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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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Governance – Democratic Institutions

NEW REPORT: Attacks on Democracy Intensify as Autocracy Spreads in Europe and Eurasia

Nations in Transit 2021 finds that leaders across the region are undermining democratic institutions to stay in power.

Press release April 28, 2021 Elected leaders in Europe and Eurasia are undermining the very institutions that brought them to office, rejecting democratic norms and promoting alternative systems of authoritarian governance, according to [Nations in Transit](#), the annual Freedom House report on the state of democracy in the region.

This year's edition, Nations in Transit 2021: The Antidemocratic Turn, highlights the extent to which countries like Hungary and Poland, which helped lead the broader transition toward democracy in the 1990s, are showing signs of deepening autocratization. These are not anomalies, but part of a systemic shift toward authoritarianism in Europe and Eurasia that could have global implications. Antidemocratic leaders are learning from one another how to consolidate power and suppress political dissent while avoiding penalties from international institutions.

The overall strength of democracy in the region has declined for 17 consecutive years, according to Nations in Transit, and the number of countries classified as democracies has sunk to its lowest point since the report was first launched in 1995. The leaders who have turned toward antidemocratic forms of governance follow similar strategies: Prime Minister Viktor Orbán in Hungary pioneered a model for repressing independent media that has since spread to Poland and Serbia, the ruling parties of Hungary and Poland are both escalating attacks on the LGBT+ community as well as ethnic and religious minority groups, and all are attempting to weaken the rule of law through attacks on judicial independence...

Key findings:

:: There are fewer democracies in Europe and Eurasia than at any point in the 26-year history of Nations in Transit. Of the 29 countries assessed, 10 were rated as democracies, 10 as hybrid regimes, and nine as authoritarian regimes. No countries changed categories this year.

:: The average democracy score for the region has declined every year since 2005—17 years in a row. Eighteen countries' democracy scores declined this year, only six countries' scores improved, and five countries experienced no net change. The spread of authoritarianism continues to outpace democratic progress by a wide margin.

:: The largest declines occurred in Poland (-0.36), which suffered the second-largest single-year drop ever recorded, and in Hungary (-0.25). Both countries' democracy scores are the lowest they have ever been during the 17-year period of overall decline.

:: **The most common regime type in Eurasia remains “consolidated authoritarian.”** Armenia is the only semiconsolidated authoritarian regime in Eurasia, while Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine are the only hybrid/transitional regimes in this subregion. There are no democracies in Eurasia.

:: The most common regime type in the Balkans continues to be “hybrid/transitional.” The only exception is Croatia, which is considered a semiconsolidated democracy.

:: Despite having suffered the steepest decline over the past decade, **Central Europe remains the best-performing subregion; its most common regime type is “consolidated democracy.”**

Bulgaria, Poland, and Romania are the only semiconsolidated democracies in Central and Eastern Europe; Hungary is the only hybrid/transitional regime.

Setbacks to democratic reform:

:: Having made progress toward hybrid/transitional regime status in 2019, **Armenia regressed** over the past year. This is the first time its democracy has lost ground since the 2018 Velvet Revolution.

:: Despite some improvement in the intervening years, **Georgia’s democracy has returned** to its score from 2011, the last year before the current ruling party replaced an unpopular and increasingly repressive government.

:: **Kyrgyzstan’s jarring return to strongman rule** has left its score slightly lower than in 2010, the year of its last revolution.

:: In Ukraine, the government’s reform efforts continued to meet with strong resistance from entrenched interests during 2020, resulting in a democracy score that has remained relatively static since the prodemocracy uprising and Russian invasions of 2014.

Reasons for hope:

:: **Uzbekistan (+0.11) and North Macedonia (+0.07) experienced the greatest democratic progress in 2020.**

:: Bosnia and Herzegovina’s democracy score improved for the first time since 2006, owing to a major step forward for local democratic governance: the first municipal elections in the city of Mostar since 2008.

:: Latvia and Lithuania, historically high performers in Nations in Transit, improved their democracy scores after three years of decline.

:: Slovakia halted two years of democratic decline after voters in 2020 ousted the ruling party, Smer-SD.

:: **The report’s Civil Society indicator remained relatively strong in many countries,** reflecting civil society’s important contributions to democratic resilience across the region.

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Governance – Space

Responsible Space Behavior for the New Space Era: Preserving the Province of Humanity

Report - RAND Apr 26, 2021 :: 50 pages

Bruce McClintock, Katie Feistel, Douglas C. Ligor, Kathryn O'Connor

PDF: https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/perspectives/PEA800/PEA887-2/RAND_PEA887-2.pdf

Overview

Humans have explored and exploited near-earth space for more than six decades. More recently, the past two decades have seen the start of a New Space Era, characterized by more spacefaring nations

and companies and a growing risk of collisions and conflict. Yet **the basic treaties and mechanisms that were crafted 50 years ago to govern space activities have only marginally changed.**

The calls for more progress on space governance and responsible space behavior are growing louder and coming from a larger group. To help address the gap between current space governance and future needs, **the authors of this *Perspective* summarize the development of space governance and key problem areas, identify challenges and barriers to further progress,** and, most importantly, offer recommended first steps on a trajectory toward responsible space behavior norms appropriate for the New Space Era. The authors used a review of relevant literature and official documents, expert workshops, and subject-matter expert interviews and discussions to identify these challenges, barriers, and potential solutions.

[Excerpt]

Conclusion

The context of space activities today is vastly different from that of 1967, when the OST [Outer Space Treat] was signed. The early space domain was dominated by two superpowers. Today, the world has more than 60 spacefaring nations, multiple commercial space operators, and a global economy that is inextricably linked to space. The Cold War—era architecture for governance is no longer adequate when there are so many more spacefaring actors and the risks of collision and even conflict are growing. There are multiple problems that deserve attention as space becomes more congested and contested and just as many roadblocks to progress that we have summarized as part of a broader information effort. **To help address the challenges that humanity faces in space, we offer several key areas for action that our analysis indicates are the most likely to be successful in the near term and are also important for the longer-term development of responsible space norms.** It remains to be seen whether there is adequate political will to transcend the short-term gains and focus on ensuring long-term sustainability in space.

Areas for Further Research

This Perspective has provided a preliminary look at the status of space norms, hurdles to further progress, and preliminary steps that could be taken to improve space sustainability and governance. The resources available to conduct this research and reporting were limited, and this is by no means a complete analysis of the situation or a comprehensive list of actions. Rather, it is a first step in a longer series of research efforts needed not only to fully understand the problems associated with space sustainability but also to offer solutions. A few, but not all, of the areas in which further research and analysis are needed are discussed in this section.

Further research is needed to study the evolution and structure of governance frameworks for other domains and to consider best practices and approaches for the space domain. This could be framed as a “design brief” that outlines the key characteristics that policies for the New Space Era should contain.

Economic issues, and space resources in particular, are likely to be a central topic of space governance discussions. Although there are clear differences between the space domain and other domains, it would be helpful to examine how property rights in other domains have encouraged more-efficient economic use and environmental stewardship of common-pool resources. Further analysis is needed (although the field is growing and more analysis is becoming available) to understand the gaps in space law at the international level.

More-detailed technical analysis is needed to understand the issues associated with data trust for SSA. The United States should assess the historic trends in its policies toward space law and governance and determine the best approach for its interests and overall space sustainability.

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Languages/Datasets/Governance/Research

Lacuna Fund Announces its Second Round of Funding to Support a Community-led Movement Towards Locally Developed and Owned Language Datasets Across Africa

Apr 28 2021 *Press Release*

Supported projects will produce text and speech datasets for natural language processing (NLP) technologies that will have significant downstream impacts on education, financial inclusion, healthcare, agriculture, communication, and disaster response in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Lacuna Fund announces its second cohort of supported projects, whose **teams will create openly accessible text and speech datasets that will fuel natural language processing (NLP) technologies in 29 languages across Africa**. Funding recipients will produce training datasets in Eastern, Western, and Southern Africa that will support a range of needs for low resource languages, including **machine translation, speech recognition, named entity recognition and part of speech tagging, sentiment analysis, and multi-modal datasets**. **All datasets produced will be locally developed and owned, and will be openly accessible to the international data community.**

With over 50 impressive applications from, or in partnership with, organizations across Africa, there are many more initiatives poised for impact. This movement towards locally developed and owned datasets has only just begun, and with the right support and funding these initiatives will unlock the power of AI to deliver new social sector solutions and increase the presence of African countries on the international data map.

"In South Africa, the government uses chatbots to provide daily updates on COVID," explains Vukosi Marivate, ABSA Chair of Data Science at University of Pretoria. "Right now, translating those updates to Latin languages is really easy, but the datasets necessary to translate those updates to a range of African languages don't exist, which means that the government isn't currently able to communicate with many of its people in their native languages. That is one of the many examples of why we need this work now."

"The Rockefeller Foundation leverages science, innovation and technology to empower vulnerable families locked out of prosperity to improve their lives and prospects," says William Asiko, Managing Director and Head of The Rockefeller Foundation's Africa Regional Office. "We aim to enhance the delivery value to our key audiences through partnerships, meeting them where they are. In meeting the moment, embracing diversity and multiculturalism is precisely the kind of innovative, transformative change we seek to drive impact."

Lacuna Fund began as a funder collaborative between The Rockefeller Foundation, Google.org, and Canada's International Development Research Centre, with support from the German development agency GIZ on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation

and Development (BMZ) on this call for proposals. It has since evolved into a multi-stakeholder engagement composed of technical experts, thought leaders, local beneficiaries, and end users. Collectively, we are committed to creating and mobilizing training datasets that both solve urgent local problems and lead to a step change in machine learning's potential worldwide.

See all the projects [here](#).

About Lacuna Fund: Lacuna Fund is the world's first collaborative effort to provide data scientists, researchers, and social entrepreneurs in low- and middle-income contexts globally with the resources they need to produce training datasets that address urgent problems in their communities. Lacuna Fund launched in July of 2020 with a pooled fund of \$4 million to support the creation, expansion, and maintenance of datasets used for training or evaluation of machine learning models, initially in three key sectors: agriculture, health, and languages. Learn more at <http://www.lacunafund.org>.

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Development/Heritage Stewardship – Forests

[Global Forest Goals Report 2021](#) – *Realizing the importance of forests in a changing world*

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

2021 :: 114 pages

Download the report: [Full report \(8MB\)](#) [Overview of Progress version \(6MB\)](#)

Overview

The Global Forest Goals Report 2021 is the first evaluation of where the world stands in implementing the [United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030](#), providing a snapshot of actions being taken for forests, while stressing that it is necessary to meet the 2030 deadline in the Plan. The report finds that while the world had been making progress in key areas such as increasing global forest area through afforestation and restoration, these advances are also under threat from the worsening state of our natural environment.

Preface

The United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 was created with a mission to promote sustainable forest management and enhance the contribution of forests and trees to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the heart of the Strategic Plan are six Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets which are voluntary and universal.

The Plan recognizes that in order to create a world in which forests could provide economic, social, environmental, and cultural benefits for present and future generations, we will, first and foremost, need more forests. Accordingly, the first Global Forest Goal provides for increasing forest area by 3 per cent by 2030.

It is also well recognized that achieving the Global Forest Goals and targets by 2030 will require political commitment and action by all actors, at all levels. Given the cross-sectoral nature of forests, the Plan highlights the need for strengthened cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies as being essential in enhancing the contribution of forests to sustainable development.

The aim of this inaugural Global Forest Goals Report 2021 is to present an overview of progress achieved thus far, based on available national and global data. The report highlights where actions are being taken, and where gaps and challenges remain. It also includes a set of success stories that showcase best practices in sustainable forest management. The importance of forests for achieving sustainable development is underpinned by the alignment of the Global Forest Goals with the Sustainable Development Goals. **Sustainably managed forests are crucial for eradicating poverty, combatting climate change, conserving biodiversity, protecting watersheds, and building food and energy security. Forests support the livelihoods of some most vulnerable segments of society, especially the rural poor and indigenous peoples...**

Global Forest Goal 1

Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.

Global Forest Goal 2

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people.

Global Forest Goal 3

Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.

Global Forest Goal 4

Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships.

Global Forest Goal 5

Promote governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Global Forest Goal 6

Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders.

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Africa – Agricultural Productivity/Food Security

[African countries commit to double agricultural productivity as development banks, institutions pledge US\\$17 billion to increase food security](#)

Rome, 30 April 2021 – A coalition of multilateral development banks and development partners has pledged over US\$17 billion in financing on Friday during a high-level forum, in a bold bid to address rising hunger on the African continent and to improve food security.

These funds were pledged on the final day of a two-day high-level dialogue - *Feeding Africa: leadership to scale up successful innovations*. The event was hosted by the Africa Development Bank and the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in partnership with the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the CGIAR System Organization, on 29 and 30 April.

In addition, 17 African heads of state signed on to the commitment to boost agricultural production by doubling current productivity levels through the scaling up of agro-technologies, investing in access to markets, and promoting agricultural research and development.

African Development Bank President Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina said: "Let us now create today, a stronger partnership: a partnership for greater scale; a partnership to take technologies and innovations to hundreds of millions of farmers."

IFAD said it aimed to provide an additional US\$1.5 billion to Africa to support national efforts to transform food and agricultural systems over the next three years. IFAD will also invest more in creating the pre-conditions for increased agricultural productivity. The organization is helping to develop a growing pipeline of investments to restore land, create jobs and build resilience to climate change in the Sahel region. **This will contribute to the Green Great Wall objectives, and will create 10 million jobs in the region by 2030...**

In an additional show of solidarity, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, joining a coalition of development partners, declared that it will invest US\$652 million in the next three years. This will support agriculture research and development initiatives in Africa. This funding is expected to empower 300 million farmers with a host of new innovations.

President Macky Sall of Senegal summed up interventions by African heads of state on Thursday with the following **seven-point action list**:

- :: Accelerate agricultural production by taking technologies to scale.
- :: Increase investment in research and development.
- :: Optimize technology.
- :: Improve business language in agriculture to open up to the world.
- :: Support access to markets and the installation of basic infrastructure and equipment.
- :: Invest in new businesses to transform agricultural produce to support small producers.
- :: Create a facility for agricultural transformation.

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Heritage Stewardship/Protection

[Comments on OTP ICC Cultural Heritage Policy Submitted](#)

27 Apr 2021 Blue Shield International

On 16 April 2021, a diverse group of experts, including practicing attorneys, law professors and scholars, archaeologists, and other professionals with extensive expertise and experience in cultural heritage law, ICL and IHL submitted comments to the International Criminal Court's **ICC Office of the Prosecutor's Draft Policy on Cultural Heritage**.

In summary, the Comments emphasized the importance of the OTP's [Office of the Prosecutor] Draft Policy on Cultural Heritage given **the lack of global consensus around priorities, practices, and policies for investigating and prosecuting cultural heritage crimes**. The Comment addressed the scope of the Draft Policy and called on the OTP to provide concrete examples within its Policy that

demonstrate the broad nature of cultural heritage and crimes that may target it, and better illustrate the full scope of the global problem. **They supported the OTP taking a comprehensive and expansive view of the terms 'cultural heritage' and 'cultural property', including natural and intangible heritage,** but noted that the Draft Policy's current definition may unintentionally exclude certain types of cultural heritage.

Regarding the Court's Regulatory Framework, the Comments urged the OTP to make full use of applicable treaties, the principles and rules of international law, and jurisprudence concerning cultural heritage and property. **The Comments provided notes on the OTP's approach to natural heritage, and sought further guidance on military necessity and proportionality and their relation to cultural value for both selection and prosecution of crimes.** The Comments also encourage consideration of wider international law sources on the crime of pillage and its serious consequences, and urged that the OTP look to ways to prosecute pillage through other provisions of the Rome Statute, especially when it may rise to an attack or act of hostility.

The Comments noted that the Draft Policy lacked discussion on the OTP's position on reparations for crimes against and affecting cultural heritage and property, and asked for clarification on a number of issues that are particularly critical to successful case selection, investigations, and prosecutions, including the mens rea requirement; the OTP's assessment of the factors determining gravity; and **how the court aims to collect, preserve, and maintain the chain of custody for evidence used in trials, as well as ensure the integrity, quality, comprehensiveness, and relevance of the evidence itself.**

The Comments were prepared and submitted by the following individuals:

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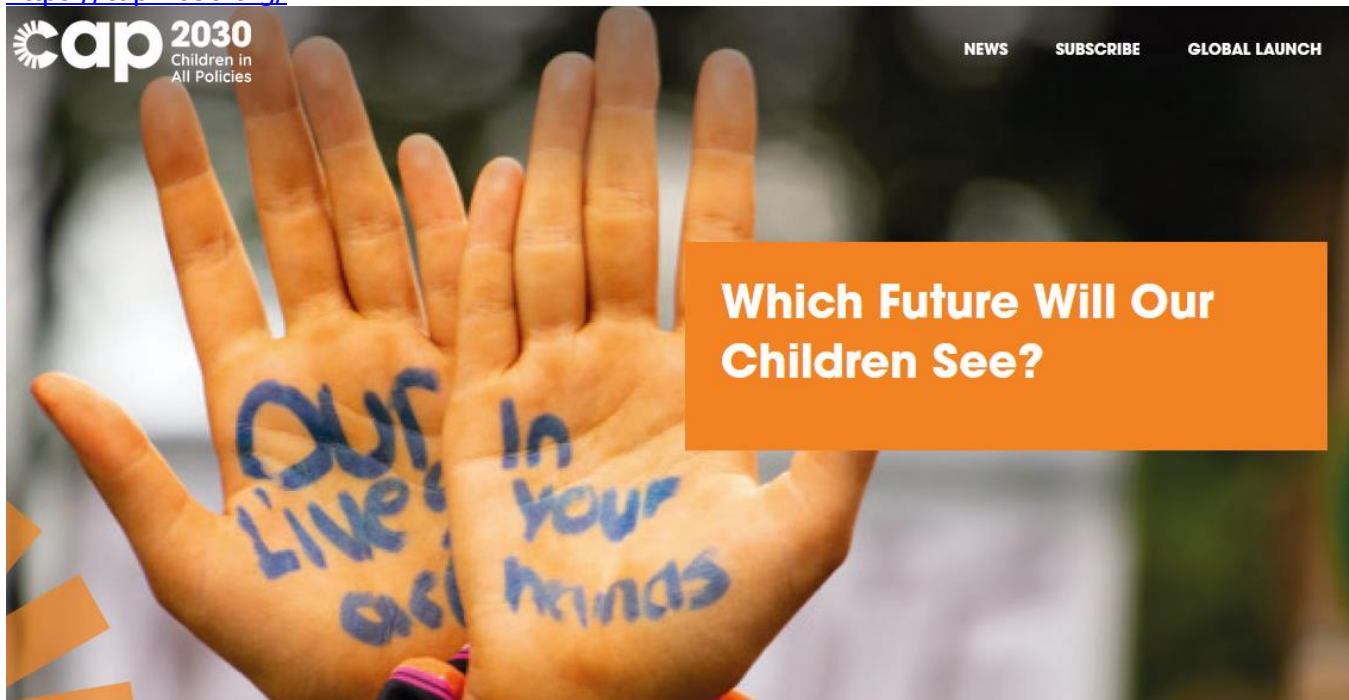
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Children in All Policies 2030

Catalysing health and well-being for future generations

The future for 2.4 billion children is under unprecedented threat, yet bad outcomes are not inevitable. We can, across the world, make better choices. CAP-2030 works to centre children's health and well-being in all policies, to ensure an equitable, sustainable future. We implement the recommendations of the WHO-UNICEF-Lancet Commission by promoting children's rights and protecting their health through science, advocacy and coalition-building.

<https://cap-2030.org/>



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<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Comment

Children in All Policies 2030: a new initiative to implement the recommendations of the WHO–UNICEF–Lancet Commission

Sarah L Dalglish, Anthony Costello, Helen Clark, Awa Coll-Seck

... [Our Commission's report](#) sounded the alarm about stalled progress on the health of children and adolescents. The evidence is incontrovertible: successful societies invest in their children and young people, producing lifelong, intergenerational benefits for health, wellbeing, and the economy.^{[1](#)}

We called on governments to work across sectors to deliver children's entitlements, as specified by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, by leveraging high-level political leadership and engaging communities, families, and children themselves. We drew attention to emerging threats to children, notably, the climate crisis and the insidious commercial exploitation of children through inappropriate marketing of products and services, such as alcohol, tobacco, sugar-sweetened beverages, breastmilk substitutes, and gambling apps, often by exploiting children's developmental vulnerabilities and social media data...

On April 21, 2021, we launched Children in All Policies 2030 (CAP-2030), with the support of our founding partners WHO, UNICEF, and The Lancet. Our ambition is to join our voices to those of children and young people, activists, civil society institutions, religious groups, UN organisations, politicians, governments, private sector leaders, academics, and others working to centre children's health and wellbeing in the urgent work of sustainable development. We encourage people to join the movement to preserve children's future and contribute to CAP-2030 by getting in touch via our website...

Lancet Commission

Panel 1: Recommendations for placing children at the centre of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

:: Heads of state should create a high-level mechanism or assign one overarching department to coordinate work with and for children across sectors, create an enabling environment to enact child-friendly policies, and assess the effect of all policies on children

:: Heads of state and governments should create or designate a monitoring system to track budget allocations to child wellbeing, using this process to mobilise domestic resources, by means of fiscal instruments that benefit the poorest in society, for additional investment

:: Government officials at the relevant ministry, national academics, and research institutions should develop strategies to improve data reporting for SDG indicators measuring child wellbeing, equity, and carbon emissions, using country information systems and citizen-led data and accountability

:: Local government leaders should establish a cross-cutting team to mobilise action for child health and wellbeing, involving civil society, children themselves, and other stakeholders as appropriate

:: UNICEF child-health ambassadors and other global children's advocates should mobilise governments and communities to adopt child-friendly wellbeing and sustainability policies, and advocate for rapid reductions in carbon emissions to preserve the planet for the next generation

:: Leaders in children's health, rights, and sustainability should reframe their understanding of the SDGs as being for and about children, and the threat to their future from greenhouse gas emissions, mainly by high-income countries

:: Children should be given high-level platforms to share their concerns and ideas and to claim their rights to a healthy future and planet

:: Country leaders on child health and child rights should push for the adoption of new protocols to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to protect children from harmful commercial practices

:: Country representatives to the UN should work together to create a simplified, effectively multisectoral UN architecture to reduce fragmentation and siloes, and to put action for children at the centre of the SDGs

:: WHO and UNICEF leadership should meet with heads of other UN agencies to plan coordinated action to support countries to enact focused, effective policies to achieve the SDGs, and work with regional bodies to help countries to share progress and best practice

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Health – Immunization

[Immunization services begin slow recovery from COVID-19 disruptions, though millions of children remain at risk from deadly diseases – WHO, UNICEF, Gavi](#)

Ambitious new global strategy aims to save over 50 million lives through vaccination

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 26 April 2021 --- While immunization services have started to recover from disruptions caused by COVID-19, millions of children remain vulnerable to deadly diseases, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance warned today during [World Immunization Week](#), highlighting the urgent need for a renewed global commitment to improve vaccination access and uptake.

"Vaccines will help us end the COVID-19 pandemic but only if we ensure fair access for all countries, and build strong systems to deliver them," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's Director-General. "And if we're to avoid multiple outbreaks of life-threatening diseases like measles, yellow fever and diphtheria, we must ensure routine vaccination services are protected in every country in the world."

A [WHO survey](#) has found that, despite progress when compared to the situation in 2020, more than one third of respondent countries (37%) still report experiencing disruptions to their routine immunization services.

Mass immunization campaigns are also disrupted. According to new data, 60 of these lifesaving campaigns are currently postponed in 50 countries, putting around 228 million people - mostly children - at risk for diseases such as measles, yellow fever and polio. Over half of the 50 affected countries are in Africa, highlighting protracted inequities in people's access to critical immunization services...

New global immunization strategy aims to save over 50 million lives

To help tackle these challenges and support the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, **WHO [UNICEF](#), Gavi and other partners today launched the [Immunization Agenda 2030 \(IA2030\)](#), an ambitious new global strategy to maximize the lifesaving impact of vaccines through stronger immunization systems.**

The Agenda focuses on vaccination throughout life, from infancy through to adolescence and older age. If fully implemented, it will avert an estimated 50 million deaths, according to WHO - 75% of them in low- and lower-middle income countries.

Targets to be achieved by 2030 include:

- :: Achieve 90% coverage for essential vaccines given in childhood and adolescence^[1]
- :: Halve the number of children completely missing out on vaccines
- :: Complete 500 national or subnational introductions of new or under-utilized vaccines - such as those for COVID-19, rotavirus, or human papillomavirus (HPV)

Urgent action needed from all immunization stakeholders

To achieve IA2030's ambitious goals, WHO, UNICEF, Gavi and partners are calling for bold action:

- :: World leaders and the global health and development community should make explicit commitments to IA2030 and invest in stronger immunization systems, with tailored approaches for fragile and conflict-affected countries. Immunization is a vital element of an effective health care system, central to pandemic preparedness and response, and key to preventing the burden of multiple epidemics as societies reopen
- :: All countries should develop and implement ambitious national immunization plans that align with the IA2030 framework, and increase investments to make immunization services accessible to all

:: Donors and governments should increase investments in vaccine research and innovation, development, and delivery, focused on the needs of underserved populations
:: The pharmaceutical industry and scientists, working with governments and funders, should continue to accelerate vaccine R&D, ensure a continuous supply of affordable vaccines to meet global needs, and apply lessons from COVID-19 to other diseases

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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: 1 May 2021

Confirmed cases :: 150 989 419 [week ago: 145 216 414]

Confirmed deaths :: 3 173 576 [week ago: 3 079 390]

Vaccine doses administered: 1 011 457 859

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Weekly operational update on COVID-19 - 26 April 2021

Overview

In this edition of the Weekly Operational Update on COVID-19, highlights of country-level actions and WHO support to Member States include:

:: The delivery of COVID-19 vaccine doses to the Syrian Arab Republic via the COVAX Facility
:: Delivery of life-saving oxygen concentrators to the Philippines
:: A joint technical support mission to Albania
:: One year of the pandemic learning response: benefits and performance of the OpenWHO platform during the pandemic
:: Empowering populations to address the COVID-19 infodemic globally and the Africa Infodemic Response Alliance launch of Viral Facts Africa
:: The Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) 2021 resource requirements and progress made to continue investing in the COVID-19 response and for building the architecture to prepare for, prevent and mitigate future health emergencies
:: Updates on WHO/PAHO procured items, Partners Platform, implementation of the Unity Studies, and select indicators from the COVID-19 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 - 27 April 2021

Overview

Globally, new COVID-19 cases increased for the ninth consecutive week, with nearly 5.7 million new cases reported in the last week – surpassing previous peaks. The number of new deaths increased for the sixth consecutive week, with over 87 000 new deaths reported.

In this edition, a special focus update is provided on SARS-CoV-2 variants.

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Our World in Data

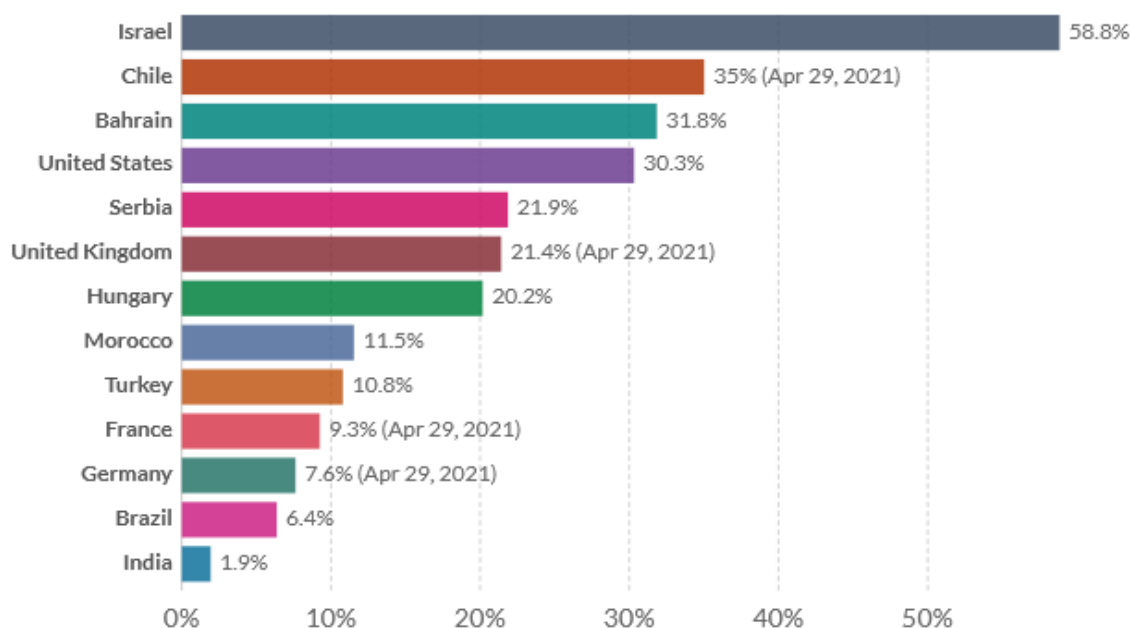
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Apr 30, 2021

Our World
in Data

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 1 May, 11:20 (London time)

OurWorldInData.org/coronavirus • CC BY

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 28 April 2021

:: The GPEI has released a position statement on the use of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 in light of shelf-life of 12 months or less. The purpose of the statement is to assist governments of countries affected by or at risk of cVDPV2 outbreaks optimize the use of deployed nOPV2 stocks.

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

- :: Afghanistan: one cVDPV2 case
- :: Pakistan: one WPV1 and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case

:: Liberia: one cVDPV2 case and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
:: Madagascar: three cVDPV1 cases and three cVDPV1 positive environmental samples
:: Mali: one cVDPV2 case
:: Nigeria: two cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
:: Sierra Leone: three cVDPV2 cases
:: South Sudan: one cVDPV2 case
:: Tajikistan: one cVDPV2 case

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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 1 May 2021]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 1 May 2021]

Iraq

:: World Immunization Week - vaccines bring us closer 28 April 2021

Measles in Europe

:: Getting closer together – one vaccination at a time 26-04-2021

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

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16 March 2021]*

Burkina Faso - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 01 avril 2021]*

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]*

Libya - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 7 October 2019]
Malawi - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 22 April 2021]
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: 29 March 2021]
Niger - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16 avril 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 1 May 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: 23 April 2021]
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 2019]

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UN OCHA – Current Emergencies

System-wide Scale-up Responses

IASC Humanitarian System-Wide Scale-Up Activations and Deactivations

Published Date: 30 April 2021

Currently active Scale-Ups

northern Ethiopia

IASC System-Wide Scale-Up Activated on 28 April 2021.

Current Corporate Emergencies

Northern Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue #5 29 March – 23 April ...

HIGHLIGHTS

:: As of 25 April, Ethiopia counts 252,279 COVID-19 cases, including 59,979 active cases and 3,551 deaths (1.4 per cent case fatality rate).

:: The test positivity rate stands at 25 per cent, while in cities like Dire Dawa and Hawassa, positivity rate is close to 50 per cent. Despite this alarming development, the population is not showing significant behavior change in implementing COVID-19 prevention measures.

:: The complex and unpredictable security situation in several areas of Tigray Region continues to affect the delivery of full-scale humanitarian assistance to affected communities, particularly to those who live in rural areas.

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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 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

29 April 2021

GA/PAL/1436

Palestinian Rights Committee Calls upon Security Council to Ensure Elections Take Place in Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

On 28 April, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People urged the Security Council to intervene immediately to ensure that Israel ceases its interference in the preparation and holding of democratic Palestinian elections throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

28 April 2021

ENV/DEV/2040

United Nations Forum on Forests

Global Facilitation Network Has Potential to Help States Define Forest Financing Strategies, Delegate Says, as Forum Continues Session

The Forum on Forests, meeting via video-teleconference, continued its sixteenth session today with speakers discussing the progress achieved so far in launching the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network clearing house, as well as monitoring, assessment and reporting issues.

27 April 2021

PI/2293

Delegates in Information Committee Call for Expanded United Nations Multilingual Communications Strategy to End Rapid Spread of Disinformation Worldwide

The Committee on Information continued its annual session today, as delegates decried the epidemic of disinformation spreading around the world faster than the COVID-19 virus and tasked the United Nations with strengthening multilingual strategic communications to inoculate populations against this harmful trend.

27 April 2021

DSG/SM/1580

Deputy Secretary-General, Addressing Global Funders Forum, Hails 'Inspiring' Efforts to Marshal Power of Science against Most Pressing Challenges

Following is the text of UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed's video message to the Second Global Forum of Funders — Missions for Science to Enable a Prosperous Future for All: Building Global Funding Alliances — hosted by the International Science Council on 26 April:

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 1 May 2021]

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

Top News

[Press briefing notes on Bahrain](#)

[Myanmar: UN human rights expert issues report and urges decisive, unified action to put an end to brutality](#)

[Press briefing notes on Chad](#)

[Switzerland: Two abducted girls held at grim Syria camp must be returned home – UN experts](#)

[Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on guilty verdict in George Floyd case](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 1 May 2021]

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

Council News

[Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review Working Group to hold Thirty-eighth session in Geneva from 3 to 14 May 2021](#)

28/04/2021

... The group of States to be reviewed by the UPR Working Group during this session are (in order of scheduled review): Namibia, Niger, Mozambique, Estonia, Belgium, Paraguay, Denmark, Somalia, Palau, Solomon Islands, Seychelles, Latvia, Singapore and Sierra Leone. The meeting will take place in the Assembly Hall at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and will be [webcast](#) live...

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 1 May 2021]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Lake Chad Basin: Urgent Action Needed to Ensure Protection of Humanitarian Assistance for Children as Insecurity Increases](#)

Friday, 30 April 2021

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 1 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

[One year after: Authorities must comply with Federal High Court decision to release Mubarak Bala on bail](#)

28 April 2021

[Azerbaijan: UN experts urge release of ailing Government critic Huseyn Abdullayev](#)

27 April 2021

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

[Azerbaijan: UN experts urge release of ailing Government critic Huseyn Abdullayev](#)

27 April 2021

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

29 April 2021

[Humanitarian Coordinator condemns attacks against humanitarian workers in Torit and Jamjang](#)

27 April 2021

[Sahel Crisis: 29 million Sahelians need humanitarian assistance and protection](#)

26 April 2021

[Launch Colombia Humanitarian Response Plan 2021](#)

25 April 2021

[Somalia: Humanitarian leadership declares drought](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 1 May 2021]

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

Resource

[COVID-19 Data Explorer: Global Humanitarian Operations](#)

UNICEF [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Statement

04/30/2021

[UNICEF statement on UK funding cuts](#)

Statement

04/30/2021

[114 unaccompanied children rescued at sea off the coast of Libya](#)

More than 350 people perish or go missing in the Mediterranean since year began

News note

04/29/2021

[UNICEF sends 3,000 oxygen concentrators and other critical supplies to India as country battles deadly COVID-19 surge](#)

Press release

04/28/2021

[Vaccination Demand Observatory launched to strengthen local communication programmes to address vaccine misinformation](#)

Press release

04/27/2021

Central African Republic: Nearly 370,000 children now internally displaced amidst ongoing violence – highest number since 2014

UNICEF warns large-scale population displacement leaves children at heightened risk of grave child rights violations, including recruitment and use of children by armed forces and groups

News note

04/27/2021

Growing risks for children in the Central African Republic as child displacement hits highest levels since 2014 - UNICEF Geneva Palais briefing note

This is a summary of what was said by UNICEF Representative in the Central African Republic Fran Equiza– to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Statement

04/26/2021

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the special press briefing with WHO and Gavi on the impact of COVID-19 on immunization

As prepared for delivery

Press release

04/26/2021

Immunization services begin slow recovery from COVID-19 disruptions, though millions of children remain at risk from deadly diseases – WHO, UNICEF, Gavi

Ambitious new global strategy aims to save over 50 million lives through vaccination

Press release

04/26/2021

Recent surge in violence in DRC's Ituri province worsening already desperate situation for children

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Announcements

Nearly 30,000 people displaced by March attacks in northern Mozambique

30 Apr 2021

Joint statement by the Government of Kenya and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps Roadmap

29 Apr 2021

UN High Commissioner for Refugees urges more support for Burundians returning home

29 Apr 2021

UNHCR and IOM saddened by latest tragedy off Canary Islands

Joint UNHCR/IOM press release

28 Apr 2021

Raya Abirached appointed as UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador in the MENA Region

26 Apr 2021

UNHCR, IOM: Latest Caribbean shipwreck tragedy underscores need for safe pathways

Joint UNHCR/IOM Press Release

26 Apr 2021

UNHCR's Grandi calls on the international community to stand with DR Congo

23 Apr 2021

Mounting death toll in the Central Mediterranean calls for urgent action

JOINT UNHCR/IOM PRESS RELEASE

23 Apr 2021

Data visualization reveals impacts of climate change on displacement

22 Apr 2021

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

USD 87 Million Needed to Support Equitable Vaccine Access, Mitigate Effects of COVID-19 in East and Horn of Africa

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Nairobi – The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the lives of thousands of migrants, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities throughout the East and Horn of Africa, leaving many individuals, communities and economies vulnerable and in need of additional support and protection.

COVID-19 induced movement restrictions and measures are directly impacting the daily lives of IDPs, refugees and host communities, especially in countries where many people rely on remittances.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is seeking approximately USD 87 million to support vital response and recovery activities in the East and Horn of Africa.

The funds requested in the COVID-19 Strategic Response and Recovery Plan (SRP) 2021 for East and Horn of Africa will ensure the continuation and scale up of essential health and other services. Funds will allow IOM to mitigate the long-term effects of the pandemic and inform response and recovery efforts by tracking the impact of COVID-19 on human mobility, and strengthening evidence-based decision-making.

IOM will also continue to advocate for equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination for vulnerable populations, including migrants, IDPs, and affected communities...

UNAIDS [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

30 April 2021

Joint mission supports the response to HIV in Gboklè/Nawa/San Pedro, Côte d'Ivoire

26 April 2021

[High rates of hepatitis C and HIV coinfection among key populations](#)

26 April 2021

[Interactive multistakeholder hearing takes place ahead of United Nations High-Level Meeting on AIDS](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 1 May 2021]

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

30 April 2021 Departmental news

[Joint Statement: WHO Director-General and the Civil Society Task Force on TB](#)

29 April 2021 Departmental news

[Deworming women during pregnancy has a positive effect on child survival and health](#)

29 April 2021 Departmental news

[WHO Publishes new guidance to promote Strong, Efficient and Sustainable Regulatory Systems](#)

29 April 2021 Departmental news

[NTDs: pulse survey shows COVID-19 continues to disrupt health services](#)

28 April 2021 Departmental news

[Governments commit to accelerated action to prevent drowning](#)

27 April 2021 Departmental news

[COVID-19 Vaccination Financing and Budgeting Q&A](#)

[See COVID above for detail]

26 April 2021 Departmental news

[Leprosy \(Hansen's disease\): interrupting transmission and achieving zero autochthonous cases](#)

26 April 2021 Feature story

[Tribute to John Storey](#)

26 April 2021 News release

[Immunization services begin slow recovery from COVID-19 disruptions, though millions of children remain at risk from deadly diseases – WHO, UNICEF, Gavi](#)

[See COVID above for detail]

25 April 2021 Departmental news

[WHO designates new collaborating centre to support clinical management of leishmaniasis](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: African vaccine champion on lessons from ending wild polio 29 April 2021

Vaccines save millions of lives each year. In August 2020, Africa crossed a historic milestone when it was certified as free of wild polio. Vaccination drives, reaching up to 220 million African children multiple times every year, were integral to achieving this historic milestone.

:: Emerging lessons from Africa's COVID-19 vaccine rollout 27 April 2021

With 47 African countries now rolling out COVID-19 vaccines and over 17 million doses given on the continent, early insights from Africa's largest-ever immunization drive offer hope, inspiration and early, yet vital lessons. Here, we shine a light on key lessons emerging from countries that have made strong progress, including Angola, Ghana, Mauritius and Rwanda.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Address critical gaps urgently: WHO 28 April 2021 News release

:: World Malaria Day 25 April 2021 Statement

WHO European Region EURO

:: More Europeans now vaccinated against COVID-19 than have had the virus 29-04-2021

:: For the common good: patients and health workers tell Regional Director of COVID-19 challenges and hopes for the future during country visit 28-04-2021

:: United action for stronger quality of care in the European Region – WHO supports Greece in building a national health system for the 21st century 27-04-2021

:: This week we celebrate the role of vaccines in bringing us closer 27-04-2021

:: People in prisons should not be left behind amid COVID-19 vaccination 26-04-2021

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: World Immunization Week - vaccines bring us closer 28 April 2021

:: Government of Italy/WHO support children with malnutrition in Yemen 28 April 2021

:: Sudan launches yellow fever vaccination campaign 27 April 2021

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 1 May 2021]

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

Meetings and events

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest from News Centre

Pandemic and political crisis could result in half of Myanmar's population living in poverty by 2022, UNDP says

The combined effects of the two crises could put over a decade of progress on poverty reduction in the country at risk.

Posted on April 30, 2021

UNDP and CCIEE Launch New Report to Help Countries Meet Climate Targets

The report discusses key challenges and opportunities in green development, along with practical policy recommendations with the aim of meeting the Sustainable Development Goals, to end poverty and...

Posted on April 27, 2021

Tax Inspectors Without Borders and partners pass USD 1 billion milestone in additional tax revenues for developing countries

Through its innovative approach to audit assistance, Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) has strengthened significantly developing countries' ability to effectively tax multinational enterprises.

Posted on April 27, 2021

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 1 May 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 1 May 2021]

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

Resources

29 Apr 2021 *Press release*

UN launches the first artificial intelligence tool for rapid natural capital accounting

New tool will make it easier for countries to measure ecosystems

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 1 May 2021]

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

27 Apr 2021 | DESA

Artificial intelligence saving the natural world

Last month, the UN Statistical Commission adopted a groundbreaking statistical framework that enables countries to measure their natural capital and better understand the immense contributions of nature to our prosperity.

26 Apr 2021 | DESA

World's forests under threat from economic and environmental crises

Progress in protecting the world's forests—and the people who rely on them—is at risk due to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the escalating climate and biodiversity crises ...

26 Apr 2021 | DESA

Top economists warn COVID-19 impacts will be severe and long-lasting for developing countries

UN high-level advisory board urges international solidarity to prevent the COVID-19 crisis from pushing countries further apart.

UNESCO [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Latest News

Africa Forum calls for adoption of access to information laws

01/05/2021

The Africa Forum held at the 2021 World Press Freedom Day Global Conference in Windhoek, Namibia on 30 April called upon African governments to adopt democratic pieces of legislation that guarantee access to information for all citizens.

In her keynote address, African Commission on Human and People's Rights Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information Commissioner Jamesina King said there cannot be a viable development agenda without the right to access to information. She said reliable information helps citizens to make informed decisions that entrench democracy and sustainable development...

6th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

Tue 4 May 2021, 9.00 am — Wed 5 May 2021, 6.00 pm

The STI Forum 2021 will be organized by the UN Interagency Task Team (UN-IATT) in which UNESCO plays an active role, and the 10-Member Group of high-level representatives appointed by the UN Secretary-General. The theme for the STI Forum 2021 is: "Science, technology and innovation for a sustainable and resilient COVID19 recovery and effective pathways of inclusive action towards the Sustainable Development Goals". The forum is composed of seven official sessions, four special events, and a number of side events, including three side events co-organized by UNESCO and UN-IATT partners, see the program [here](#).

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 1 May 2021]

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

Announcements

[Launch of CHARTER Alliance to unite and professionalise the European cultural heritage sector](#)

Written on 29 April 2021.

Today is the launch of [CHARTER](#) (Cultural Heritage Actions to Refine Training, Education and Roles), an Erasmus+ project, starting from January 2021 until December 2024 with a Consortium of 21 full members including ICOMOS and its International Scientific Committee CIF (International Scientific Committee on Training), 7 affiliate partners and 19 associate members from 14 EU states.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 1 May 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News

[Nominations for the 2021 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Awards now open](#)

28 April, 2021

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 1 May 2021]

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

News releases

30 April 2021

[FAO and WFP launch global consultation to help alleviate hunger and transform agri-food systems](#)

The online public consultation will feed into the organizations' strategic outlooks and provide a platform to share ideas to accelerate achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

30 April 2021

[WFP Geneva Palais Briefing Note: World Food Programme warns of looming famine in southern Madagascar](#)

29 April 2021

[Southern Madagascar on brink of famine, warns WFP](#)

ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR – The unrelenting drought in southern Madagascar is forcing hundreds of thousands of people to the brink of famine, warns the United Nations World Food

Programme (WFP). With acute malnutrition rates continuing to rise, urgent action is required to address this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

Podcast series: Global challenges – Global solutions

[Is the future ready for youth? Youth employment policies for evolving labour markets](#)

05 May 2021

Interview with Sukti Dasgupta, ILO Employment Department Chief of the Employment, Labour Markets and Youth Branch, and Juan Chacaltana, Senior Employment Policies Specialist.

International Labour Day

[Solidarity is key to our common survival and prosperity](#)

30 April 2021

In a statement issued to mark May Day, ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder, calls on workers, employers, governments, international organizations and all who are committed to building back better, to join forces to bring in a world of work with justice and dignity for all.

Fourth Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention

[The ILO calls for full respect of seafarers' rights and for the vaccination of seafarers](#)

29 April 2021

Seafarers need COVID-19 vaccinations, wherever they are, to avoid delays and disruption in supply chains.

World Day for Safety and Health at Work

[ILO calls for resilient occupational safety and health systems for future emergencies](#)

28 April 2021

Better national occupational safety and health policies, institutional and regulatory frameworks, that are also integrated into crisis response, are needed, says the International Labour Organization.

Video

[We need a strong, resilient occupational safety and health environment](#)

27 April 2021

Safety and Health in the workplace has been massively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. A strong, resilient, occupational safety and health environment is vital for crisis recovery and prevention says ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder in a video message to mark World Day for Safety and Health and Work.

World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2021

[Occupational safety and health and COVID-19: What lessons have we learned?](#)

27 April 2021

To mark World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2021, the International Labour Organization has assessed the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Its report calls for sound and resilient occupational safety and health systems that are able to withstand future emergencies. Expert Manal Azzi answers key questions on the report.

Decent work

[75 years of seafarers' minimum wage setting](#)

26 April 2021

It's 75 years since the first minimum monthly wage for seafarers was set – the only sector with an international minimum wage. The figure is regularly updated by the ILO's Joint Maritime Commission (JMC), established in 1920, and composed of representatives of Shipowners and Seafarers. The JMC meets 26-27 April to discuss an update to the current amount.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest Press Briefings

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

28 April 2020 – The [Competitive Industrial Performance \(CIP\) Report 2020](#), published by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), provides a global overview of the competitiveness of countries' industrial performance around the world. One hundred and fifty two countries are ranked using a composite index based on three dimensions: 1) the capacity to produce and export manufactured goods; 2) technological deepening and upgrading; and 3) world impact. The results of this exercise are analyzed using three types of tabulations: development group, indicators, and geographic region.

[Japanese technologies help Africa and Asia fight COVID-19](#)

TOKYO, 27 April 2021 – Operated by the Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) in Tokyo, the STePP programme, which seeks to contribute to the inclusive and sustainable industrialization of developing and emerging countries, has already secured the participation of more than 110 Japanese companies with over 110 innovative technologies that focus on health and hygiene; the environment; the energy sector; and agribusiness.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

Getting the best out of business collaboration

By Clare Naden on 29 April 2021

New guidance for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises just published.

[ISO 44003](#), *Collaborative business relationship management – Guidelines for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises on the implementation of the fundamental principles*, aims to help smaller companies reap as many of the benefits from new networks and partnerships as the larger ones. This includes sharing risks and resources, leveraging knowledge and expertise, reaching new markets and gaining access to research and development. The standard provides guidance on the 12 principles of collaborative business relationships as laid out in technical report [ISO/TR 44000](#), Principles for successful collaborative business relationship management.

28 April 2021

How to build a resilient workforce

World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

The ISO committee recently developed [ISO/PAS 45005](#), *Occupational health and safety management – General guidelines for safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic*, a free^[2] [publicly available](#) specification designed to help employers and employees in all areas of work, from one-man bands to multinationals.

27 April 2021

Cold chain logistics

New expert committee to develop standards for transporting temperature-controlled goods.

[ISO/TC 315](#), *Cold chain logistics*, was previously a project committee (PC) formed to develop [ISO 23412](#), *Indirect, temperature-controlled refrigerated delivery services – Land transport of parcels with intermediate transfer*. This standard specifies requirements for temperature-controlled refrigerated delivery of parcels containing temperature-sensitive goods such as foodstuffs. It includes every step, from receipt to delivery at the designated destination.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

Africa#RestartTourism

UNWTO and Google Partner to Guide Restart of African Tourism

28 Apr 2021

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) continues to advance its commitment to the African tourism sector by partnering with Google to help destinations gain expert insights into data management and digital marketing.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press releases

World Intellectual Property Day 2021 - "IP and SMEs: Taking Your Ideas to Market"

Small and medium-sized enterprises take center stage at this year's celebration of World Intellectual Property Day, with WIPO Director General Daren Tang describing them as the "unsung heroes" of the global economy and an engine for growth in a post-pandemic world.

Apr 21, 2021 [PR/2021/876](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 1 May 2021]

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

Announcements

30.04.2021 Redirect harmful subsidies to benefit the planet, UN urges governments

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 1 May 2021]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

United States Airlifts More Emergency Supplies To Help India Address Deadly Surge of COVID-19 Cases

May 1, 2021

The United States continues to deliver on its promise to stand with the people of India amidst the COVID-19 surge. Two air shipments have arrived in India to date, with more on the way.

USAID Welcomes Administrator Power

April 30, 2021

On Monday, May 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., USAID will welcome Samantha Power to be the nineteenth Administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Administrator Power will deliver her first remarks to USAID employees around the world, as well as lay out priorities during her tenure in the Biden-Harris Administration.

USAID Sends Emergency Supplies To Help People Affected By Saint Vincent Volcano

April 28, 2021

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is shipping emergency humanitarian supplies from its Miami warehouse to help people on the island of Saint Vincent affected by the eruption of La Soufrière volcano. La Soufrière has erupted repeatedly since April 9, forcing large-scale evacuations, covering Saint Vincent island with ashfall, and polluting air and water sources. More than 13,000 people have had to evacuate their homes.

United States Announces Increased Assistance for the People of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras

April 27, 2021

Yesterday, Vice President Harris announced that the United States is providing \$310 million in increased assistance to the Northern Triangle, including \$255 million in assistance to meet immediate and urgent humanitarian needs for people in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, refugees, other displaced people, and vulnerable migrants in the region. The assistance includes approximately \$104 million from the Department of State, \$125 million provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and \$26 million through the Department of Defense.

USAID Celebrates World Immunization Week

April 26, 2021

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is proud to recognize World Immunization Week, a week that highlights the lifesaving importance of vaccines. Routine immunizations represent one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions, saving millions of lives each year and protecting children, pregnant women, and people of all ages from emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

30 April 2021 — *Press release*

UK to host global summit with CEPI to speed up new vaccine development

The UK will host a fund-raising summit in 2022 to support the work of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations.

ECHO [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

EU Civil Protection Mechanism continues to channel further EU assistance to India

29/04/2021

As India faces a major increase in coronavirus cases, the EU is channelling further support via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. On 27 April, the European Union announced initial offers of support made by Ireland, Belgium, Romania, Luxembourg,...

A strengthened EU Civil Protection Mechanism endorsed by European Parliament

27/04/2021

On 27 April, the European Parliament voted for strengthening the European Union's role in crisis management through a legislative revision of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. This allows for faster and more effective European solidarity...

Coronavirus: EU channels critical support to India via EU Civil Protection Mechanism

27/04/2021

A shipment of urgently needed oxygen, medicine and equipment will be delivered over the coming days by EU Member States to India, following the country's request for support through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, which is coordinated by the...

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African Union [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

The AUC and AU PSC Undertake a Fact Finding Mission to the Republic of Chad

April 29, 2021

Africa Vaccination Week 2021 Theme: 'Vaccines Bring Us Closer'

April 28, 2021

Official Statement: World Malaria Day

April 25, 2021

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 1 May 2021]

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

Secretariat News

Consultative meetings discuss ASEAN's Fourth Industrial Revolution strategy

JAKARTA – 29 April 2021 - The Second ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and the Stakeholders Consultative Workshops on the Consolidated Strategy on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) for ASEAN took place on 27 and 29 April, respectively, via videoconference. In his remarks, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Satvinder Singh noted that 'digital transformation is [...]

LAUNCHED: ASEAN study report to support human resources development agenda

HA NOI/ONLINE, 27 April 2021 – The Regional Study Report on Human Resources Development (HRD) Readiness in ASEAN was launched in Hanoi, Viet Nam and online yesterday, witnessed by over 100 participants from within and outside the region. The report provides baseline information on the preparedness of HRD policies and programmes across ASEAN Member States [...]

European Commission [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest

Press release 29 April 2021

Fighting sexual abuse of children: Commission welcomes political agreement on interim rules for voluntary detection measures by online service providers

The Commission welcomes today's political agreement between the European Parliament and the Council on the proposed interim legislation regarding the detection of child sexual abuse online by communications services.

Press release 27 April 2021

Coronavirus: EU channels critical support to India via EU Civil Protection Mechanism

A shipment of urgently needed oxygen, medicine and equipment will be delivered over the coming days by EU Member States to India, following the country's request for support through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, which is coordinated by the Emergency Response Coordination Centre of the EC.

Press release 27 April 2021

Migration management: New EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration

Today, the Commission is adopting the first EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration. The Strategy promotes voluntary return and reintegration as an integral part of a common EU system for returns, a key objective under the New Pact on Migration and Asylum.

Statement 26 April 2021

Joint Statement on European Immunization Week 2021: Celebrating the past, present and future benefits of vaccines

Joint Statement on European Immunization Week 2021: Celebrating the past, present and future benefits of vaccines

OECD [to 1 May 2021]

<http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/publicationsdocuments/bydate/>

Top Stories

Labour market disruption & COVID-19 support measures contribute to widespread falls in taxes on wages in 2020

The COVID-19 crisis has resulted in the largest decrease in taxes on wages since the global financial crisis of 2008-09, according to a new OECD report.

29-April-2021

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Statement of the OAS General Secretariat on the Situation in El Salvador

May 2, 2021

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) expresses that, given the decisions adopted yesterday by the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, it rejects the dismissal of the magistrates of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice and of the Attorney General, Raúl Melara, as well as the actions of the Executive Branch that guided these decisions...

In democracy, majorities have the responsibility of being fundamental guarantors to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; access to power and its exercise subject to the rule of law; the plural regime of political parties and organizations; and the separation and independence of public powers. When majorities impose a single, uniform vision for the rest of the political system, they are undermining these principles. When the majorities eliminate the systems of checks and balances in the institutional framework, they are altering the essence of its functioning.

The fullest respect for the democratic rule of law is essential. The parliamentary majorities and government action must permanently strengthen it with political dialogue for the better functioning of democracy. Actions that lead to its erosion and the cooptation of the judiciary only lead to an unjust society, based on impunity and political persecution.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC Secretary-General Discusses with the Advisor to the Palestinian President the Developments in Al-Quds and Reiterates the Right of its Palestinian Inhabitants to Participate in the Elections

Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, received a phone call from Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash, the Palestinian Chief Justice, and the Palestinian President's advisor for Religious Affairs and Islamic Relations....

28/04/2021

OIC hails UN Res.16/18 as triumph of multilateralism to address incitement to religious hatred and urges developing better understanding of stakeholder's different perspectives, interests and concerns and cautions against double standards in its implementation

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), while joining the international community in commemorating the 10th anniversary of the UN Resolution 16/18, hails it as a triumph of multilateralism, a milestone achievement in the OIC and UN's efforts to combat incitement to hatred, discrimination, stigmatization and violence based on one's religion or belief and calls for all out efforts to preserve international consensus by avoiding double standards and embracing diversity of views and approaches....

26/04/2021

Group of 77 [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News – Selected Items

30 April 2021

Conference of Directors General of Customs of the WCO West and Central Africa Region

27 April 2021

Survey on the perception of Customs integrity conducted in 7 more countries

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 1 May 2021]

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

WTO News and Events

New WTO database details impact of regulatory barriers, other factors on costs to trade

30 April 2021

Trade policy barriers such as tariffs and regulations account for at least 14 per cent of trade costs according to estimates from the WTO Trade Cost Index launched on 30 April. The index measures the cost of trading internationally relative to trading domestically, finding that the costs to export are

higher for women, smaller businesses and unskilled workers.

News item

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 1 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 1 May 2021]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

ICC Principals adopt High-Level Statement on Gender Equality: "Gender equality is not only right and necessary but a driver of performance and success for the organisation"

Press Release 29 April 2021

Central African Republic: TFV now implementing full assistance programme

Press Release 25 April 2021

Trust Fund for Victims [TFV]

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World Bank [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected News, Announcements

World Bank Expands Colombia Amazon Conservation Project with US\$18.4 Million Grant

Washington, D.C., April 30, 2021 – The World Bank Board of Directors today approved an additional grant of US\$18.4 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the Forest Conservation...

Date: April 30, 2021 Type: Press Release

Lebanon Financing Facility Approves \$55 million Recovery Program Targeting Vulnerable Households and Small Businesses to Respond to the Port of Beirut Explosion

Beirut, April 30, 2021 – The World Bank convened yesterday the first meeting of the Partnership Council for the Lebanon Financing Facility (LFF) to discuss the priorities, proposed funding allocations...

Date: April 29, 2021 Type: Press Release L

Lebanon Financing Facility for Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction (LFF)- Questions and Answers

Following the Port of Beirut explosion on August 4, 2020, the World Bank Group, the European Union and the United Nations developed the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF) in order to address...

Date: April 29, 2021 Type: Brief

Living with Debt: How Institutions Can Chart a Path to Recovery in the Middle East and North Africa

Authors: Gatti, Roberta; Lederman, Daniel; Nguyen, Ha M.; Alturki, Sultan Abdulaziz.; Fan, Rachel Yuting; Islam, Asif M.; Rojas, Claudio More than a year after the World Health Organization declared...

Date: April 28, 2021 Type: Brief

Supporting teachers using technology: 400 solutions from 80 countries

The World Bank Group and HundrED teamed up, supported with funding from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), to launch the Teachers for a Changing World: Transforming Teacher Professional Development...

Date: April 28, 2021 Type: Feature Story

What is learning poverty?

All children should be able to read by age 10. Reading is a gateway for learning as the child progresses through school—and conversely, an inability to read slams that gate shut. Beyond this, when children...

Date: April 28, 2021 Type: Brief

Moldova's Vaccination System to be Strengthened, with World Bank Support

WASHINGTON, April 27, 2021 – The World Bank has approved Additional Financing for the Moldova COVID-19 Emergency Response Project in the amount of EUR 24.8 million, which will support the Government of...

Date: April 27, 2021 Type: Press Release

World Bank Supports Fair and Effective Deployment of COVID-19 Vaccines in Sri Lanka

WASHINGTON, April 27, 2021—The World Bank today approved \$80.5 million additional financing to help Sri Lanka access and distribute COVID-19 vaccines and to strengthen the country's vaccination system...

Date: April 27, 2021 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 1 May 2021]

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

News, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

African countries commit to double agricultural productivity as development banks and partners pledge over \$17 billion to increase food security

30-Apr-2021 - A coalition of multilateral development banks and development partners has pledged over \$17 billion in financing to address rising hunger on the African continent, and to improve food security.

African Development Bank, IFAD and partners redouble efforts to stop hunger in Africa and strengthen food security

29-Apr-2021 - The African Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in partnership with the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the CGIAR System Organization, today pledged to work closely with African leaders to address rising hunger on the continent and shore up adequate financing to transform and modernize Africa's food production. The impact of climate change, rising fragility and conflict, and locust invasions in East and Southern Africa is taking a toll on the continent.

Women's economic empowerment critical for sustainable post-Covid recovery, African Development Bank country gender profiles show

27-Apr-2021 - African women are still disproportionately affected by poverty, and the coronavirus pandemic is exacerbating gender inequalities, according to new African country gender profiles developed by the African Development Bank.

New reports from African Development Bank, FAO and CGIAR showcase digital agriculture opportunities

26-Apr-2021 - Drones, satellites, geographic information systems, weather stations and advanced analytics are some of the most promising technologies for providing solutions to Africa's agricultural challenges, according to the joint Digital Agricultural Profiles carried out by the African Development Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and CGIAR in three countries.

Asian Development Bank [to 1 May 2021]

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

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Latest News Releases

29 Apr 2021

Improve Quality of Life, Economic Opportunities in Cities to Build Sustainable Future — ADB

Improving quality of life, and social and economic opportunities in Asia's fast-growing cities are instrumental in fulfilling their potential as engines of economic prosperity and hubs for sustainability...

29 Apr 2021

Developing Asia to Grow 7.3% in 2021 Even as COVID-19 Lingers

Economic growth in developing Asia is set to rebound to 7.3% this year, supported by a healthy global recovery and early progress on coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines, according to a new report from the Asian Development Bank.

28 Apr 2021

Green and Social Finance Central to Asia-Pacific's Sustainable Recovery

Green and social finance must be nurtured to ensure that Asia and the Pacific's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is inclusive, resilient, and sustainable, according to Asian Development Outlook 2021, released by ADB today.

27 Apr 2021

[ADB's 2020 Operations Hit Record High to Aid COVID-19 Response, Recovery](#)

ADB committed a record \$31.6 billion in 2020 to help Asia and the Pacific swiftly tackle the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak; support a green, sustainable recovery from the pandemic; and address longer-term development challenges.

26 Apr 2021

[Masatsugu Asakawa to Stand for Reelection as ADB President](#)

ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa today expressed his intention to stand for reelection as President for the 5-year term after his current term ends on 23 November 2021. ADB Presidents are nominated from ADB's regional members...

26 Apr 2021

[ADB Approves \\$18.9 Million for Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccines in the Pacific](#)

ADB has approved \$18.9 million in grants to help four developing member countries in the Pacific roll out safe and effective vaccines against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 1 May 2021]

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

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News

Beijing, April 28, 2021

[AIIB Prices Inaugural AUD500m Sustainable ...](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) today successfully priced its debut sustainable development Kangaroo bond.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

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[Second round of National Calls for Proposals \(Kenya and Uganda\): Supporting remittances in times of crisis in Africa](#)

30 APR

[African countries commit to double agricultural productivity as development banks, institutions pledge US\\$17 billion to increase food security](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

29 APR

[African Development Bank, IFAD and partners redouble efforts to stop hunger in Africa and strengthen food security](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

IsDB President Addresses Heads of States Dialogue on Transforming Agriculture in Africa

29 April 2021

IsDB and UNITAR Join Forces to Strengthen Capacities and Save lives

27 April 2021

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a Joint Action Plan to strengthen cooperation in IsDB member countries.

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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 1 May 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 1 May 2021]

<https://alima.ngo/en/>

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 1 May 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 1 May 2021]

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

BSI News

28 Apr 2021

BSI Keynote at Protecting Greek Cultural Heritage Conference

Protecting Greek Cultural Heritage: From the 1821 Revolution to modern Greece On the 19th April 2021, the Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield, in collaboration with ICOMOS Hellenic National Committee and ICOM Hellenic National Committee, held an online conference to celebrate 200 years since the Greek War of Independence. The conference aimed to highlight the [...]

27 Apr 2021

Comments on OTP ICC Cultural Heritage Policy Submitted

[See Week in Review above for detail]

BRAC [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest

May 02, 2021

Addressing the impact of COVID-19 on infants and young children

April 29, 2021

How BRAC's barefoot lawyers are supporting women in Bangladesh to raise their voices

Clubhouse International [to 1 May 2021]

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

News/Events

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 1 May 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

Global

Predictable, preventable and tragic loss of life in the Central Mediterranean

28. April 2021

22 April 2021 saw yet another preventable tragedy at sea with more than 100 people perishing in a single incident. DRC repeats its plea for the EU to commit to search and rescue in the Mediterranean and for expanding safe pathways to protection to avoid desperate crossings and countless deaths at sea.

ECPAT [to 1 May 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

EU comes to political agreement to continue the use of online tools against CSAM

April 30 – Yesterday, the European Parliament and the Council came to an agreement ([link](#)) on the proposed interim legislation regarding the detection of child sexual abuse online by communications services. ECPAT International has been fighting for this important decision, which allows companies temporary legal right to continue scanning messaging platforms for child sexual abuse material, grooming behaviour, and the use of “classifiers” to detect images not yet determined to be child sexual abuse material (but likely to be).

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 1 May 2021]

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

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases/Events

News

New York City announces historic investment in Fountain House and clubhouses across the city

April 30, 2021

GE2P2 Global [to 1 May 2021]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Statements/Webinars

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

:: [NEW] Webinar Recording - **Posting of Informed Consent Content on Clinical Trials Registries** Center for Informed Consent Integrity Webinar Series - 21 April 2021

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 1 May 2021]

<https://www.helppage.org/newsroom/latest-news/>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Legislative Checklist: Protecting Health Care from Violence

The document presents a list of questions (a checklist or compatibility study) that cover some of the main challenges related to the protection of health care during armed conflict and other emergencies.
28-04-2021 | Publication

Without urgent action to protect essential services in conflict zones we face vast humanitarian disaster

Speech given by Mr Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, to the UNSC Open Debate on the Protection of Objects Indispensable to the survival of the civilian population.
27-04-2021 | Statement

IFRC [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Americas, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay

IFRC calls for an urgent scale-up of vaccinations, health interventions and economic support as the pandemic continues to surge in the Americas

As the Americas region continues to see a surge in COVID-19 cases and deaths, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is calling for an urgent scaling up of public health interventions, vaccinations and economic support for the most vulnerable. With almost half of the cases and deaths from COVID-19 in the world, the continent continues to bear the brunt of this monumental crisis on various fronts.
28 April 2021

India

IFRC urges unity to vaccinate the world against COVID-19 as countries unite to help India

Kuala Lumpur/Delhi/Geneva, 28 April – The terrible toll of death and illness unfolding in India reinforces that this pandemic is far from over. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) urges the whole world to unify a ...
28 April 2021

Philippines

Philippines: Red Cross eases burden on hospitals under siege as COVID-19 cases hit 1 million

Kuala Lumpur/Manila, 26 April – Record COVID-19 surges across the Philippines have placed hospitals under siege as total Coronavirus infections pass 1 million. Red Cross is urgently setting up field hospitals, quarantine facilities and scaling up exist ...
26 April 2021

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases/Updates / Alerts

Press Release

Story

[Rebuilding Healthcare at Ground Zero of a Humanitarian Disaster](#)

April 30, 2021

Editor's Note: International Medical Corps' Yemen Blog presents a rare view of life on the ground in Yemen, chronicled by our first responders as they battle one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters—fueled by poverty, hunger, disease and a seemingly endless war now in its seventh year, with no end in sight. Yemen's misery has ...

Update / Alert

[We Are Responding to the COVID-19 Surge in India](#)

April 28, 2021

India is currently fighting a wave of COVID-19 that is sickening hundreds of thousands—and killing thousands—every day. What's more, it's likely that these numbers are vastly underreported. The current situation is extremely serious. At the current rate of infection, it is projected that 1 million people in India could die from COVID-19 by August. Additionally, ...

Story

[Key to Taming a Pandemic: Bolstering Community Health Infrastructure](#)

April 27, 2021

As the COVID-19 outbreak took hold in the United States in early 2020, our Emergency Response Unit (ERU) at International Medical Corps knew exactly the approach we needed to take, based on our decades of responding to humanitarian disasters around the world: determine which entities are doing the most to deliver efficient care in underserved ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 1 May 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Remarks

[IRC's Asylum & Families Coordinator Beth Strano US Senate Committee Testimony on Homeland Security](#)

April 28, 2021

Statement

[South Sudan; statement following attack on IRC staff](#)

April 28, 2021

Press Release

[Triple threat of drought, COVID-19 and insecurity in Mogadishu driving severe humanitarian need in Somalia, warns IRC](#)

April 28, 2021

Press Release

NE Syria: As COVID surges, hospitals face acute O2 shortage and testing is in jeopardy; IRC makes urgent call for more funding and support to boost COVID response

April 27, 2021

Remarks

MIT's Robert A. Muh Award in the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences Awarded to David Miliband, President and CEO of the IRC

April 27, 2021

IRCT [to 1 May 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

News 29 Apr 2021

IRCT Appointed to EU Expert Group

The IRCT has been appointed to the European Union's (EU) Expert Group for the Implementation of the EU Anti-Torture Regulation, which aims to ban the trade of goods that are used for torture or the death penalty.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

"Even poor people are now able to celebrate Ramadan": Supporting mothers in Nepal through the holy month

Published: 28 April, 2021

Striving for social justice is more important than ever during this most unusual Ramadan

Published: 26 April, 2021

Landsea [to 1 May 2021]

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

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Medecins du Monde [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

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Mercy Corps [to 1 May 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

April 29, 2021

Statement: Why India's Second Wave is a Sobering Reminder

Mercy Corps issued the below statement from Ram Kishan, Mercy Corps Deputy Country Director for Asia, on the devastating...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

Responding to COVID-19: Global Accountability Report 3 - September to December 2020

Report 29 Apr 2021

... From March to December 2020, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) responded to the pandemic through our existing programmes and dedicated COVID-19 interventions in more than 300 projects in 70 countries. Our global COVID-19 activities focused on delivering medical care and other assistance to vulnerable people at risk of being left behind, including remote communities, people on the move, homeless people, and elderly people living in long-term care facilities...

Operation Smile [to 1 May 2021]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

COVID-19 cost women globally over \$800 billion in lost income in one year

29 April 2021

The COVID-19 crisis cost women around the world at least \$800 billion in lost income in 2020, equivalent to more than the combined GDP of 98 countries, said Oxfam today.

Oxfam responds to deadly COVID-19 wave in India

28 April 2021

Oxfam India has deployed teams to five of the worst-hit states in India where a second wave of coronavirus is sweeping the country. The international organisation is urgently appealing for \$2 million to fund its emergency response to the crisis.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest news

Africa/South Sudan | 26. Apr 2021

South Sudan: Fresh violence exacerbates famine threat

Escalating conflict in South Sudan's Equatoria regions has led to the killing of civilians, forced thousands of people to flee and disrupted planting for farmers at a time when 60 per cent of the population is suffering from acute food insecurity. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is calling on all parties to the conflict to urgently resolve tensions and avoid accelerating the risk of famine.

Pact [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

Research: In Rural Mexico, Building Trust Is Key To COVID-19 Response

In Chiapas, contact tracing is challenging—but not impossible. New research in The Lancet Global Health details PIH's COVID-19 response in rural Mexico.

April 29, 2021

Op-Ed: Racial Justice Requires an Equitable COVID-19 Response

Racial justice in our response to COVID-19 demands that we acknowledge that current inequalities are based on a racist system. We must work together with people who suffer racial oppression to materially resource our response.

April 29, 2021

Vaccine Eligibility Does Not Guarantee Access

Every adult in the United States is now eligible for COVID-19 vaccines -- a critical milestone. As the nation races against a fourth wave of the virus and increasing spread of variants, vaccinating the entire population is as urgent as ever. But eligibility alone does not guarantee access.

April 29, 2021

PATH [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

PATH welcomes Samantha Power as new USAID administrator

April 28, 2021 by PATH

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 1 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

29 April 2021 - *Syria*

North West Syria: number of suicide attempts and deaths rise sharply

28 April 2021 - *India*

Millions of children risk poverty and hunger as India's Covid crisis spirals

26 April 2021 - *United Kingdom*

393 million children unable to read: The world's shocking lost potential

Tostan [to 1 May 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 1 May 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

April 30, 2021

By: Storai Ahmadi

Thinking Ahead: Women for Women International–Afghanistan in 2021

Article

World Vision [to 1 May 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

The number of refugee children who say they need mental health support more than triples b...

April 28th 2021

India's fight to contain COVID-19 shows the battle to defeat the pandemic is still far fro...

April 27th 2021

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 1 May 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

Dismantling LGBT+ rights as a means of control in Russia

Perspectives April 30, 2021

United States: Freedom House Welcomes Administration's Focus on Press Freedom in Foreign Policy

Press release April 29, 2021

NEW REPORT: Attacks on Democracy Intensify as Autocracy Spreads in Europe and Eurasia

Press release April 28, 2021

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Human Rights Watch [to 1 May 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

April 27, 2021

Abusive Israeli Policies Constitute Crimes of Apartheid, Persecution

Israeli authorities are committing the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution.

Questions and Answers

Watch the Video

Read the Report: A Threshold Crossed

April 30, 2021 *News Release*

Myanmar: End Threats Against Rights Group

Middle East/North Africa April 29, 2021

Report

Tunisia Jails Repatriated Women With Suspected ISIS Ties

Asia April 28, 2021

News Release

India: Protect Rights, Dignity Amid Covid-19 Crisis

Transparency International [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press

Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš now listed as beneficial owner of Agrofert's German subsidiary

Transparency International welcomes the apparent correction in the records of Transparenzregister, Germany's beneficial ownership register of companies, which now lists the Czech Prime Minister...

29 April 2021

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ChildFund Alliance [to 1 May 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 1 May 2021]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

Writing the story of 2026, together

Apr 28, 2021 | *Director's Blog*

As CONCORD prepares its new four-year strategy, our Director reflects on certain changes in the international arena – including the EU's role – that the pandemic particularly brought to light or reinforced, while directly impacting on our ability to realise our most basic rights. All these changes mark a leap towards a future in which transformative, systemic change and the goal of a more equal world become significantly more difficult to achieve.

The Elders [to 1 May 2021]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
Statement*

The Elders deeply regret the postponement of Palestinian elections

30 April 2021

As Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas announces the postponement of parliamentary elections, Lakhdar Brahimi and Mary Robinson express concern for reconciliation and democratic rights.

Opinion

Chancellor Merkel's last chance to lead on climate

28 April 2021

Ahead of the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, Ban Ki-moon calls on German Chancellor Angela Merkel to show climate leadership by increasing climate finance to vulnerable countries. Published in Handelsblatt

Evidence Aid [to 1 May 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

Emergency and primary care collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic (research up to 15 April 2020)Added April 30, 2021

Contact tracing during infectious disease outbreaks (search done on 15 July 2020)Added April 30, 2021

Thoracic imaging for diagnosing COVID-19 (search done on 30 September 2020)Added April 30, 2021

Awake prone position in COVID-19 patients with respiratory problems (search up to 5 July 2020)Added April 27, 2021

Awake prone position and need for intubation in COVID-19 patients (search up to 15 August 2020)Added April 27, 2021

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) versus mechanical ventilation for adults with ARDS (search up to May 2020)Added April 27, 2021

Positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) levels for mechanically ventilated adults (search up to May 2020)**Added April 27, 2021**

Prone position during mechanical ventilation in critically ill patients: effects on mortality**Added April 27, 2021**

Gavi [to 1 May 2021]

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

News Releases

26 April 2021

Immunization services begin slow recovery from COVID-19 disruptions, though millions of children remain at risk from deadly diseases

Getty Conservation Institute [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

Unfinished, Fraying: Processes of Exhibition Making

Talk

Apr 27, 2021, 7p.m. , Location: Online

Global Fund [to 1 May 2021]

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

News & Stories

India's devastating COVID-19 crisis

30 April 2021

...As part of the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism 2021, we have made available an initial base allocation of US\$75 million to support India's response to COVID-19. We are working closely with the Government of India and national partners to help them access the new emergency funding and identify solutions to the most critical needs.

The Global Fund is also working with international partners to support India. In February 2021, the COVID-19 Oxygen Emergency Taskforce was launched by Unitaid and the Wellcome Trust as co-leaders of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-Accelerator) Therapeutics Pillar, to respond to the surging oxygen emergency in low- and middle-income countries. The taskforce brings together key organizations including Unitaid, the Wellcome Trust, the Global Fund, WHO, Unicef, World Bank, the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), PATH, the Every Breath Counts coalition and Save the Children...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 1 May 2021]

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

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

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 1 May 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

ICVA 18th General Assembly 2021

May 18, 2021 (All day) to May 19, 2021 (All day)

Online

InterAction [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest Updates

U.S. Foreign Assistance

Statement on the Biden Administration's First 100 Days

Apr 29, 2021

Global & Public Policy Positions

Decarbonizing Relief and Development Work

Maia Sparkman | Apr 29, 2021

Blog Post

InterAction Member Snapshot: NGOs Respond to Climate Change

Jeremy Doran | Apr 28, 2021

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

Evidence dialogue: Using implementation research to strengthen nutrition interventions

Webinar 27 May 2021 Online

Despite best efforts, significant gaps persist between global nutrition targets and actual achievements. These gaps reflect the well-recognised implementation challenge in nutrition – the gap between knowledge of what works and the implementation of proven interventions to achieve coverage and impact at scale. Implementation science and research can help identify and address challenges to implementation. This session will focus on the role of implementation research for strengthening the planning, delivery, or scale up of nutrition interventions.

CHS Alliance [to 1 May 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 1 May 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

Decolonisation and localisation: new dawn or old history?

27 April 2021

Here in ALNAP we have been mulling over the new zeitgeist for localisation and decolonisation in the humanitarian sector which have been discussed in the WHAF Aid Re-imagined Global Summit, OCHA's launch events for the Global Humanitarian Overview 2021 and the New Humanitarian's podcast series on 'Rethinking Humanitarianism.'

Lively discussion is taking place and new initiatives are emerging in the vacuum created by the absence of international staff on the ground; including local leadership; citizens' assemblies managing aid at the point of crisis; local groups networked for better coordination and fundraising; more influence of diaspora groups, mutual aid arrangements between communities and a steady increase in cash-based programming.

For us one key question came to mind: Does this herald a new dawn for humanitarianism or is old history just repeating itself?...

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 1 May 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

DEC Coronavirus Appeal extended to provide urgent life-saving assistance in India

Press release 28 April 2021

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 1 May 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

Statement: The closure of the refugee camps in Kenya will have catastrophic consequences

30/04/21

Joint statement from InZone and the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies

Geneva, 30 April 2021 – On Thursday, the Government of Kenya announced the closure of the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps by June 2022. The two camps are hosting over 430,000 refugees who fled from wars, violence and persecution in East Africa and the Horn of Africa.

In a joint statement, the Kenyan Government and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) explained that refugee camps are not a long-term solution to forced displacement and are committed to working together to find alternative solutions that are in line with the responsibility sharing principles and goals of the Global Compact on Refugees. Despite this reassuring statement, refugees living in the camps

deeply dread this turn of events as they live in fear of “forced” voluntary returns. This situation adds to the existing stress refugees have been experiencing as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For many years, Kenya has been a safe haven for displaced people in a region in turmoil. For that, the international community should praise and actively support the Government of Kenya. We, at InZone and the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, however, strongly recommend the Government of Kenya to reconsider the camps’ closure and, instead, revise its encampment policy that has maintained refugee populations in humanitarian aid dependency, as they are not allowed to work, which has inherently prevented them from accessing a dignified and productive life.

Groupe URD [to 1 May 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 1 May 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

[The need to decolonise aid, now](#)

19th-25th April

This week’s selection includes interesting articles on the recurring theme of the need to decolonise aid. One of them is the eye-opening article on how Maslow’s scheme of needs, which is often taken for granted, is a display of supremacy.

And, of course, continued attention to COVID-19: the terrible spike in infections in India and more on the politics of vaccination.

Two articles on the migration regimes of the UK and the US are reminders of the increasingly harsh and xenophobic anti-immigration policies as the main drivers of the humanitarian crisis.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 1 May 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 1 May 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 1 May 2021]

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

News and Blog

Three benefits of due diligence from the perspective of new members

by Heather Brown 26 Apr 21

It has been almost a year since twelve new members from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India and Pakistan joined Start Network. As we approach this anniversary, we wanted to understand the value that Start Network membership has brought to these organisations, including the value of our due diligence process. Based on interviews conducted between November and December 2020, here are the three main ways that due diligence has benefitted our new members from their perspectives.

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Brookings [to 1 May 2021]

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

Accessed 1 May 2021

Report

A better path forward for criminal justice: Conclusion

Rashawn Ray and Brent Orrell

April 2021

Report

A better path forward for criminal justice: Prisoner reentry

Annelies Goger, David J. Harding, and Howard Henderson

April 2021

Report

A better path forward for criminal justice: Training and employment for correctional populations

Grant Duwe and Makada Henry-Nickie

April 2021

Report

A better path forward for criminal justice: Fostering desistance

Shawn D. Bushway and Christopher Uggen

April 2021

Report

A better path forward for criminal justice: Reconsidering police in schools

Ryan King and Marc Schindler

April 2021

Center for Global Development [to 1 May 2021]

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

Publication

April 29, 2021

An Analysis of the Binding Constraints on Digital Financial Inclusion in India Using a Decision Tree Methodology

The past decade has seen significant innovation and growth in the volume and value of digital payments in India. However, we find that the associated gains have been heavily concentrated in favor of wealthier and urban customers and have had less impact on lower income and rural populations. While some customers now have a far greater selection of quick, cheap, and convenient digital payments methods, as much as 65 percent of the population remains effectively excluded.

[Nandini Harihareswara](#) and [Howard Miller](#)

CSIS

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

Accessed 1 May 2021

Selected Report/Events

Report

Security in Northern Europe in the Biden Era

April 29, 2021 | [Rachel Ellehuus](#) In this white paper, experts from CSIS and partners in the United Kingdom, Norway, and Germany explain how their countries are adjusting their defense strategies and seeking to engage with the Biden administration to ensure security in Northern Europe.

Report

Creating Fiscal Space in the Covid-19 Era

April 29, 2021 | [Stephanie Segal](#) Global health challenges threaten the United States' health and economic security. The Covid-19 pandemic is a call to action to rethink how the United States prioritizes pandemic preparedness and investments in public health.

Report

New Dynamics in Northern South America's Geopolitical Neighborhood

April 28, 2021 | [Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith](#) Northern South America is heating up, and not just because of the massive oil fields being discovered offshore Guyana since May 2015.

Rand [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Research Reports, Featured Journal Articles

Research Brief

Promising Practices from Law Enforcement's COVID-19 Response: Protecting the Public

This brief highlights the challenges that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic posed for law enforcement agencies, how they adapted to those challenges, and a discussion of which adaptations might hold promise after the pandemic.

Apr 30, 2021

Brian A. Jackson, Michael J. D. Vermeer, Dulani Woods, Duren Banks, Sean E. Goodison, Joe Russo, Jeremy D. Barnum, Camille Gourdet, Lynn Langton, Michael G. Planty, Shoshana R. Shelton, Siara I. Sitar, Amanda R. Witwer

Research Brief

Promising Practices from the Institutional Corrections System's COVID-19 Response: Managing Safety and Security on the Inside

This brief highlights the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic created, shows how corrections agencies adapted to the challenges, describes which adaptations may hold promise, and provides evaluations to demonstrate the efficacy of such adaptations.

Apr 30, 2021

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Research Brief

Promising Practices from Victim Services Providers' COVID-19 Response: Protecting Victims and Those Who Serve Them

This brief highlights the challenges that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic posed for victims services providers, describes how they adapted to those challenges, and discusses which adaptations might hold promise after the pandemic.

Apr 30, 2021

Joe Russo, Brian A. Jackson, Michael J. D. Vermeer, Dulani Woods, Duren Banks, Sean E. Goodison, Jeremy D. Barnum, Camille Gourdet, Lynn Langton, Michael G. Planty, Shoshana R. Shelton, Siara I. Sitar, Amanda R. Witwer

Report

Messaging Strategies for Mitigating COVID-19 Through Vaccination and Nonpharmaceutical Interventions

This Perspective addresses matching the message, the audience, and the sender in encouraging people to get a COVID-19 vaccine and discusses how to deal with misinformation.

Apr 30, 2021

Luke J. Matthews, Andrew M. Parker, Monique Martineau, Courtney A. Gidengil, Christine Chen, Jeanne S. Ringel

Report

Detecting Conspiracy Theories on Social Media: Improving Machine Learning to Detect and Understand Online Conspiracy Theories

Using linguistic and rhetorical theory, researchers developed an improved model of machine-learning technology to detect conspiracy theory language. This report describes the results and suggests ways to counter effects of online conspiracy theories.

Apr 29, 2021

William Marcellino, Todd C. Helmus, Joshua Kerrigan, Hilary Reininger, Rouslan I. Karimov, Rebecca Ann Lawrence

Research Brief

A New Approach to Measuring Income Inequality Over Recent Decades

RAND researchers identified a new, intuitive way to measure income inequality and compare income growth over time.

Apr 29, 2021

Carter C. Price, Kathryn A. Edwards

Report

Superspreaders of Malign and Subversive Information on COVID-19: Russian and Chinese Efforts Targeting the United States

This report, part of the Truth Decay initiative, is one in a series describing malign and subversive information efforts related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) that Russian and Chinese outlets appear to have used to target U.S. audiences.

Apr 29, 2021

Miriam Matthews, Katya Migacheva, Ryan Andrew Brown

Report

Provisional Caseload Standards for the Indigent Defense of Adult Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency Cases in Utah: Report for the Utah Indigent Defense Commission

The Utah Indigent Defense Commission asked the RAND Corporation for assistance in determining maximum caseload standards for providers of indigent legal representation in Utah. The authors present data and analysis.

Apr 28, 2021

Nicholas M. Pace, Dulani Woods, Roberto Guevara, Chau Pham, Shamina Anwar

Report

Responsible Space Behavior for the New Space Era: Preserving the Province of Humanity

Humans have explored near-earth space for more than six decades, yet the basic mechanisms for governing space activities have only marginally changed. The authors offer suggestions on how to improve space governance and responsible space behavior.

Apr 26, 2021

Bruce McClintock, Katie Feistel, Douglas C. Ligor, Kathryn O'Connor

[See Week in Review above for detail]

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 1 May 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

Celebrating AI UK: The Turing's flagship showcase of the UK's best academic work in AI

Monday 26 Apr 2021

On 23 and 24 March, the Turing hosted AI UK 2021, our showcase of the latest research in artificial intelligence, data science, and machine learning. The conference brought together leading academics, specialists, and industry leaders, with the aim of addressing national issues through panels and conversations, sparking new connections and collaborations across sectors, and showcasing the UK's leading global role in AI research. AI UK was supported by the Office for Artificial Intelligence and The Economist...

Unitaid [to 1 May 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

28 April 2021

Unitaid and Wellcome statement regarding MSD's global access plan for molnupiravir, a potential treatment for COVID-19

Geneva – ACT-Accelerator Therapeutics co-leads [Wellcome](#) and Unitaid welcome MSD's commitment to voluntary licensing agreements with five generic manufacturers to serve the needs of India and 100 other low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). This is an important first step to accelerate and expand global access for molnupiravir, should upcoming clinical data prove it safe and effective.

Industry plays a central role in ensuring a rapid and effective COVID-19 response. Their commitment to the development of promising therapeutics for COVID-19 is critical in the race to end the pandemic and in meeting the continued need for treatments for COVID-19.

We also welcome MSD's engagement with the Unitaid-supported Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) to further broaden access to molnupiravir. In anticipation of a potential approval in the months to come, robust plans for affordable access in all low- and middle-income countries are required, including middle-income countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, given the trajectory of the pandemic.

28 April 2021

Access to HIV self-tests significantly expanded and costs halved thanks to Unitaid agreement

:: Self-testing vital tool to help people know HIV status – but market has been dominated by single oral-based self-test

:: New Unitaid-led agreement with Viatri (through its subsidiary Mylan) reduces price of blood-based HIV self-test by 50%, significantly expanding market and giving countries more options

:: New test will be available for less than \$2 in 135 countries

:: Self tests key factor in achieving SDG target of 90% of people infected with HIV knowing their status

27 April 2021

ANTICOV: largest clinical trial in Africa for people with mild COVID-19 to test new drug combination

Need for effective COVID-19 treatments remains particularly acute, especially in sub-Saharan Africa where access to vaccines is still extremely limited

Geneva – The ANTICOV clinical trial, conducted in 13 African countries, has started the recruitment of participants to test a new drug combination, nitazoxanide + ciclesonide, to treat people with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 before their cases become severe.

The ANTICOV study is being carried out by a consortium of 26 partners which include leading African research institutions and international health organizations, coordinated by the non-profit research and development (R&D) organization Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative ([DNDi](#)). It is the largest trial in Africa to identify early COVID-19 treatments that can prevent progression to severe disease and potentially limit transmission.

"In many African countries our worst fears are being realised, as already-strained intensive care units are beginning to fill up with COVID-19 patients," said Dr John Nkengasong, Director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). "Yet the number of vaccine doses that are reaching the African continent is too limited. The rapid spread of new variants also threatens to reduce the efficacy of existing vaccines, which is another major cause for concern. We need urgently to identify affordable and easy-to-administer treatments that can prevent the evolution to a severe form of the disease and slow the rate of infection."...

Urban Institute [to 1 May 2021]

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

Publications

Removing Barriers to Pretrial Appearance

Increased rates of pretrial detention have driven overall growth in the jail population nationwide and carry significant individual and systemic impacts for people of color, who are disproportionately affected by pretrial policies. Targeting rates of failure to appear in court in local jurisdictions is key to reducing pretrial jail populations, especially because failure to appear can result in bench warrants

[Evelyn F. McCoy](#), [Azhar Gulaid](#), [Nkechi Erongu](#), [Janeen Buck Willison](#)

April 30, 2021

Brief

Improving Evidence-Based Policymaking: A Review

Since 2015, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Policies for Action (P4A) research program has been funding a growing body of work to understand how policies shape the root causes of health and survival, and, in particular, what policy solutions are needed to significantly boost population health, well-being, and equity in the United States. Scholars at the Urban Institute, home of the national coordinating

[Martha Fedorowicz](#), [Laudan Y. Aron](#)

April 29, 2021

Research Report

Sources of Payment for Uncompensated Care for the Uninsured

Uncompensated care costs for the nation's uninsured averaged \$42.4 billion per year in the 2015-2017 time period. While substantial, these costs significantly declined following implementation of the Affordable Care Act's coverage expansion, down from \$62.8 billion per year in 2011-2013. Although health care providers incur substantial cost in caring for the uninsured, the bulk of their costs are

[Teresa A. Coughlin](#), [Haley Samuel-Jakubos](#), [Rachel Garfield](#)

April 29, 2021

Brief

Declines in Uncompensated Care Costs for the Uninsured under the ACA and Implications of Recent Growth in the Uninsured Rate

The increase in the uninsured rate in recent years, as well as loss of coverage during the pandemic, has led to attention on the consequences of being uninsured. The need for medical care to test, treat, or prevent COVID-19 has also highlighted the potential consequences of uncompensated care for uninsured people. Uncompensated care costs occur because, although people who are uninsured use less care than

[Michael Karpman](#), [Teresa A. Coughlin](#), [Rachel Garfield](#)

April 29, 2021

Brief

Promoting Adolescent Sexual Health and Safety, a Community-Based Collaboration

Promoting Adolescent Sexual Health and Safety (PASS) is a unique, community-based effort in Washington, DC, to create and evaluate a program for teenagers that is focused on sexual health and tailored to their experiences and needs. PASS is the result of a partnership between the Benning

Terrace District of Columbia Housing Authority community, including participating teens, and the Urban Institute. This report

[Elsa Falkenburger](#), [Nora Hakizimana](#), [Ebonie Megibow](#), [Eona Harrison](#)

April 29, 2021

Research Report

How Might State Responses to the Pandemic Affect the Safety Net?

This report examines how the pandemic and related economic downturn affected the need for safety net supports; actions states are taking to mitigate the immense hardship the pandemic has caused; implications for racial equity; and challenges, opportunities, and questions facing state leaders as of April 2021. Drawing on interviews with experts on state budgets, governance, and safety net programs between

[Heather Hahn](#), [Ian Hill](#), [Brigette Courtot](#), [Emily Burroughs](#)

April 29, 2021

Research Report

How Might State Medicaid and Other Health Programs Be Affected in the Pandemic's Aftermath?

This report examines how state Medicaid and other health programs responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and its related economic downturn. It also explores the outlook for these programs in the year ahead as governors and state legislatures work to balance their FY 2022 budgets. Drawing from interviews with experts on Medicaid and behavioral health, public health, and maternal and child health programs between

[Ian Hill](#), [Brigette Courtot](#), [Emily Burroughs](#)

April 29, 2021

Research Report

Child Care Subsidies and Home-Based Child Care Providers

This brief provides an overview of opportunities, challenges, and steps to expand the participation of home-based child care (HBCC) providers in subsidies provided by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which is the major federal-state child care assistance program. Based on expert interviews and a review of the literature, we first provide background on HBCC providers and CCDF to set the context and

[Gina Adams](#), [Kelly Dwyer](#)

April 29, 2021

Brief

The Child and Adult Care Food Program and Home-Based Child Care Providers

This brief provides an overview of opportunities, challenges, and steps to expand the participation of home-based child care (HBCC) providers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which is a federal child nutrition program that helps pay for meals provided in child care settings. Based on expert interviews and a review of the literature, we first provide background on HBCC providers and CACFP to set

[Gina Adams](#), [Fernando Hernandez-Lepe](#)

April 29, 2021

Brief

Tax Policy Center International Investment and Capital Model: Corporate Income Tax Project Technical Brief

This technical brief describes the Tax Policy Center's international investment and capital model (IICM) of cross-border tax rates. The Devereux-Griffith effective tax rate model underlying the IICM is explained in detail, and preliminary model outputs—effective marginal and average tax rates on US investment by country and industry—are presented and interpreted. Model applications and avenues for extension are

[Thornton Matheson](#)

April 28, 2021

Research Report

How Does the NMTC Program Affect Local Housing Markets

To understand how NMTC investments affect local housing markets, we estimate the effects of different types of NMTC projects on home prices and residential mortgage lending. We find that home prices rise and residential lending increases in neighborhoods after an NMTC project (for projects expected to have a positive impact on the housing market). However, these results do not weaken as we look further away from

[Brett Theodos](#), [Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Christopher Davis](#), [Ananya Hariharan](#)

April 28, 2021

Brief

What Are the NMTC Program's Impacts on Local Economic Conditions?

To understand how NMTC investments affect communities, we estimate the effects of different types of NMTC projects on their neighborhoods to determine whether those projects had the expected impacts. We find large increases in local economic activity following NMTC projects, including increases in the number of firms, jobs, residents with jobs, median income, and reductions in poverty. We also find an increase

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April 28, 2021

Brief

Which Community Development Entities Receive NMTC Funding?

Community Development Entities (CDEs) are intermediaries that receive NMTC allocation authority from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. CDEs use this authority to make loans or investments into businesses and nonprofits in "low-income communities." In this brief, we explore the different types of CDEs, show how the distribution has changed over time, and discuss the relationship between CDE

[Brett Theodos](#), [Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Christopher Davis](#), [Prasanna Rajasekaran](#), [Ananya Hariharan](#)

April 28, 2021

Brief

Which Types of Projects Receive New Markets Tax Credit Funding?

To better understand the projects NMTCs fund, we developed a typology to describe the universe of projects funded from the start of the program through the most recent year that project-level data are available. Looking across all years of the program, manufacturing and food processing projects received the most funding, closely followed by retail, health care, and schools and child care. Other uses include

[Brett Theodos](#), [Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Christopher Davis](#), [Ananya Hariharan](#)

April 28, 2021

Brief

How Has the New Markets Tax Credit Program Been Funded over Time?

This brief summarizes the funding history of the NMTC Program. Each year, through the US Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund and the Internal Revenue Service, the program provides tax credits to subsidize local development real estate projects and operating businesses (including nonprofits) in census tracts with low average incomes or high poverty rates

[Brett Theodos](#), [Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Christopher Davis](#), [Prasanna Rajasekaran](#), [Ananya Hariharan](#)

April 28, 2021

Brief

Where Do New Markets Tax Credit Projects Go?

This brief examines the characteristics of census tracts where NMTC projects are located to determine whether the program is targeting the intended neighborhoods. We find that NMTC projects are located in neighborhoods that, relative to eligible tracts that did not receive NMTCs, have higher poverty rates, lower median incomes, and larger shares of people of color. Further, the majority of NMTCs go to the most

[Brett Theodos](#), [Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Christopher Davis](#), [Ananya Hariharan](#)

April 28, 2021

Brief

Stories of Hardship from Families with Young Children as the COVID-19 Pandemic Persists

As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, many families with young children have faced and continue to experience an overwhelming amount of material and economic hardship and food insecurity. This not only creates distress in the short term but has significant implications for children's longer-term well-being and development. Although data may show a recovering economy and decreases in unemployment, stories from

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

April 27, 2021

Brief

Eviction Prevention and Diversion Programs: Early Lessons from the Pandemic

This brief describes the diversity of court-based and court-adjacent state and local eviction prevention and diversion programs that have been created or adapted to prevent evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. We conducted a national scan in which we reviewed 47 eviction prevention and diversion programs to identify broad trends and key features. We then conducted interviews with program administrators and

[Mark Treskon](#), [Solomon Greene](#), [Olivia Fiol](#), [Anne Junod](#)

April 27, 2021

Research Report

Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, April 2021

The April 2021 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing nonbank origination shares,

housing credit availability, and originator profitability. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Janneke Ratcliffe](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Jun Zhu](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Michael Neal](#), [Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Linna Zhu](#), [Peter Mattingly](#), [John Walsh](#), [Caitlin Young](#), [Daniel Pang](#), [Alison Rincon](#), [Gideon Berger](#), [Rylea Luckfield](#)

April 27, 2021

Research Report

Participatory Research in Prisons

Although prisons are among the largest public institutions in the United States, research on life inside them, informed by people experiencing incarceration, is distinctly absent. What public knowledge exists about people who are incarcerated in prisons and those who work in them comes from the media, human rights groups, personal activism, and correctional data; people's lived experiences in prisons, however,

[Lauren Farrell](#), [Bethany Young](#), [Janeen Buck Willison](#)

April 27, 2021

Brief

Organizational Justice in Corrections Settings

Organizational justice is a framework for understanding an employee's perception of fairness in their workplace and an important component of correctional staff's workplace experiences. Organizational justice includes fairness in processes (procedural justice), outcomes (distributive justice), and treatment (interactional justice). Research suggests correctional officers' perceptions of organizational justice—

[Travis Reginal](#), [Jesse Jannetta](#)

April 27, 2021

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Apr. 27, 2021

Wistar Expands International Training of the Next Generation of Scientists With the University of Bologna

Second international training program offers mentorship under top cancer research scientists.

World Economic Forum [to 1 May 2021]

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

Media

COVID-19 has reshaped last-mile logistics, with e-commerce deliveries rising 25% in 2020

News 29 Apr 2021

Public Supports COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate for International Travel, Not Everyday Activities

News 28 Apr 2021

:: The global public widely supports requiring vaccine certificates for international travel and accessing large venues, however, support is divided when it comes to measures around daily life
:: Only half agree vaccine certificates should be required for shops, restaurants, and offices, with a large majority in South Asia and Latin America supporting such measures
:: Health expert calls for international regulations to adapt and for universal access to vaccines to ensure two classes of global citizens are not created
:: [Watch the Forum's panel](#) on ensuring vaccine equity; [read the highlights](#) blog
:: [View the survey details](#)

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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 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases and Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 1 May 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 1 May 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 1 May 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 1 May 2021]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 1 May 2021]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Digital advisory services for smallholder families in Africa and Asia](#)

04/27/2021

A research and innovation project at the the Centre of Development and Environment and the Institute of Sociology, University of Bern, aims to strengthen sustainable farming methods among smallholder families in Africa and Asia using digitally supported agricultural extension services. Its overall goal is to improve the families' productivity, incomes, and climate resilience. The project is being conducted together with international partners and is supported by the TRANSFORM programme of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) with five million Swiss francs.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Our News

Remembering Donald H. Hubbs

April 26, 2021

... After a long, healthy and impactful life, Donald H. Hubbs passed away peacefully on April 20, 2021 at the age of 103. He virtuously served the Hilton Foundation for 36 years, holding the positions of president, chair and chief executive officer...

IKEA Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Room

Research Apr 28 2021

Project to Read Genomes of All 70,000 Vertebrate Species Reports First Discoveries

A bold project to read the complete genetic sequences of every known vertebrate species reaches its first milestone by publishing new methods and the first 25 high-quality genomes.

Kaiser Family Foundation

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

Accessed 1 May 2021

April 30, 2021 *News Release*

What Could the U.S. Do to Help Improve Global COVID-19 Vaccine Equity?

As India and other countries continue to grapple with major COVID-19 outbreaks even as cases decline in this country, there is increasing attention to the global role that could be played by the U.S. government. This is particularly the case now that the U.S. will soon have enough COVID-19 vaccine...

April 29, 2021 *News Release*

Vast Majority of Large Employers Surveyed Say Broader Government Role Will Be Necessary to Control Health Costs and Provide Coverage, Survey Finds

Top executives at nearly 90% of large employers surveyed believe the cost of providing health benefits to employees will become unsustainable in the next five-to-10 years, and 85% expect the government will be required to intervene to provide coverage and contain costs, according to a new survey released today from...

April 27, 2021 *News Release*

Lowering the Age of Medicare Eligibility Would Likely Reduce Health Spending for Employers, But Raise Costs for the Federal Government by Covering More People in Medicare

Two new KFF analyses find that lowering the age of Medicare eligibility from 65 to 60 could significantly reduce health spending for employers, who could potentially pass savings to employees in

the form of lower premiums or higher wages. Additionally, per person health spending for older adults who move from...

April 26, 2021 *News Release*

KFF's Kaiser Health News and "This American Life" Team Up for a Chilling Account of the Threats and Menace Upending the Lives of Local Health Officials

In the course of the pandemic, health officers have become the face of local government authority. And, in turn, many have become targets for the rage and resentment of some of the same loose-knit militia and white nationalist groups that stormed the U.S. Capitol in January, smashing windows, bloodying officers...

Kellogg Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

30 April 2021

Prime Minister Imran Khan lays the foundation for Hunza's first IT Park

MacArthur Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

Warming Climate Threatens Industry in India

April 30, 2021 *Grantee Research*

Initial Evaluation of the Journalism and Media Program

April 30, 2021 *Evaluations*

Electrified Transportation by 2035

April 29, 2021 *Grantee Research*

Strengthening Women's Voices for Public Accountability

April 28, 2021 *Grantee Research*

A policy brief examines factors that strengthen women's voices in public accountability in Nigeria. Based on the findings, it recommends approaches that build women's technical capacity, remove formal barriers, support women's networks and power building, and commit to long-term funding. Even with these factors, it notes that accountability may not necessarily increase without careful design. MacArthur commissioned the brief from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex to help reinforce a gender equity and social inclusion lens (GESI) for the On Nigeria program.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 1 May 2021]

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

Newsroom

Press release April 26, 2021

[Open Society Names Daniela Schwarzer as Executive Director for Europe and Eurasia](#)

Schwarzer will lead and bring together Open Society's work across Europe and Eurasia, overseeing advocacy and grant-making activities.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases, Statements, Events

Event

April 30, 2021

[Small Businesses, Jobs, and Philadelphia's Road to an Inclusive Recovery](#)

Press Releases & Statements

April 28, 2021

[Pew Applauds U.S. Decision to Co-Lead on Southern Ocean Marine Protected Areas](#)

Special climate envoy John Kerry announces key support for much-needed conservation efforts

Rockefeller Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Reports/Press Releases

May 01 2021 *Press Releases*

[Statement by Dr. Rajiv. J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on India and Covid-19](#)

Even one year into the worst pandemic in a century, the reports of Covid-19's devastation in India are staggering: the country now accounts for 1 in every 9 active cases ...

Apr 29 2021 *Press Releases*

Arizona State University Survey of Employers Shows Companies Doubling Down on Covid-19 Testing and Support Vaccinations to Achieve a Post-Pandemic Workplace

Nearly 9 out of 10 employers in the US & UK will require or encourage vaccination for employees. Most say employee mental health has become a top priority PHOENIX, Ariz. | ...

Apr 28 2021 *Press Releases*

Lacuna Fund Announces its Second Round of Funding to Support a Community-led Movement Towards Locally Developed and Owned Language Datasets Across Africa

Supported projects will produce text and speech datasets for natural language processing (NLP) technologies that will have significant downstream impacts on education, financial inclusion, healthcare, agriculture, communication, and disaster response ...

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Apr 26 2021 *Press Releases*

Statement by Dr. Rajiv. J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on LEAF Coalition's Historic Expansion to Fight the Climate Crisis

Climate change is an existential threat, one that demands all of us to urgently consider every opportunity and scenario to reduce CO2 emissions. During last week's White House Leaders

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 1 May 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 1 May 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 1 May 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 1 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 1 May 2021]

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

News and reports

Explainer

[Why we need to share vaccine doses now and why COVAX is the right way to do it](#)

26 April 2021

We need urgent international action to achieve more equitable global access to Covid-19 vaccines. Countries that have ordered more vaccine doses than they need are best placed to take the lead, by sharing doses now, through COVAX.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 1 May 2021]

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

Press Room

April 29, 2021

[Minn. Foundation Awards \\$100 Million to Help Blacks and Native Americans Build Wealth](#)

Source: *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

Council on Foundations [to 1 May 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 2

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 23, Number 5: E371-433 May 2021

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/ending-hiv-epidemic>

Ending the HIV Epidemic

A human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic began in the United States in the 1970s. "Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America" was launched in October 2019 by the US Department of Health and Human Services, with the goal of stopping the spread of HIV by 2030. Accomplishing this goal demands not only expanding existing programs, but recognizing and responding to clinically, ethically, socially, and culturally relevant features of contemporary patients' experiences of stigma, oppression, and living with HIV. This issue considers ethical and clinical complexities patients and clinicians encounter in HIV care today.

American Journal of Infection Control

May 2021 Volume 49 Issue 5 p533-656

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

State of the Science Review

Paediatric nurses', children's and parents' adherence to infection prevention and control and knowledge of antimicrobial stewardship: A systematic review

Mataya Kilpatrick, Ana Hutchinson, Elizabeth Manias, Stéphane L. Bouchoucha

Published online: December 04, 2020

p622-639

Open Access

Highlights

:: This review provides compelling evidence that there is a lack of understanding of infection prevention and control precautions and appropriate antimicrobial use by parents, children, and nurses in paediatric settings.

:: Identified practice gaps highlight health care workers', parents' and children's vulnerability to pathogen exposure in the context of pandemic spread of highly contagious pathogens.

:: Parents and children had limited knowledge in relation to antimicrobials, and thus were making poor decisions on antibiotic use.

:: Nurses were unaware of their leadership role in antimicrobial stewardship but they nevertheless had a good understanding of antimicrobial stewardship principles and the barriers to good antimicrobial stewardship.

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2021 Volume 60 Issue 5 p595-736

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

Research Articles

The Benefits of Vaccinating With the First Available COVID-19 Coronavirus Vaccine

Sarah M. Bartsch, Kelly J. O'Shea, Patrick T. Wedlock, ...Sarah N. Cox, Peter J. Hotez, Bruce Y. Lee

Published online: January 18, 2021

p605-613

American Journal of Public Health

May 2021 111(5)

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

EDITORIALS

Partisan and Other Gaps in Support for COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies Require Substantial Attention

Immunization/Vaccines, Health Promotion, Media

Sarah E. Gollust

111(5), pp. 765–767

Essential Strategies to Curb COVID-19 Transmission in Prisons and Jails

Community Health, Health Policy, Epidemiology

Alexandria Macmadu and Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein

111(5), pp. 776–777

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 104 (2021): Issue 4 (Apr 2021)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/104/4/tpmd.104.issue-4.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

April 2021 Volume 174, Issue 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 380 - April 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 294 May 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/294/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

April 2021 - Volume 6 - 4

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[Correction to: Predictors of willingness to get a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S](#)

An amendment to this paper has been published and can be accessed via the original article.

Authors: Bridget J. Kelly, Brian G. Southwell, Lauren A. McCormack, Carla M. Bann, Pia D. M.

MacDonald, Alicia M. Frasier, Christine A. Bevc, Noel T. Brewer and Linda B. Squiers

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2021 21:383

Content type: Correction

Published on: 26 April 2021

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[Normative framework of informed consent in clinical research in Germany, Poland, and Russia](#)

Biomedical research nowadays is increasingly carried out in multinational and multicenter settings. Due to disparate national regulations on various ethical aspects, such as informed consent, there is the risk...

Authors: Marcin Orzechowski, Katarzyna Woniak, Cristian Timmermann and Florian Steger

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:53

Content type: Research

Published on: 1 May 2021

[Ethics review of big data research: What should stay and what should be reformed?](#)

Ethics review is the process of assessing the ethics of research involving humans. The Ethics Review Committee (ERC) is the key oversight mechanism designated to ensure ethics review. Whether or not this gover...

Authors: Agata Ferretti, Marcello Ienca, Mark Sheehan, Alessandro Blasimme, Edward S. Dove, Bobbie Farsides, Phoebe Friesen, Jeff Kahn, Walter Karlen, Peter Kleist, S. Matthew Liao, Camille Nebeker, Gabrielle Samuel, Mahsa Shabani, Minerva Rivas Velarde and Effy Vayena

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:51

Content type: Debate

Published on: 30 April 2021

[A scoping review of the literature featuring research ethics and research integrity cases](#)

The areas of Research Ethics (RE) and Research Integrity (RI) are rapidly evolving. Cases of research misconduct, other transgressions related to RE and RI, and forms of ethically questionable behaviors have b...

Authors: Anna Catharina Vieira Armond, Bert Gordijn, Jonathan Lewis, Mohammad Hosseini, János Kristóf Bodnár, Soren Holm and Péter Kakuk

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:50

Content type: Research article

Published on: 30 April 2021

Recognising values and engaging communities across cultures: towards developing a cultural protocol for researchers

Efforts to build research capacity and capability in low and middle income countries (LMIC) has progressed over the last three decades, yet it confronts many challenges including issues with communicating or e...

Authors: Rakhshi Memon, Muqaddas Asif, Ameer B. Khoso, Sehrish Tofique, Tayyaba Kiran, Nasim Chaudhry, Nusrat Husain and Sarah J. L. Edwards

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:47

Content type: Debate

Published on: 26 April 2021

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

Change in full immunization inequalities in Indian children 12–23 months: an analysis of household survey data

India has made substantial progress in improving child health in recent years. However, the country continues to account for a large number of vaccine preventable child deaths. We estimated wealth-related full...

Authors: Brian Wahl, Madhu Gupta, Daniel J. Erchick, Bryan N. Patenaude, Taylor A. Holroyd, Molly Sauer, Madeleine Blunt, Mathuram Santosham and Rupali Jayant Limaye

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:841

Content type: Research article

Published on: 1 May 2021

Individual and social determinants of COVID-19 vaccine uptake

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact and efforts are being made to speed up vaccinations. The growing problem of vaccine hesitancy may affect the uptake of COVID-19 vaccine. We examined the individual, commun...

Authors: K. Viswanath, Mesfin Bekalu, Dhriti Dhawan, Ramya Pinnamaneni, Jenna Lang and Rachel McCloud

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:818

Content type: Research article

Published on: 28 April 2021

Predicting intention to receive COVID-19 vaccine among the general population using the health belief model and the theory of planned behavior model

This study aim to explore the intentions, motivators and barriers of the general public to vaccinate against COVID-19, using both the Health Belief Model (HBM) and the Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) model.

Authors: Liora Shmueli

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:804

Content type: Research

Published on: 26 April 2021

A qualitative study on resilience in adult refugees in Germany

Because refugees face significant adversities before, during, and after resettlement, resilience is of central importance to this population. However, strengths-based research on post-migration refugee experie...

Authors: Lena Walther, Julia Amann, Uwe Flick, Thi Minh Tam Ta, Malek Bajbouj and Eric Hahn

Citation: BMC Public Health 2021 21:828

Content type: Research

Published on: 30 April 2021

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 1 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

April 2021 - Volume 26 - 2

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/26/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Open

March 2021 - Volume 11 - 4

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/11/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 99, Number 4, April 2021, 241-320
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/99/4/en/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Cell

Apr 29, 2021 Volume 184 Issue 9p2259-2524
<https://www.cell.com/cell/current>

Commentary

[Creating collaboration by breaking down scientific barriers](#)

Jacqueline M. Fabius, Nevan J. Krogan

The scientific world rewards the individual while often discouraging collaboration. However, times of crisis show us how much more we can accomplish when we work together. Here, we describe our approach to breaking down silos and fostering global collaborations and share the lessons we have learned, especially pertaining to research on SARS-CoV-2.

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 47, Issue 3 Pages: 297-410 May 2021
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 115 April 2021
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/115/suppl/C>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 109, Issue 5 Pages: 1159-1362 May 2021
<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

Perspective

[Balancing Safety and Efficacy With Early Availability in the Regulation of Regenerative Medicine Product](#)

Yasuhiro Fujiwara, Yoshiaki Maruyama, Futaba Honda

First published: 26 September 2020

<https://doi.org/10.1002/cpt.2034>

Reviews - White Paper

[The Certainty Framework for Assessing Real-World Data in Studies of Medical Product Safety and Effectiveness](#)

Noelle M. Cocoros, Peter Arlett, Nancy A. Dreyer, Chieko Ishiguro, Solomon Iyasu, Miriam Sturkenboom, Wei Zhou, Sengwee Toh

Pages: 1189-1196

First Published: 10 September 2020

Abstract

A fundamental question in using real-world data for clinical and regulatory decision making is: How certain must we be that the algorithm used to capture an exposure, outcome, cohort-defining characteristic, or confounder is what we intend it to be? We provide a practical framework to help researchers and regulators assess and classify the fit-for-purposefulness of real-world data by study variable for a range of data sources. The three levels of certainty (optimal, sufficient, and probable) must be considered in the context of each study variable, the specific question being studied, the study design, and the decision at hand.

Review - Open Access

Randomized Controlled Trials Versus Real World Evidence: Neither Magic Nor Myth

Hans-Georg Eichler, Francesco Pignatti, Brigitte Schwarzer-Daum, Ana Hidalgo-Simon, Irmgard Eichler Peter Arlett, Anthony Humphreys, Spiros Vamvakas, Nikolai Brun, Guido Rasi

Pages: 1212-1218

First Published: 16 October 2020

Abstract

Compared with drugs from the blockbuster era, recently authorized drugs and those expected in the future present a heterogeneous mix of chemicals, biologicals, and cell and gene therapies, a sizable fraction being for rare diseases, and even individualized treatments or individualized combinations. The shift in the nature of products entails secular trends for the definitions of “drugs” and “target population” and for clinical use and evidence generation. We discuss that the lessons learned from evidence generation for 20th century medicines may have limited relevance for 21st century medicines. We explain why the future is not about randomized controlled trials (RCTs) vs. real-world evidence (RWE) but RCTs and RWE—not just for the assessment of safety but also of effectiveness. Finally, we highlight that, in the era of precision medicine, we may not be able to reliably describe some small treatment effects—either by way of RCTs or RWE.

Clinical Therapeutics

Volume 43 Issue 3 p431-650, e57-e96

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 18 Issue 2, April 2021

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/18/2>

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Conflict and Health

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

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Migrant children in transit: health profile and social needs of unaccompanied and accompanied children visiting the MSF clinic in Belgrade, Serbia

Thousands of children migrate to Europe each year in search of safety and the promise of a better life. Many of them transited through Serbia in 2018. Children journey alone or along with their family members ...

Authors: Tijana Topalovic, Maria Episkopou, Erin Schillberg, Jelena Brcanski and Milica Jovic

Citation: Conflict and Health 2021 15:32

Content type: Research in practice

Published on: 29 April 2021

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Volume 103 April 2021

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 4, Issue 2 / April 2021

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Volume 9, issue 2, June 2021

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June 2021 - Volume 34 - Issue 3

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Volume 108, Issue 1 December 2020

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

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Volume 31, Issue 3, 2021

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Volume 39, Issue 3 Pages: 341-507 May 2021
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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 16 - Issue 2 - 2021
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
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Volume 15 - Issue 1 - February 2021
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Volume 45, Issue 2 Pages: 253-497 April 2021
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Volume 22 Issue 4 7 April 2021
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Volume 27, Number 5—May 2021
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
Research

[Herd Immunity against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Infection in 10 Communities, Qatar \[PDF - 1.44 MB - 10 pages\]](#)

A. Jeremijenko et al.

Epidemics

Volume 34 March 2021
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/34/suppl/C>
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Volume 149 - 2021

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>
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Volume 43, Issue 2 Pages: 1-48 March–April 2021
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Research ethics and pandemics • IRBs and AI research

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2020 (34,4)

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

The editors of Ethics & International Affairs are pleased to present the Fall 2020 issue of the journal! This Special Issue of the journal features a collection of essays organized and guest edited by Margaret P. Karns on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. The collection contains contributions from David Malone and Adam Day, Sophie Harman, Ellen J. Ravndal, Ramesh Thakur, Susanna P. Campbell, Devaki Jain, Bertrand Ramcharan, Maria Ivanova, and Margaret P. Karns, Kirsten Haack, and Jean-Pierre Murray. Additionally, the issue includes an article by Jack McDonald on information, privacy, and just war theory and an essay by Anthony F. Lang, Jr. on constructing universal values. It also contains a review essay by Sarah C. Goff on freedom and justice in trade governance, and book reviews by Michael Blake, Elizabeth Kahn, Jamie Mayerfeld, and John Williams.

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 31, Issue 2, April 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/31/2>

Health services research

[Public support for European cooperation in the procurement, stockpiling and distribution of medicines](#)

[Roel Beetsma, Brian Burgoon, Francesco Nicoli, Anniek de Ruijter, Frank Vandenbroucke](#)

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 31, Issue 2, April 2021, Pages 253–258,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa201>

Conclusion

Joint procurement raises delicate questions with regard to its scope, the inclusion of cross-border solidarity and the delegation of decision-making, that explain reluctance toward joint procurement among political decision-makers. This research shows that there is considerable public support across different countries in favor of centralization, i.e. a large scope and solidarity in the allocation and delegation of decision-making.

Food Policy

Volume 100 April 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/100/suppl/C>

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Food Security

Volume 13, issue 2, April 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/13-2>

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Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 66 March 2021

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

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

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 48, 2021 - Issue 1

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Genome Medicine

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Global Health Action

Volume 14, Issue 1 (2021)

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Vol. 9, No. 1 April 01, 2021

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Sweden: Patent and Market Court Declares Classic Works Quotable Even under Offensive Circumstances

April 30, 2021 by [Elin Hofverberg](#)

Global Public Health

Volume 16, Issue 5 (2021)

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Special Issue: The Contested Global Politics of Pleasure and Danger: Sexuality, Gender, Health and Human Rights; Guest Editors: Carmen H. Logie, Amaya Perez-Brumer and Richard Parker

Article

Intersex care in the United States and international standards of human rights

[Juan Carlos Jorge](#), [Leidy Valerio-Pérez](#), [Caleb Esteban](#) & [Ana Irma Rivera-Lassen](#)

Pages: 679-691

Published online: 24 Dec 2019

Article

'Even peacekeepers expect something in return': A qualitative analysis of sexual interactions between UN peacekeepers and female Haitians

[Luissa Vahedi](#), [Susan A. Bartels](#) & [Sabine Lee](#)

Pages: 692-705

Published online: 30 Dec 2019

Article

Girls and women speak out from Afghan moral prisons: Tackling extremism and violence against women in a conflict environment

[Ritu Mahendru](#)

Pages: 729-745

Published online: 30 Nov 2020

Article

'They are a shame to the community ... ' stigma, school attendance, solitude and resilience among pregnant teenagers and teenage mothers in Mahama refugee camp, Rwanda

[Yvette Ruzibiza](#)

Pages: 763-774

Published online: 07 Apr 2020

Globalization and Health

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Health Affairs

Vol. 40, No. 3 March 2021

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March 2021 / Nursing Homes, COVID-19 & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 22, Issue 1, June 2020

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-1-june-2020/>

Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights

EDITORIAL - Reimagining the Mental Health Paradigm for our Collective Well-Being

Audrey Chapman, Carmel Williams, Julie Hannah, and Dainius Pūras

When we planned the special section of this issue and distributed our call for papers, we wanted to present a collection that would reflect our view that not only is there is no health without mental health, but there is no mental health without human rights. We were hopeful that papers from around the world would illustrate human rights-based approaches to easing mental distress, critique the status quo in how we understand and respond to mental health, and illuminate the scale of suffering that arises from our unequal, racist, discriminatory, and violent world...

Mental Health as a Basic Human Right and the Interference of Commercialized Science

Lisa Cosgrove and Allen F. Shaughnessy

Abstract

Although there is consensus that a rights-based approach to mental health is needed, there is disagreement about how best to conceptualize and execute it. The dominance of the medical model and industry's influence on psychiatry has led to an over-emphasis on intra-individual solutions, namely increasing individuals' access to biomedical treatments, with a resultant under-appreciation for the social and psychosocial determinants of health and the need for population-based health promotion. This paper argues that a robust rights-based approach to mental health is needed in order to overcome the effects of commercial interests on the mental health field. We show how commercialized science—the use of science primarily to meet industry needs—deflects attention away from the sociopolitical determinants of health, and we offer solutions for reform.

PERSPECTIVE - WHO's QualityRights Initiative: Transforming Services and Promoting Rights in Mental Health

Michelle Funk and Natalie Drew Bold

This perspective essay introduces the World Health Organization's QualityRights initiative, which uses a multicomponent framework and strategies to promote mental health systems, services, and practices that prioritize respect for human rights, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).^[1] It describes how the initiative is working to provide practical solutions to promote inclusion, legal capacity, and non-coercive approaches in mental health...

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 16 - Issue 2 - April 2021

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

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 36, Issue 3, April 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/36/3>

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[The role of government agencies and other actors in influencing access to medicines in three East African countries](#)

Walter Denis Odoch, Yoswa Dambisya, Elizabeth Peacocke, Kristin Ingstad Sandberg, Berit Sofie Hustad Hembre

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 36, Issue 3, April 2021, Pages 312–321,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa189>

COMMENTARIES

[Remote data collection for public health research in a COVID-19 era: ethical implications, challenges and opportunities](#)

B Hensen, C R S Mackworth-Young, M Simwinga, N Abdelmagid, J Banda ...

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 36, Issue 3, April 2021, Pages 360–368,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaa158>

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Volume 32, Issue 7-8 / April 2021

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 43, Number 1, February 2021

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

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 78, October 2020

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

[Disability inclusion in humanitarian action](#)

by HPN October 2020

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Sherin Alsheikh Ahmed from Islamic Relief Worldwide, is disability inclusion in humanitarian action. Persons with disabilities are not

only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, but also face barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance. At the same time, global commitments and standards and the IASC Guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action all emphasise how persons with disabilities are also active agents of change. Disability and age-focused organisations have led on testing and demonstrating how inclusion can be done better. Yet despite this progress, challenges to effective inclusion remain.

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

Implementation Research and Practice

<https://journals.sagepub.com/articles/IRP>

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Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 1 May 2021]

[Demand for longer quarantine period among common and uncommon COVID-19 infections: a scoping review](#)

Authors: Zhi-Yao Li, Yu Zhang, Liu-Qing Peng, Rong-Rong Gao, Jia-Rui Jing, Jia-Le Wang, Bin-Zhi Ren, Jian-Guo Xu and Tong Wang

Content type: Scoping Review

26 April 2021

International Health

Volume 13, Issue 3, May 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/13/3>

EDITORIAL

Disrupting vaccine logistics

Eric R James

International Health, Volume 13, Issue 3, May 2021, Pages 211–214,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihab010>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Rethinking disease eradication: putting countries first

Teshome Gebre

International Health, Volume 13, Issue 3, May 2021, Pages 215–221,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihab011>

Early intervention for children with developmental disabilities in low and middle-income countries – the case for action

Tracey Smythe, Maria Zuurmond, Cally J Tann, Melissa Gladstone, Hannah Kuper

International Health, Volume 13, Issue 3, May 2021, Pages 222–231,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihaa044>

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

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

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Vol 8, No 5 (2021) May 2021

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/76>

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Predictors of acceptance of COVID-19 vaccine among patients at a tertiary hospital in South-South Nigeria

Dennis O. Allagoa, Peter Chibuzor Oriji, Ebiye S. Tekenah, Lukman Obagah, Chidiebere Njoku, Adeniyi Stephen Afolabi, Gordon Atemie

DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20211733](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20211733)

COVID-19 risk behaviors in humanitarian settings: a cross-sectional study among conflict refugees in Uganda

Stephen Lawoko, Gloria Seruwagi, Denis Muhangi, Eric A. Ochen, Betty Okot, Eric Lugada, Andrew Masaba, Dunstan P. Ddamulira, Brian Luswata, Catherine L. Nakidde, Felix Kaducu
DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20211729](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20211729)

Editorial

[Continuing COVID vaccination will break the chain of virus transmission: myth or reality](#)

Achhelal R. Pasi

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Volume 54 15 February 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/54/suppl/C>
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Volume 50, Issue 1, February 2021

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Volume 27, Issue 5, 2021

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Volume 14 Issue 1 2021

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International Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 105 p1-784

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[Screening of SARS-CoV-2 among homeless people, asylum-seekers and other people living in precarious conditions in Marseille, France, March–April 2020](#)

Tran Duc Anh Ly, Nhu Ngoc Nguyen, Van Thuan Hoang,...Pierre-Edouard Fournier, Didier Raoult, Philippe Gautret

Published online: February 09, 2021
p1-6

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Volume 55 Issue 1, March 2021

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Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

January-June 2021 Volume 19 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-143
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JAMA

April 27, 2021, Vol 325, No. 16, Pages 1593-1688
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>
Research Letter

HPV Vaccination Among Young Adults in the US

Michelle M. Chen, MD, MHS; Nicole Mott, BS; Sarah J. Clark, MPH; et al.
JAMA. 2021;325(16):1673-1674. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.0725

This study uses data from the 2010-2018 National Health Interview Survey to characterize trends in human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates, ages at vaccination, and numbers of doses received among young adults in the US between 2010 and 2018.

JAMA Insights

First-Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Skilled Nursing Facility Residents and Staff

Radhika Gharpure, DVM, MPH; Anita Patel, PharmD, MS; Ruth Link-Gelles, PhD, MPH
has active quiz has audio

JAMA. 2021;325(16):1670-1671. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.2352

This JAMA Insights review from CDC COVID-19 Response team members presents data on the number of long-term care facilities and the numbers of residents and staff of those facilities who received first-dose vaccination through mid-January 2021 under the agency's public-private partnership with CVS, Walgreens, and Managed Health Care Associates.

JAMA Network

COVID-19 Update May 1, 2021

These articles on COVID-19 were published across the JAMA Network in the last week.

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April 2021, Vol 175, No. 4, Pages 339-440
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April 2021 - Volume 19 - Issue 4
<https://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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Volume 68 Issue 5 p833-1024

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Vol. 70 (2021)

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Volume 46, issue 2, April 2021

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Volume 48 Pages 1-336 (March–April 2021)

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Volume 16 Issue 1-2, February-April 2021

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[Emerging directions in the study of the environmental determinants of mental health: commentary on the MINDMAP Project](#) (12 April, 2021)

Peter James, Ichiro Kawachi

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[Overview of retrospective data harmonisation in the MINDMAP project: process and results](#) (12 November, 2020)

Tina W Wey, Dany Doiron, Rita Wissa, Guillaume Fabre, Irina Motoc, J Mark Noordzij, Milagros Ruiz, Erik Timmermans, Frank J van Lenthe, Martin Bobak, Basile Chaix, Steinar Krokstad, Parminder Raina, Erik Reidar Sund, Marielle A Beenackers, Isabel Fortier

Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 14, Issue 1 Pages: 1-81 February 2021

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Volume 10 Issue 3 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2042-6747/vol/10/iss/3>

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Volume 23, issue 3, June 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/volumes-and-issues/23-3>

Articles

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Authors: Andrea E. Green et al

Content type: Original Paper

Published: 22 September 2020

Pages: 494 - 501

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Authors: Katie Lawton et al

Content type: Original Paper

Open Access

Published: 15 February 2021

Pages: 624 - 639

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Volume 19, 2021_ Issue 2

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May 2021 - Volume 47 - 5

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[Vaccine ethics: an ethical framework for global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines](#) (16

February, 2021) Free

Nancy S Jecker, Aaron G Wightman, Douglas S Diekema

Original research

[Process of risk assessment by research ethics committees: foundations, shortcomings and open questions](#) (10 January, 2020)

Pranab Rudra, Christian Lenk

Journal of Operations Management

Volume 67, Issue 3 Pages: 277-416 April 2021

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Volume 8, Issue 2 (2021)

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Volume 232 p1-316

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<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>

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[Online medication purchasing during the Covid-19 pandemic: potential risks to patient safety and the urgent need to develop more rigorous controls for purchasing online medications, a pilot study from the United Arab Emirates](#)

Since the WHO announced that Covid-19 had become a global pandemic, online pharmacies have emerged as an extremely popular way to purchase medication due to the quarantine measures introduced by numerous count...

Authors: Ammar Abdulrahman Jairoun, Sabaa Saleh Al-Hemyari, Naseem Mohammed Abdulla, Faris El-Dahiyat, Maimona Jairoun, Saleh Karamah AL-Tamimi and Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar

Citation: Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice 2021 14:38

Content type: Research

Published on: 30 April 2021

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May/June 2021 - Volume 27 - Issue 3

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April 2021 Volume 18 Issue 177

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Volume 28, Issue 3, April 2021

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May 01, 2021 Volume 397 Number 10285 p1597-1682, e11

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Comment

[Children in All Policies 2030: a new initiative to implement the recommendations of the WHO–UNICEF–Lancet Commission](#)

Sarah L Dalglish, Anthony Costello, Helen Clark, Awa Coll-Seck

... Our Commission's report sounded the alarm about stalled progress on the health of children and adolescents. The evidence is incontrovertible: successful societies invest in their children and young people, producing lifelong, intergenerational benefits for health, wellbeing, and the economy.^{[1](#)}

We called on governments to work across sectors to deliver children's entitlements, as specified by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, by leveraging high-level political leadership and engaging communities, families, and children themselves. We drew attention to emerging threats to children, notably, the climate crisis and the insidious commercial exploitation of children through inappropriate marketing of products and services, such as alcohol, tobacco, sugar-sweetened beverages, breastmilk substitutes, and gambling apps, often by exploiting children's developmental vulnerabilities and social media data...

On April 21, 2021, we launched Children in All Policies 2030 (CAP-2030), with the support of our founding partners WHO, UNICEF, and The Lancet. Our ambition is to join our voices to those of children and young people, activists, civil society institutions, religious groups, UN organisations, politicians, governments, private sector leaders, academics, and others working to centre children's

health and wellbeing in the urgent work of sustainable development. We encourage people to join the movement to preserve children's future and contribute to CAP-2030 by getting in touch via our website...

[See Week in Review above for CAP2030 detail]

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

May 2021 Volume 5 Number 5 p309-384, e12-e18

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Editorial

Endemic violence against women and girls

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

Lancet Digital Health

Apr 2021 Volume 3 Number 4 e204-e273

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landig/issue/current>

Editorial

Can technology increase COVID-19 vaccination rates?

The Lancet Digital Health

... To manage the wealth of data from adverse events tracking, the MHRA have awarded £1.5 million to develop AI that can identify genuine COVID-19 vaccine adverse effects. While experts have applauded the MHRA's forward thinking approach, development of AI based on limited self-reported public data and electronic health records that are subject to historic and systemic bias must be validated on data from minority and other at risk populations to maintain trust within these communities.

To combat bias in datasets and algorithms, transparent auditing of clinical AI tools is essential to accurately communicate results to the public for greater vaccine uptake. As the UK and the USA pass the milestones of 20 million and 100 million people (respectively) vaccinated against COVID-19, associated data must be made transparent and accessible. Datasets such as the England and Wales COVID-19 vaccination datasets, which are available upon request to researchers, are critical to communicate real-world effectiveness of the vaccine to the public.

President Biden has recently pledged over \$500 million in additional funds to address vaccine uptake in the USA. This funding must be spent on establishing transparent COVID-19 vaccine data to aid informed public decisions. Technology can help monitor progress of vaccine programmes, but it will not be enough to establish trust among the public, especially among those most at risk.

Lancet Global Health

May 2021 Volume 9 Number 5 e558-e720

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Progressing the investment case in maternal and child health

The Lancet Global Health

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Community-based antibiotic access and use in six low-income and middle-income countries: a mixed-method approach

Nga T T Do, et al

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Clinical Trials in Global Health

[Urgently seeking efficiency and sustainability of clinical trials in global health](#)

Jay J H Park, et al.

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[Randomised trials at the level of the individual](#)

Jay J H Park, et al

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[The role and challenges of cluster randomised trials for global health](#)

Louis Dron, et al

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[How COVID-19 has fundamentally changed clinical research in global health](#)

Jay J H Park, et al

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Comment

[Effectiveness of rotavirus vaccine in preventing transmission of rotavirus from children to household contacts in Malawi](#)

Tisungane Edward Mwenyenkulu, Peter Austin Morton Ntenda

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May 2021 Volume 6 Number 5 e260-e345

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/issue/current>

Editorial

[Renewing the fight to end tuberculosis](#)

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[Community-based active case-finding interventions for tuberculosis: a systematic review](#)

Rachael M Burke, et al

[Incidence and prevalence of tuberculosis in incarcerated populations: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

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Review

[The Use and Misuse of Mathematical Modeling for Infectious Disease Policymaking: Lessons for the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Lyndon P. James, Joshua A. Salomon, Caroline O. Buckee, Nicolas A. Menzies

First Published February 3, 2021; pp. 379–385

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<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/592/issues/7856>

Editorial | 28 April 2021

[It's time to invite more people to join clinical trials](#)

Drug trials need more participants. Research shows the potential benefits of changing the criteria used to determine who can enroll.

Editorial | 28 April 2021

[To remedy health disparities, more scientists must 'get political'](#)

The pandemic has given scientists a more prominent voice in society. They need to use it to push for better health through equality.

World View | 27 April 2021

[COVID vaccines: time to confront anti-vax aggression](#)

Halting the spread of the coronavirus will require a high-level counteroffensive against new destructive forces.

Peter Hotez

Nearly one billion COVID-19 vaccine doses have been delivered in less than six months, but anti-vaccine disinformation and targeted attacks on scientists are undermining progress. These threats must be confronted directly, and the authority and expertise of the health community alone aren't enough to do this.

Even before the pandemic, I had a front-row seat to all of this. I have co-led efforts to develop vaccines in programmes, including a COVID-19 vaccine currently being tested in India. I also have an adult daughter with autism; my 2018 book, *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism*, became a dog whistle for anti-vaccine activists.

The World Health Organization recognized vaccine hesitancy as a top threat to global health before the pandemic. As COVID-19 vaccines moved through development, the public-health communities anticipated considerable vaccine hesitancy. Teams of experts, including me, began meeting regularly online to discuss how best to amplify evidence-based messages, deliver public-service announcements and address concerns around COVID-19 immunization.

I experienced sinking feelings during our Zoom calls. Although certainly worthwhile, I knew that messaging alone would be inadequate. We'd already seen this inadequacy in our efforts to prevent measles from returning to the United States and Europe in 2019, and to bolster vaccination rates for human papillomavirus to prevent cervical and other cancers. With COVID-19, our pro-vaccine messages would be drops in a vast sea of misinformation, much of it poured in deliberately by anti-vaccine forces.

I have a long-standing disagreement with many of my US public-health colleagues. I admire their commitment to disease prevention, but when I ask for a more direct way to counter anti-vaccine aggression, I'm told, "that's not our approach; confrontation gives them a platform and oxygen." In my opinion, this attitude reflects a time when we had dial-up modems. Today, the anti-vaccine empire has hundreds of websites and perhaps 58 million followers on social media. The bad guys are winning, in part because health agencies either underestimate or deny the reach of anti-science forces, and are ill-equipped to counter it.

Investigations by the US State Department and the UK Foreign Office have described how Russian intelligence organizations seek to discredit Western COVID-19 vaccines. One campaign implies that it could turn people into monkeys. This builds on a longer, well-documented history of Russia-sponsored disinformation, presumably to destabilize the United States and other democratic countries. The administration of US President Joe Biden has warned Russian media groups to halt their anti-vaccine aggression, and announced sanctions tied to disinformation and other behaviour, but we need much more.

The United States hosts the world's largest and best-organized anti-vaccine groups. According to the London-based Center for Countering Digital Hate, these are influential groups, not a spontaneous grass-roots movement. Many far-right extremist groups that spread false information about last year's US presidential election are doing the same about vaccines. Anti-vaccine groups also target Black communities; an anti-vaccine documentary released in March vilifies COVID-19 vaccine testing among African Americans, calling it "medical racism".

Global anti-vaccine messaging around the adenovirus vaccines means that more people will die and the pandemic will be prolonged. Extremely rare but life-threatening blood clots caused the United States to

pause roll-out of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and many European nations have stopped or restricted use of the Oxford–AstraZeneca vaccine for similar reasons. However, those regions have other vaccine options, which is not the case for many countries. In March, Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo halted use of the Oxford–AstraZeneca vaccine, and the African Union has stopped procurement.

Many people in Africa are tapping into anti-vaccine messaging. A rumour-tracking program from the analytics company Novetta in McLean, Virginia, finds that Russia specifically targets African countries to discredit Western vaccines in favour of its own Sputnik V. US-based anti-vaccine groups invoke colonialism and eugenics. Now, tens of thousands of vaccine doses are going unused. Anti-vaccine disinformation has turned reasonable questions and concerns over rare side effects into conspiracy worries, exaggerated fears, and outrage at being treated like 'guinea pigs'.

Accurate, targeted counter-messaging from the global health community is important but insufficient, as is public pressure on social-media companies. The United Nations and the highest levels of governments must take direct, even confrontational, approaches with Russia, and move to dismantle anti-vaccine groups in the United States.

Efforts must expand into the realm of cyber security, law enforcement, public education and international relations. A high-level inter-agency task force reporting to the UN secretary-general could assess the full impact of anti-vaccine aggression, and propose tough, balanced measures. The task force should include experts who have tackled complex global threats such as terrorism, cyber attacks and nuclear armament, because anti-science is now approaching similar levels of peril. It is becoming increasingly clear that advancing immunization requires a counteroffensive.

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Volume 22 Issue 5, May 2021

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/22/issues/5>

Review Article | 06 January 2021

[The influence of evolutionary history on human health and disease](#)

Our evolutionary history has resulted in highly complex and sophisticated human physiology. Yet evolutionary footprints have also left us prone to diseases. In this Review, the authors discuss how events from the earliest history of life on Earth through to modern human evolution influence many disease traits and outcomes. They describe how an understanding and application of evolutionary frameworks can inform precision medicine initiatives.

Mary Lauren Benton, Abin Abraham, John A. Capra

Review Article | 11 January 2021

[African genetic diversity and adaptation inform a precision medicine agenda](#)

Africa is a continent with deep evolutionary history, which has implications for the genetic underpinnings of disease. In this Review, the authors discuss how genetic features of African populations provide both challenges and opportunities for understanding disease genetics in Africa. They describe how this genetic knowledge — combined with initiatives including capacity-building, data sharing and increased representation of African genomes in genetic variation databases — can be leveraged towards achieving precision medicine approaches in African healthcare.

Luisa Pereira, Leon Mutesa, Michèle Ramsay

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Perspective

[Vaccination plus Decarceration — Stopping Covid-19 in Jails and Prisons](#)

Benjamin A. Barsky, J.D., M.B.E., Eric Reinhart, B.A., Paul Farmer, M.D., Ph.D., and Salmaan Keshavjee, M.D., Ph.D.

... Stopping the epidemic in jails and prisons is vital for protecting staff and incarcerated people; it is also critical for curbing the spread of Covid-19 into surrounding communities, especially Black and Latinx communities that are disproportionately affected by jail- and prison-linked coronavirus spread.¹ Furthermore, as we become aware of an increasing range of SARS-CoV-2 variants, we face greater urgency to disrupt the ideal environment that current carceral conditions provide for viral mutations that could undermine the efficacy of available vaccines and threaten health far beyond American borders.

Vaccination of incarcerated people is important for changing this dynamic, but it is not enough. We believe that it must be coupled with large-scale decarceration to increase the real-world effectiveness of vaccination, disrupt wide-ranging viral transmission chains, and turn off the epidemiologic pump that puts the health of all at risk from mass incarceration.

Decarceration strategies can guide decisions made by a range of actors who wield power to change current conditions, including federal and state legislators, state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, mayors, governors, the U.S. attorney general, and the president of the United States. We believe the medical community has a parallel responsibility to ensure that science is heard and applied. On the grounds of scientific evidence and our ethical responsibility to protect the vulnerable and the public at large, we can use our influence to demand that policymakers implement decarceration alongside priority vaccination in jails and prisons.

Leveraging Open Science to Accelerate Research

Kushal T. Kadakia, M.Sc., Adam L. Beckman, B.S., Joseph S. Ross, M.D., M.H.S., and Harlan M. Krumholz, M.D.

... The idea of embracing open science represents a vision for research conduct that promotes standard processes for sharing protocols and registering studies, reporting and disseminating results, and sharing data, biospecimens, and code. The advancement of science — an intrinsically iterative process — is contingent on reporting practices that enable data to be findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable to permit independent scrutiny, replication, and follow-on investigations. Realizing the value of research and fostering trust in science requires study information to be readily available to the public and the scientific community, including in open-access journals and on preprint platforms. Over the past 20 years, policymakers and investigators have promoted open science to counteract clinical researchers' tendency to sequester data. Such efforts have included the recent release of NIH data-sharing guidelines and public-private partnerships for data sharing, such as the Yale University Open Data Access Project (which two of us help to lead). The urgency associated with the pandemic has created an imperative to accelerate the adoption of open science...

Choices in a Crisis — Individual Preferences among SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines

Daniel B. Kramer, M.D., M.P.H., Douglas J. Opel, M.D., M.P.H., Efthimios Parasidis, J.D., M.B.E., and Michelle M. Mello, J.D., Ph.D.

... We believe that public health officials should anticipate these good-faith concerns and provide clear recommendations regarding accommodation of individual preferences. Nevertheless, at this point in the pandemic, we find countervailing considerations more compelling, and we recommend restricting patient choice. The key guideposts for this position are expediency, equity, and equanimity...

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 50 Issue 3, June 2021

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[Dynamics of International Giving: How Heuristics Shape Individual Donor Preferences](#)

Suparna Chaudhry, Andrew Heiss

First Published November 16, 2020

Abstract

State restrictions on nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) have become increasingly pervasive across the globe. Although this crackdown has been shown to have a negative impact on public funding flows, we know little about how it affects private philanthropy. How does information about crackdown abroad, as well as organizational attributes of nonprofits, affect individual donors' willingness to donate internationally? Using a survey experiment, we find that learning about repressive NGO environments increases generosity in that already-likely donors are willing to donate substantially more to legally besieged nonprofits. This generosity persists when mediated by two organizational-level heuristics: NGO issue areas and main funding sources. We discuss the implications of our results on how nonprofits can use different framing appeals to increase fundraising at a time when traditional public donor funding to such organizations is decreasing.

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Meghan Laverty, Natasha Crowcroft, Shelly Bolotin, Steven Hawken, Kumanan Wilson, Gayatri Amirthalingam, Anne Biringer, Jocelynn Cook, Vinita Dubey, Romina Fakhraei, Scott A. Halperin, Frances Jamieson, Jeffrey C. Kwong, Manish Sadarangani, Ewa Sucha, Mark C. Walker, Deshayne B. Fell

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[Supporting Families Considering Participation in a Clinical Trial: Parent-Provider Perspectives](#)

Terence R. Flotte, Blyth Taylor Lord, Jennifer Siedman

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[Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination on Social Media](#)

Fajar Raza, John D. Lantos

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Controlled human malaria infection—Maker and breaker of dogma

Jean-Marc Chavatte, Georges Snounou
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Nirosha Elsem Varghese, Iryna Sabat, Sebastian Neumann-Böhme, Jonas Schreyögg, Tom Stargardt, Aleksandra Torbica, Job van Exel, Pedro Pita Barros, Werner Brouwer
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Willingness to vaccinate against COVID-19 among Bangladeshi adults: Understanding the strategies to optimize vaccination coverage

Minhazul Abedin, Mohammad Aminul Islam, Farah Naz Rahman, Hasan Mahmud Reza, Mohammad Zakir Hossain, Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Aditya Arefin, Ahmed Hossain

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Learning loss due to school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic

Per Engzell, Arun Frey, and Mark D. Verhagen

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Eleanor J. Murray, Matt Mason, Vanessa Sparke, Peta-Anne P. Zimmerman

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Xiaoqian Xu, Yueyun Wang, Yawen Liu, Yanqin Yu, ... Fanghui Zhao

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[Preterm birth rate after bivalent HPV vaccination: Registry-based follow-up of a randomized clinical trial](#)

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[Interaction among environmental and socioeconomic determinants of risk for cutaneous leishmaniasis in Latin America](#)

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[Planning for health equity in the Americas: an analysis of national health plans](#)

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[COVID-19 deaths: Distribution by age and universal medical coverage in 22 countries](#)

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Editorial

Equity in cost-benefit analysis

By Robert W. Hahn

Summary

One key way that many governments around the world incorporate scientific research into policy-making is through cost-benefit analysis (CBA). But despite well-established practices for rigorous estimation of the pros and cons of policies, there is room to improve, particularly in characterizing difficult-to-measure benefits and the distribution of the costs and benefits across different segments of society. In this regard, announcements by US President Biden, if brought to fruition, could have far-reaching implications for how CBA is used in government decision-making. But such promising (and familiar) rhetoric is no guarantee of real progress, and the devil, as always, is in the details. These details are where the scientific community has an important role to play to improve the use of CBA and to hold the administration accountable.

In Depth

Relief and worry for immune-suppressed people

By Jennifer Couzin-Frankel

Science30 Apr 2021 : 443-444 Full Access

Early studies suggest COVID-19 vaccine protection varies by ailment and treatment.

Summary

Many millions of people worldwide have suppressed immune systems because of illness or medications, including those taken after an organ transplant, for an autoimmune disease, or to treat cancer—and a big question is how well COVID-19 vaccines work for them. In many, the vaccines do seem to maintain their potency. But in others—particularly organ transplant recipients and those taking specific immune-dampening medications—effectiveness is less assured or even absent. To learn more, researchers are launching larger studies, seeking clarity for these patients and ways to help those in need, especially as their weakened immune systems make protection against COVID-19 all the more urgent.

Policy Forum

Global policy for assisted colonization of species

By Jedediah F. Brodie, Susan Lieberman, Axel Moehrensclager, Kent H. Redford, Jon Paul Rodríguez, Mark Schwartz, Philip J. Seddon, James E. M. Watson

Science30 Apr 2021 : 456-458 Restricted Access

Coordinated policies are needed for the translocation of species for conservation

Summary

Negotiations in advance of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (1) in October 2021 will set the course of international conservation for the next several decades, providing a critical opportunity to harmonize policy and set priorities for species

conservation and climate change adaptation. The CBD is the foundational intergovernmental agreement on biodiversity conservation and drives both government actions and donor priorities. However, the treaty itself and its existing strategic framework (the "Aichi targets") were agreed on some time ago (1992 and 2010, respectively) and so need to match advances in knowledge and evidence on the immediate and devastating impacts of climate change. Over just the past few years, the frequency and severity of extreme weather events have accelerated. By one recent estimate, one-third of species may now have an increased risk of extinction from climate change (2).

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Highlights

- :: Studies the effect of COVID-19 lockdown measures on trust in government and science.
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Winter 2021 Volume 19, Number 1

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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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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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