 2019](#) (COVID-19) pandemic. Comments have been edited for clarity.

JAMA Network

COVID-19 Update March 6, 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>

Research Letter

Number of Childhood and Adolescent Vaccinations Administered Before and After the COVID-19 Outbreak in Colorado

Sean T. O'Leary, MD, MPH; Lynnsay Trefren, MSN, RN; Heather Roth, MA; et al.

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JAMA Pediatr. 2021;175(3):305-307. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2020.4733

This study assesses the association of social distancing due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) with immunizations administered by age category (0-2 years, 3-9 years, and 10-17 years) in Colorado

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February 2021 - Volume 19 - Issue 2

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Vol. 70 (2021)

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Journal of Community Health

Volume 46, issue 2, April 2021

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COVID-19 Vaccination Hesitancy in the United States: A Rapid National Assessment

Authors (first, second and last of 6) Jagdish Khubchandani, Sushil Sharma, Fern J. Webb

Published: 03 January 2021

Pages: 270 – 277

Increasing HPV Vaccination Support Through a Pilot Film-Based Community Engagement

Authors (first, second and last of 7) Shamly Austin, Katharine Wooten, Haiyan Qu

Content type: Original Paper

Published: 14 September 2020

Pages: 343 – 348

Knowledge, Beliefs, and Practices Among U. S. College Students Concerning Papillomavirus Vaccination

Authors - Bulaporn Natipagon-Shah, Eunice Lee, Shin-Young Lee
Content type: Original Paper
Published: 16 September 2020
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Identification of the Knowledge Level of Students Receiving Health Education About the Human Papilloma Virus, Screening Tests, and Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination

Authors - Gulpinar Aslan, Ayse Berivan Bakan, Content type: Original Paper
Published: 18 July 2020
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APA Health CARE: A Student-Led Initiative Addressing Health Care Barriers Faced by the Asian and Pacific Islander American Immigrant Population in Los Angeles

Authors (first, second and last of 9) Hong-Ho Yang, Won Jong Chwa, Burton O. Cowgill
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Published: 09 September 2020
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Volume 47 Pages 1-278 (January–February 2021)
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Volume 15 Issue 5, December 2020
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Volume 16, Issue 2, 2020

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Volume 32, Number 1, February 2021

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[Alicia L. Best](#), [Faith E. Fletcher](#), [Mika Kadono](#), [Rueben C. Warren](#)

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Volume 7, Issue 2, 2021

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Volume 23, issue 2, April 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/volumes-and-issues/23-2>

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[Health of Infants Born to Venezuelan Refugees in Colombia](#)

Authors - [Carol C. Guarnizo-Herreño](#), [George L. Wehby](#)

Content type:

Published: 07 February 2021

Pages: 222 - 23

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 19, 2021_ Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

Current Conflicts over Migration, Belonging and Membership: Classificatory Struggles Revisited

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Volume 223, Issue 3, 1 February 2021

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Rohit Gupta, Stephanie R Morain

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March/April 2021 - Volume 27 - Issue 2

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Volume 41, issue 4, December 2020

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The Lancet

Mar 06, 2021 Volume 397 Number 10277 p853-940

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Editorial

[Do we care about who cares?](#)

The Lancet

... As countries look to post-COVID-19 recovery, there is an urgent need for institutions and governments to redesign economies more equitably. They should be based on feminist, intersectional, and anti-racist principles that generate understanding of the inextricable link between, and need for social systems of, child care, value, and pay for domestic labour. Several pandemic recovery plans that

espouse those principles have emerged. Recovery from the pandemic also calls us to think about the importance of investing in health and social care more generally, which will have the effect of freeing up the time of women who are the main producers of the unpaid care and unpaid caregiving by alleviating the burden of non-communicable disease and other long-term conditions and disabilities. COVID-19 has harmed the health and economic security of women worldwide. But the pandemic has also made the invisible contribution of women to health care much more apparent and provided important momentum to advocate for its measurement, recognition, and fair compensation with no disparities due to sex. This opportunity must be seized.

Comment

[Single-dose Oxford–AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine followed by a 12-week booster](#)

Ivan F N Hung, Gregory A Poland

... Important study limitations include the fact that these studies were not prospectively designed to establish whether vaccine efficacy would differ by dose interval; therefore, these post-hoc exploratory findings could be biased. Other limitations are that participants were not randomised to dosing interval, only one of the four trials was double-blind, and the single-dose recipients were self-selected. Furthermore, baseline characteristics between the single-dose and two-dose cohorts were substantially different, with an older median age, higher proportion of men and non-white participants, and a smaller proportion of health or social care workers in the two-dose cohort than in the single-dose cohort. Also, worth considering is whether these results would hold up with widespread circulation of more transmissible and lethal viral variants.

Overall, the value of this study is in providing evidence that a single dose of the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine is highly efficacious in the 90 days after vaccination, that a longer prime-boost interval results in higher vaccine efficacy, and that protection against symptomatic COVID-19 is maintained despite a longer dosing interval. It offers much-needed evidence for the UK policy of extending the dosing interval to 12 weeks and for rapid mass-immunisation campaigns worldwide. Further studies are warranted to assess whether a longer-interval strategy would also offer higher vaccine efficacy against the new variants⁸ and could be applicable to other types of COVID-19 vaccines. [9](#), [10](#), [11](#)

Articles

[Single-dose administration and the influence of the timing of the booster dose on immunogenicity and efficacy of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 \(AZD1222\) vaccine: a pooled analysis of four randomised trials](#)

Merryn Voysey, et al. on behalf of the Oxford COVID Vaccine Trial Group

Open Access

The ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 (AZD1222) vaccine has been approved for emergency use by the UK regulatory authority, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, with a regimen of two standard doses given with an interval of 4–12 weeks. The planned roll-out in the UK will involve vaccinating people in high-risk categories with their first dose immediately, and delivering the second dose 12 weeks later. Here, we provide both a further prespecified pooled analysis of trials of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 and exploratory analyses of the impact on immunogenicity and efficacy of extending the interval between priming and booster doses. In addition, we show the immunogenicity and protection afforded by the first dose, before a booster dose has been offered.

Review

[Improving lung health in low-income and middle-income countries: from challenges to solutions](#)

Jamilah Meghji, et al.

Summary

Low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) bear a disproportionately high burden of the global morbidity and mortality caused by chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs), including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchiectasis, and post-tuberculosis lung disease. CRDs are strongly associated with poverty, infectious diseases, and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and contribute to complex multi-morbidity, with major consequences for the lives and livelihoods of those affected. The relevance of CRDs to health and socioeconomic wellbeing is expected to increase in the decades ahead, as life expectancies rise and the competing risks of early childhood mortality and infectious diseases plateau. As such, the World Health Organization has identified the prevention and control of NCDs as an urgent development issue and essential to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. In this Review, we focus on CRDs in LMICs. We discuss the early life origins of CRDs; challenges in their prevention, diagnosis, and management in LMICs; and pathways to solutions to achieve true universal health coverage.

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Mar 2021 Volume 5 Number 3 p155-232, e6-e8

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Mar 2021 Volume 6 Number 3 e136-e191

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Mar 2021 Volume 9 Number 3 p217-318, e22-e29

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/issue/current>

Comment

An issue of trust—vaccinating Black patients against COVID-19

Dale O Okorodudu, Daniel E Okorodudu

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 25, issue 2, February 2021

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Volume 41 Issue 2, February 2021

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Volume 98, Issue 4 Pages: 1021-1341, E1-E12 December 2020

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Nature

Volume 591 Issue 7848, 4 March 2021

Editorial | 03 March 2021

COVID is amplifying the inadequacy of research-evaluation processes

Systems for assessing scientists' work must properly account for a lost year of research – especially for female researchers.

Editorial | 02 March 2021

The UN Environment Programme needs new powers

Fifty years after its creation, the agency's member states must agree to be held accountable for their green promises.

Article | 11 December 2020

Genetic mechanisms of critical illness in COVID-19

A genome-wide association study of critically ill patients with COVID-19 identifies genetic signals that relate to important host antiviral defence mechanisms and mediators of inflammatory organ damage that may be targeted by repurposing drug treatments.

Erola Pairo-Castineira, Sara Clohisey & J. Kenneth Baillie

Nature Biotechnology

Volume 39 Issue 2, February 2021

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Volume 22 Issue 3, March 2021

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Volume 21 Issue 3, March 2021

<https://www.nature.com/nri/volumes/21/issues/3>

Comment | 05 January 2021

[Endemic SARS-CoV-2 will maintain post-pandemic immunity](#)

Here, Veldhoen and Simas discuss why immunity to SARS-CoV-2 in populations may ultimately be driven by the endemic presence of the virus and not rely on continued mass vaccination programmes.

Marc Veldhoen & J. Pedro Simas

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery

Volume 20 Issue 3, March 2021

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/20/issues/3>

Comment | 28 May 2020

[Supporting a data-driven approach to regulatory intelligence](#)

Drug developers are increasingly applying data-driven analysis of the actions of regulatory agencies to gain insights into their expectations and applications of regulatory policy, but such strategies can be limited by the availability and quality of regulatory datasets. Here, we discuss how establishing a single, robust, accessible database of FDA regulatory actions could help address this limitation.

Andrew S. Robertson, Alexis Reisin Miller & Felipe Dolz

New England Journal of Medicine

March 4, 2021 Vol. 384 No. 9

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

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[Audio Interview: A New SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine and a New Look at Treatment](#) E.J. Rubin, L.R. Baden, and S. Morrissey

Clinical Decisions

[Delayed Second Dose versus Standard Regimen for Covid-19 Vaccination](#) S.R. Kadire, R.M. Wachter, and N. Lurie

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Volume 50 Issue 1, February 2021

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<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>

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[HPV Vaccine Recommendations and Parental Intent](#)

Kalyani Sonawane, Yenan Zhu, Yueh-Yun Lin, Haluk Damgacioglu, Ying Lin, Jane R. Montealegre, Ashish A. Deshmukh

Pediatrics, Mar 2021, 147 (3) e2020026286

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[Improving Influenza Vaccination in Children With Comorbidities: A Systematic Review](#)

Daniel A. Norman, Rosanne Barnes, Rebecca Pavlos, Mejbah Bhuiyan, Kefyalew Addis Alene, Margie Danchin, Holly Seale, Hannah C. Moore, Christopher C. Blyth

Pediatrics, Mar 2021, 147 (3) e20201433

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Research Article | published 05 Mar 2021 PLOS ONE
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[Control strategies for COVID-19 epidemic with vaccination, shield immunity and quarantine: A metric temporal logic approach](#)

Zhe Xu, Bo Wu, Ufuk Topcu
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[The exposure risk to COVID-19 in most affected countries: A vulnerability assessment model](#)

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Political Sciences

[Lawmakers' use of scientific evidence can be improved](#)

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Significance

This study is an experimental trial that demonstrates the potential for formal outreach strategies to change congressional use of research. Our results show that collaboration between policy and research communities can change policymakers' value of science and result in legislation that appears to be more inclusive of research evidence. The findings of this study also demonstrated changes in researchers' knowledge and motivation to engage with policymakers as well as their actual policy engagement behavior. Together, the observed changes in both policymakers and researchers randomized to receive an intervention for supporting legislative use of research evidence (i.e., the Research-to-Policy Collaboration model) provides support for the underlying theories around the social nature of research translation and evidence use.

Abstract

Core to the goal of scientific exploration is the opportunity to guide future decision-making. Yet, elected officials often miss opportunities to use science in their policymaking. This work reports on an experiment with the US Congress—evaluating the effects of a randomized, dual-population (i.e., researchers and congressional offices) outreach model for supporting legislative use of research evidence regarding child and family policy issues. In this experiment, we found that congressional offices randomized to the intervention reported greater value of research for understanding issues than the control group following implementation. More research use was also observed in legislation introduced by the intervention group. Further, we found that researchers randomized to the intervention advanced their own policy knowledge and engagement as well as reported benefits for their research following implementation.

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Special Issue: 40 Years of Social Sciences in Risk Research Reconsidered

Original Research Articles

Trust and Risk Perception: A Critical Review of the Literature

Michael Siegrist

Pages: 480-490

First Published: 02 May 2019

Abstract

Many studies in the field of risk perception and acceptance of hazards include trust as an explanatory variable. Despite this, the importance of trust has often been questioned. The relevant issue is not only whether trust is crucial but also the form of trust that people rely on in a given situation. In this review, I discuss various trust models and the relationship between trust and affect heuristics. I conclude that the importance of trust varies by hazard and respondent group. Most of the studies use surveys that provide limited information about causality. Future research should focus more on experiments that test whether trust is a consequence of people's attitudes or influences their attitudes toward a technology. Furthermore, there is a need for a better understanding about the factors that determine which heuristics people rely on when evaluating hazards.

The Coming of Age of Risk Governance

Andreas Klinke, Ortwin Renn

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Abstract

Proposed as an advanced conceptualization of how to handle risk, risk governance begins with the critique and expansion of the traditional idea and standard practices of risk analysis. In developments over the last two decades, proponents of a more integrative approach on governing risks have moved further away from distinct conceptions of risk assessment, risk management, and risk communication and toward the processes and institutions that guide, restrain, and integrate collective activities of handling risk. In early formulations of what risk governance entails, the superiority of the interplay between risk evaluation and risk management over linear and simple deductions from risk assessment to risk management was established precisely by developing a distinctive rationality of how to proceed. Later, the International Risk Governance Council recaptured this distinctive rationality that institutionalized processes should embody the interplay of the assessment of risks and related concerns, their sociopolitical appraisal, and the logical inference for risk management. Recently, this approach has been refined and augmented toward an integrative and adaptive concept of risk governance and toward a postnormal conception of risk governance. Main characteristics are a new

concept of differentiated responsibility and deliberation in which expertise, experience, and tacit knowledge are integrated, forming the core of legitimate political risk decision making.

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Science

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Editorial

[Science's new frontier](#)

By Aaron F. Mertz, Abhilash Mishra

Science 05 Mar 2021 : 96

Summary

The year 2020 saw a reusable rocket launch two astronauts into space, multiple COVID-19 vaccines developed in record time, and a robot that could write a persuasive op-ed. In the United States, the year also saw public distrust of science contribute to the worst health crisis in modern history. This contrast highlights a sharp dichotomy in the role of science in American public life: breathtaking discovery and innovation alongside growing distrust of scientific evidence and recommendations. How can the country reconcile this dissociation?

Policy Forum

[Human embryo research beyond the primitive streak](#)

By Insoo Hyun, Annelien L. Bredenoord, James Briscoe, Sigal Klipstein, Tao Tan

Science 05 Mar 2021 : 998-1000 Restricted Access

It is time to revisit the "14-day limit"

Summary

Since the first successful birth resulting from in vitro fertilization (IVF) in the late 1970s, human embryo research has been subject to limits of time and developmental benchmarks. National guidelines, laws, and international norms have prohibited scientists from culturing embryos for research beyond 14 consecutive days, or beyond the appearance of a structure called the "primitive streak," which defines the beginning of the formation of the principal tissues of the body and the end of the period when an embryo can divide into identical twins (1). At the time this limit was put in place 40 years ago, there were no methods to culture embryos in a dish for anywhere close to 14 days. But research since 2016 (2, 3) shows that it is likely possible to culture human research embryos past the 2-week limit and suggests that doing so will yield scientific insights that could prove important for human health and fertility (4). We thus urge policy-makers and the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), which will soon release updated guidelines for stem cell and embryo research, to consider a cautious, stepwise approach to scientific exploration beyond the 14-day limit.

Review

[Infectious diseases and social distancing in nature](#)

By Sebastian Stockmaier, Nathalie Stroeymeyt, Eric C. Shattuck, Dana M. Hawley, Lauren Ancel Meyers, Daniel I. Bolnick

Science05 Mar 2021

Nature's "responsible" response to disease

With the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been global calls for the implementation of "social distancing" to control transmission. Throughout the world, some have resisted this requirement with the unfounded argument that it is unnecessary or ineffective. Social distancing, however, is a natural consequence of disease across animals, both human and nonhuman. Stockmaier et al. reviewed responses to disease across animal taxa and reveal how these responses naturally limit disease transmission. Understanding such natural responses and their impacts on pathogenic transmission provides epidemiological insight into our own responses to pandemic challenges.

Abstract

Spread of contagious pathogens critically depends on the number and types of contacts between infectious and susceptible hosts. Changes in social behavior by susceptible, exposed, or sick individuals thus have far-reaching downstream consequences for infectious disease spread. Although "social distancing" is now an all too familiar strategy for managing COVID-19, nonhuman animals also exhibit pathogen-induced changes in social interactions. Here, we synthesize the effects of infectious pathogens on social interactions in animals (including humans), review what is known about underlying mechanisms, and consider implications for evolution and epidemiology.

Perspectives

Deforestation, forestation, and water supply

By Mingfang Zhang, Xiaohua Wei

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A systematic approach helps to illuminate the complex forest-water nexus

Summary

Forests as natural reservoirs and filters can store, release, and purify water through their interactions with hydrological processes. For humans, a clean, stable, and predictable water supply is one of the most valuable ecosystem services provided by forests. Yet, globally, forests have undergone many changes driven by human activities (logging, reforestation, afforestation, agriculture, and urbanization) and natural disturbances (wildfires and insect infestations). From 2010 to 2015, tropical forests declined by 5.5 million ha year⁻¹, whereas temperate forests expanded by 2.2 million ha year⁻¹ (1). The effects of both deforestation and forestation (reforestation and afforestation) on water supply have generated serious concerns and debates (2, 3), particularly after recent catastrophic fires in Australia and the western United States. However, hydrological consequences of forest changes are never simple, and future research and watershed management require a systematic approach that considers key contributing factors and a broad spectrum of response variables related to hydrological services.

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

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https://ssir.org/issue/winter_2021#

Read about how workers are using digital tools and online engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic to achieve real benefits, how win-win strategies promoted by academics and business leaders are unproven and counterproductive, how human-centered design for social innovation has become more collaborative and focused on systems change, how employees are fighting to make their companies better corporate citizens, and other topics in the Winter 2021 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Volume 41, issue 5-6, December 2020

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[The concept of disease in the time of COVID-19](#)

Authors - Maria Cristina Amoretti, Elisabetta Lalumera

Open Access

Published: 01 December 2020

Pages: 203 - 221

Original Paper

[The right to assistive technology](#)

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Joseph A. Stramondo

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Volume 22 Issue 1, January 2021

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[**Protecting Wildlife Can Help Advance the 2030 Agenda and Sustain Life on Earth, Including Humanity**](#)

David O'Connor

Building back better must bring nature, biodiversity and climate fully into the picture, and address the entrenched social inequalities laid bare by the pandemic.

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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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