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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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COVID-19: Make it the Last Pandemic

The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response

May 2021 :: 86 pages

The Independent Panel was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General in response to the World Health Assembly resolution 73.1. The mission of the Independent Panel is to provide an evidence-based path for the future, grounded in lessons of the present and the past to ensure countries and global institutions, including specifically WHO, effectively address health threats.

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Main Report: COVID-19: Make it the Last Pandemic – PDF, 5.1 MB

From the Introduction

...Seized by the gravity of the crisis, in May 2020 the World Health Assembly requested the Director-general of WHO to initiate an impartial, independent, and comprehensive review of the international health response to COVID-19 and of experiences gained and lessons learned from that, and to make recommendations to improve capacities for the future. The Director-General asked H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and the Rt Hon. Helen Clark to convene an independent panel for this purpose and to report to the World Health Assembly in May 2021.

The Panel has taken a systematic, rigorous and comprehensive approach to its work. It has sought to listen to and learn from a wide range of interlocutors. Since mid-September 2020, the Panel has reviewed extensive literature, conducted original research, heard from experts in 15 round-table discussions and in interviews, received the testimony of people working on the front lines of the pandemic in town-hall-style meetings, and welcomed many submissions from its open invitation to contribute.

The Panel has examined the state of pandemic preparedness prior to COVID-19, the circumstances of the identification of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease it causes, coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and responses globally, regionally and nationally, particularly in the pandemic's early months. It has also analysed the wide-ranging impact of the pandemic and the ongoing social and economic crisis that it has precipitated.

This report presents the Panel's findings on what happened, the lessons to be learned from that, and our recommendations for strategic action now to end this pandemic and to ensure that any future infectious disease outbreak does not become a catastrophic pandemic...

[Excerpts; Editor's selection/text bolding]

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The Independent Panel makes the following urgent calls

I. Apply non-pharmaceutical public health measures systematically and rigorously in every country at the scale the epidemiological situation requires. **All countries to have an explicit evidence-based strategy agreed at the highest level of government to curb COVID-19 transmission.**

II. **High income countries with a vaccine pipeline for adequate coverage should, alongside their scale up, commit to provide to the 92 low and middle income countries of the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment, at least one billion vaccine doses no later than 1 September 2021 and more than two billion doses by mid-2022, to be made available through COVAX and other coordinated mechanisms.**

III. **G7 countries to commit to providing 60% of the US\$ 19 billion required for ACT-A in 2021** for vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and strengthening health systems with the remainder being mobilised from others in the G20 and other higher income countries. A formula based on ability to pay should be adopted for predictable, sustainable, and equitable financing of such global public goods on an ongoing basis.

IV. **The World Trade Organization and WHO to convene major vaccine-producing countries and manufacturers to get agreement on voluntary licensing and technology transfer arrangements for COVID-19 vaccines (including through the Medicines Patent Pool).** If actions do not occur within three months, a waiver of intellectual property rights under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights should come into force immediately.

V. Production of and access to COVID-19 tests and therapeutics, including oxygen, should be scaled up urgently in low- and middle income countries with full funding of US\$1.7 billion for needs in 2021 and the full utilization of the US\$3.7 billion in the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism Phase 2 for procuring tests, strengthening laboratories and running surveillance and tests.

VI. **WHO to develop immediately a roadmap for the short-term, and within three months scenarios for the medium- and long-term response to COVID-19, with clear goals, targets and milestones to guide and monitor the implementation of country and global efforts towards ending the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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5. The Independent Panel's recommendations for transforming the international system for pandemic preparedness and response

The Panel believes that system-level change is needed to overcome the manifest failure of the international system to prevent, contain, and mitigate the impact of a pandemic. Pandemic preparedness and response have to function at national, regional and global levels, across different sectors of social and economic life, and include government, business and community.

The current pandemic needs to be stopped as quickly as possible. Then measures in the recovery phase must be taken to ensure that such a pandemic never happens again, by building forward better.

The lost ground in progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals needs to be made up by redressing the interlocking impacts of the pandemic on health, livelihoods, and inequality.

The Panel's recommendations follow from the diagnosis we have made of what went wrong at each stage of the pandemic, in preparedness, surveillance and alert and early and sustained response and from our view of the leadership required to transform the system.

There is a need for:

:: Stronger leadership and better coordination at national, regional and international level, including a more focused and independent WHO, a Pandemic Treaty, and a senior Global Health Threats Council.

:: investment in preparedness now, and not when the next crisis hits, more accurate measurement of it, and accountability mechanisms to spur action;

:: an improved system for surveillance and alert at a speed that can combat viruses like SARS-CoV-2, and authority given to WHO to publish information and to dispatch expert missions immediately;

:: a pre-negotiated platform able to produce vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and supplies and secure their rapid and equitable delivery as essential global common goods;

:: access to financial resources, both for investments in preparedness and to be able to inject funds immediately at the onset of a potential pandemic.

The Panel calls on Member States to **request the United Nations Secretary-General to convene a special session of the United Nations General Assembly to reach agreement on the reforms** needed to ensure that the world can prevent the next outbreak of a new pathogen becoming another pandemic...

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2. Focus and strengthen the independence, authority and financing of the WHO

The Panel recommends

I. Establish WHO's financial independence, based on fully unearmarked resources, increase Member States fees to 2/3 of the budget for the WHO base programme and have an organized replenishment process for the remainder of the budget.

II. Strengthen the authority and independence of the Director-General, including by having a single term of office of seven years with no option for re-election. The same rule should be adopted for Regional Directors.

III. Strengthen the governance capacity of the Executive Board, including by establishing a Standing Committee for Emergencies.

IV. Focus WHO's mandate on normative, policy, and technical guidance, including supporting countries and regions to build capacity for pandemic preparedness and response and for resilient and equitable health systems.

V. Empower WHO to take a leading, convening, and coordinating role in operational aspects of an emergency response to a pandemic, without, in most circumstances, taking on responsibility for procurement and supplies, while also ensuring other key functions of WHO do not suffer including providing technical advice and support in operational settings.

VI. Resource and equip WHO Country Offices sufficiently to respond to technical requests from national governments to support pandemic preparedness and response, including support to build resilient equitable and accessible health systems, UHC and healthier populations.

VII. Prioritize the quality and performance of staff at each WHO level, and de-politicize recruitment (especially at senior levels) by adhering to criteria of merit and relevant competencies.

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4. Establish a new international system for surveillance, validation and alert

The Panel recommends

I. WHO to establish a **new global system for surveillance, based on full transparency by all parties**, using state-of-the-art digital tools to connect information centres around the world and including animal and environmental health surveillance, **with appropriate protections of people's rights**.

II. **WHO to be given the explicit authority by the World Health Assembly to publish information about outbreaks with pandemic potential on an immediate basis**, without requiring the prior approval of national governments.

III. **WHO to be empowered by the World Health Assembly to investigate pathogens with pandemic potential in all countries with short-notice access to relevant sites**, provision of samples and standing multientry visas for international epidemic experts to outbreak locations.

IV. **Future declarations of a PHEIC by the WHO Director-General should be based on the precautionary principle where warranted**, as in the case of respiratory infections. PHEIC declarations should be based on clear, objective, and published criteria. The Emergency Committee advising the WHO Director-General must be fully transparent in its membership and working methods. **On the same day that a PHEIC is declared, WHO must provide countries with clear guidance on what action should to be taken and by whom to contain the health threat...**

Background documents represent the Panel's in-depth research including an authoritative chronology of the early response. Additional background papers will be posted in the month of May 2021.

[Background Paper 1: Building on the past – PDF, 952 KB](#)

[Background Paper 2a: The authoritative chronology – PDF, 19.9 MB](#)

[Background Paper 3: From science to policy – PDF, 1.8 MB](#)

[Background Paper 5: Access to vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics – PDF, 3 MB](#)

[Background Paper 6: Scaling up vaccination, legal aspects – PDF, 609 KB](#)

[Background Paper 7: Access to essential supplies – PDF, 1.3 MB](#)

[Background Paper 8: Impact on essential health – PDF, 1.1 MB](#)

[Background Paper 9: Social impact – PDF, 1.5 MB](#)

[Background Paper 10: Community involvement – PDF, 1 MB](#)

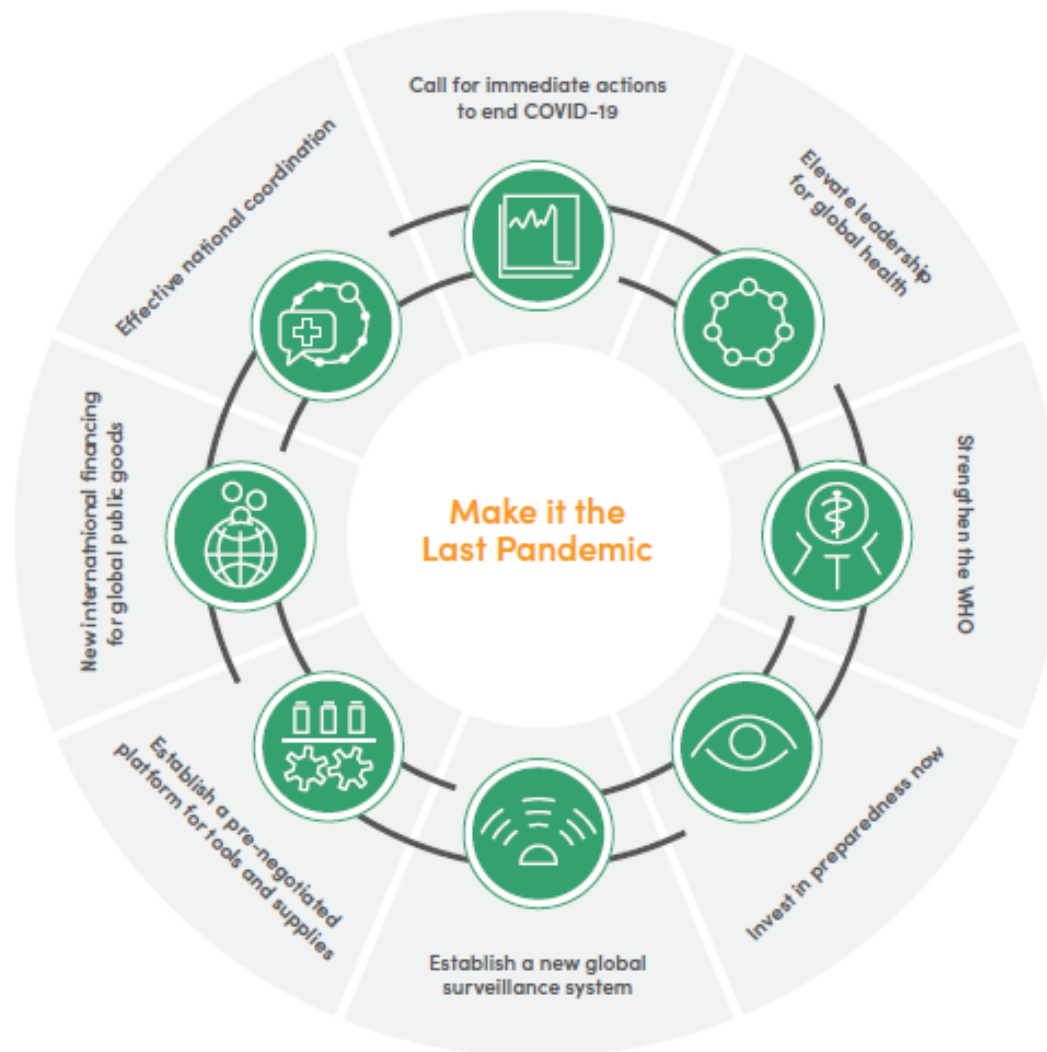
[Background Paper 11: Human rights – PDF, 940 KB](#)

[Background Paper 13: Economic impact – PDF, 1.4 MB](#)

[Background Paper 14: Financing Pandemic Preparedness and Response – PDF, 1.6 MB](#)

[Background Paper 15: WHO institutional review – PDF, 1.6 MB](#)

[Background Paper 16: International treaties – PDF, 1 MB](#)



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Standards and Development

International Standards Organization

[ISO's Action Plan for developing countries 2021-2025](#)

Designed with members, for members.

May 2021

The ISO Action Plan for developing countries is the overall framework for technical assistance and training to support developing country members. Its objective is to empower members to contribute actively to the ISO system and fully realize the benefits of using ISO standards, particularly those addressing social, economic and environmental challenges. Achieving this objective will also make an important contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and ISO's vision of "making lives easier, safer and better" by 2030.

Strategic context

The global community is faced with an increasing set of social, economic and environmental challenges. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide an ambitious frame-

work for global collective action to address these challenges and achieve a more sustainable future, by supporting inclusive economic growth, the wellbeing of people and the protection of the planet. They present an opportunity and an aspiration to build greener, more inclusive economies and stronger, more resilient societies.

ISO standards have an essential role to play in making these development goals a reality by enabling free and fair international trade, encouraging innovation and technology development, and fostering trust through the provision of world-class, consensus-based specifications.

Developing countries can benefit significantly from using ISO standards. At a government level, standards can be used to support public policy and good regulatory practice. At a private-sector level, businesses can use standards to ensure that their processes, products and services are fit for purpose, interchangeable and compatible. Consumers benefit greatly from goods and services developed in line with standards because they can be confident that these are of good quality, safe and environmentally sound. To realize these benefits, **it is important that developing countries have the skills and resources to propose new work items and participate in all stages of ISO standards development.** ISO recognizes that many of its developing country members need capacity building support to benefit fully from the use of ISO standards in contributing to their countries' development objectives and advancing the SDGs.

ISO Strategy 2021-2030

Making lives easier, safer and better

ISO's ten-year strategy sets out the organization's vision, mission, goals and priorities to 2030, a time frame that aligns with the SDGs. The strategy aims to ensure that ISO is well positioned within a rapidly changing global context and that ISO standards fulfil their potential in delivering ISO's vision of "making lives easier, safer and better".

To realize this vision, and maximize the impact of standards and standardization, ISO has identified three clear goals: ISO standards used everywhere; meeting global needs; and all voices heard. These goals are underpinned by six strategic priorities and an associated set of performance indicators. Recognizing that ISO is only as strong as its members, and that strong national standards bodies (NSBs) are key to its success, one of these strategic priorities is "to strengthen ISO members through capacity building". The ISO Strategy serves as the basis for the ISO Action Plan for developing countries: the overall framework of technical assistance and training support that ISO delivers to its developing country members.

Impact

Developing countries are empowered to actively contribute to the ISO system, and to benefit fully from the use of ISO standards addressing social, economic and environmental challenges. **The ultimate long-term objective of this Action Plan is to empower ISO's developing country members to contribute actively to the ISO system and fully realize the benefits of using ISO standards that address social, economic and environmental challenges.** Meaningful participation of developing countries in international standardization is fundamental to ensuring the global relevance of ISO standards and establishing the right conditions for their effective implementation. Achieving this objective will make an important contribution towards the delivery of the SDGs and ISO's vision of "making lives easier, safer and better" by 2030.

Outcomes

To deliver on the desired long-term impact, two main areas of improvement (outcomes) have been identified for ISO's developing country members.

Outcome 1: Increased use of ISO standards and their national adoptions in developing countries to support the UN SDGs, particularly those relating to trade and climate change.

The Action Plan will build in-country awareness and expertise of ISO standards to encourage their use and adoption among all stakeholders and support the achievement of the UNSDGs. While the Action Plan will seek to promote the use and adoption of ISO standards relating to all 17 SDGs (see Box on page 1), the priority focus is on international trade and climate change.

International trade is a key catalyst for economic development and poverty reduction, and one of the most important drivers of prosperity, particularly in developing countries. The application of ISO standards reduces technical barriers to trade and increases developing countries' trade opportunities. The Plan will enable developing countries to use ISO standards effectively to benefit from trade and contribute to their economic development.

Given the profound threat of climate change, the Plan has also prioritized providing support to developing countries so that they can develop, adopt and apply ISO standards relating to all aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Outcome 2: Increased effective participation of ISO's developing country members at governance and technical levels to enhance the global relevance of ISO standards.

ISO standards will only be globally relevant and effectively adopted and used if they sufficiently represent the views and interests of as many countries as possible. To ensure that developing countries' interests are fairly represented and provided for, the Action Plan will assist developing countries in participating more effectively at both the governance and technical levels within the ISO system.

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Protection – Civilians in Armed Conflict

Civil Society Statement on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (2021)

May 2021

[See endorsing organizations at end; Editor's text-bolding for emphasis]

Over the past year, anniversaries of the conflicts in Syria, Libya, Yemen, and new outbreaks of violence elsewhere, have served as grim reminders of the international community's lack of meaningful progress to uphold their commitments to protect civilians in armed conflict. **The COVID-19 pandemic has interacted with new, ongoing, and protracted conflicts, exacerbating existing inequalities and protection concerns, and contributing to dramatically escalating humanitarian needs including displacement, famine and food insecurity, and desperate medical shortfalls.**

Civilians living in conflict-zones continue to experience the devastating impacts of conflict-related environmental damage and an increased vulnerability to climate and environmental risks with wide-ranging effects on health and human suffering.

Meanwhile, States continue to use the pandemic and other pretexts to shrink civic space.

Dialogue essential to the development of policies, strategies, and plans for protection of civilians too often fails to be adequately representative and inclusive of civil society, despite their voices being essential. This is especially true for vulnerable or marginalized communities and for human rights defenders.

Parties to conflict continue to be blind to the gendered, age-specific, and intersectional vulnerabilities of civilians.

In particular, conflicts continue to undermine the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and minorities, especially when it comes to participating in decisions that impact their lives and communities. Conflict often leads to the widespread use of gender-based violence, undermining of women's freedom of movement and access to education, health and livelihoods. The deliberate targeting and collateral impact of conflicts on women and girls continues to

result in specific gendered harms that must be redressed, requiring the humanitarian system to ensure that there is gender equity in the decision-making structures at all levels. Attacks on educational institutions and their military use result in death, destruction, and loss of education, creating long-term negative consequences for whole communities.

Moreover, **the absence of genuine political will to realize accountability for war crimes and other serious violations has deepened a culture of impunity.** As a result, parties to conflict continue to directly violate international humanitarian law (IHL) or enable violations by others and fail to take meaningful practical steps to minimize and respond to civilian harm in conflict. Parties, including some States who profess to support the protection of civilians agenda are also fueling protection crises around the world, including through the supply of weapons and other forms of military and security assistance. Rather than enhancing the protection of civilians, millions have been forced to flee bombing and fighting and face hunger, starvation and disease as their access to life-saving humanitarian assistance is denied or otherwise impeded.

At the same time, protecting civilians has too often been understood through the prism of compliance with international humanitarian law. This is an incomplete view: compliance with the law is the bare minimum, but current patterns of harm and long-term effects of hostilities highlight the need for policies and practices to effectively prevent, minimize, and respond to civilian harm. The full protection of civilians must become a strategic imperative across scenarios from direct involvement in hostilities to support provided to parties to conflict, and through the full spectrum of UN and other international and regional peace operations. This should entail prioritizing the health and wellbeing of people, supporting political and social structures that ensure justice and dignity, and protecting the environment, and be understood as a wider goal of conflict prevention and response.

Ambitious action to shift mindsets and invest in robust policies, strategies and practices is urgently required to adequately protect civilians caught in armed conflict:

:: Member States, the UN System, and the international community **must recommit to a United Nations of 'We the Peoples', and engage conflict-affected communities and local, national, and international civil society** in a direct, robust, inclusive, and sustained dialogue on the protection of civilians and measures to minimize civilian harm. Effective protection of civilians can only be conceived and implemented through safe and inclusive dialogue with conflict-affected communities and civil society at all levels. Additionally, the UN, States, and other stakeholders should support nonviolent and community-based protection mechanisms where possible such as political mediation, early warning/early response activities, and unarmed civilian

:: The UN Security Council, Member States, and the UN System **must fulfill their commitment to the full protection of civilians, including by promoting and implementing the relevant and applicable legal and policy frameworks.** Member States should partner with civil society to develop national policy frameworks that include mechanisms to systematically record casualties, track, analyze, prevent, mitigate, and respond to civilian harm from the actions of their own and those of security partners, including the indirect and reverberating effects of hostilities on critical civilian objects, critical infrastructure and essential services, including health and education, and that ensure principled and sustained dialogue with humanitarian organizations in conflict contexts.

:: The UN Security Council, Member States and all parties to conflict **must operate in a manner that preserves and protects space for principled humanitarian action,** including by ensuring compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law, as a critical aspect of strengthening the protection of civilians. As conflicts are increasingly defined as protection crises, disproportionately affecting women, girls, and boys, and are compounded by the gendered and age-specific impacts of

COVID-19, States must take actions to reinforce the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups, and the localization of principled humanitarian response. States and all other parties to conflict must facilitate unhindered access to affected populations, respecting humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence. Sanctions and counterterrorism measures must include effective humanitarian exceptions and not limit principled humanitarian action. All actors must redouble efforts to protect humanitarian, education and health workers, and cease attacks on them, particularly in light of COVID-19's effects and vaccine rollout.

:: The UN Secretary-General, the Security Council, and Member States **must redouble efforts to ensure accountability for violations, including by publicly condemning actors who violate international humanitarian law, international human rights law and other applicable legal frameworks.** The UN Security Council and Member States must strengthen the implementation of accountability mechanisms. The Secretary-General should reinforce transparent mechanisms, including at the field level, to track, analyze, and publicly report on violations caused by parties to armed conflicts, and make practical recommendations to enhance the protection of civilians and prevent further violations. Critical mechanisms established to help strengthen accountability, such as the list of perpetrators of grave violations of children's rights included in the Secretary-General's Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict, must be credible and accurate, free from politicization.

:: Member States should **engage constructively in the process to develop a political declaration that would strengthen the protection of civilians from the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects.** Such a declaration should commit States to avoid the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects in populated areas. It should include inclusive humanitarian provisions to assist victims and affected communities including from damage and destruction to infrastructure – including schools and hospitals – and the resulting reverberating effects. This should recognize the particular vulnerability of and specific impacts of explosive weapons on children, the gendered impacts, and particular impacts on persons with disabilities.

:: The UN Secretary-General must work together with the UN Security Council to **ensure protection is at the heart of UN peace operations.** Configurations and operations of UN peace operations must prioritize and be driven by analysis of threats against civilians, including threats of sexual and gender-based violence and threats of grave violations against children. The Secretary-General and Member States should ensure a coherent and adequately resourced approach to the protection of civilians, including that distinct capacities for protection, human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and child protection are defined and provided across the spectrum of peace operations and in UN Country Teams, and sustained throughout transitions. Peacekeeping operations should continue to strengthen implementation of the UN Department of Peace Operations PoC Policy, mitigate potential harm from their presence or operations, and incorporate local perspectives into protection strategies.

As civil society, we believe in the comprehensive protection of civilians: the protection of civilians from conflict, the protection of civilians during conflict, and the protection of civilians in the devastating and often long aftermath of conflict. **Over the past year, the pandemic has further forced the world to confront the protection implications of a global health crisis.** Especially in the context of conflict, States and the international community must meaningfully advance the protection of civilians, starting with a recommitment to the critical dictum of "do no harm."

**See also: Joint Statement: NGOs Call for Action to Strengthen the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (May 2020): <http://bit.ly/NGO-PoCstatement-2020>*

Endorsing organizations:

Action Against Hunger
Airwars
Article36
CARE
Center for Civilians in Conflict
Childfund Alliance
Control Arms
Every Casualty Counts
Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack
Humanity & Inclusion – Handicap International
Human Rights Watch
Interaction
The International Network on Explosive Weapons
International Rescue Committee
Nonviolent Peaceforce
Norwegian Refugee Council
Oxfam
PAX
Plan International
Refugees International
Save the Children
War Child
Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict
Women's Refugee Commission
World Vision International

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Conflict – Governance/Control of Autonomous Weapon Systems

ICRC position on autonomous weapon systems

With a view to supporting current efforts to establish internationally agreed limits on autonomous weapon systems to address the concern they raise, ICRC recommends that States adopt new legally binding rules.

12 May 2021

The ICRC's concerns about autonomous weapon systems

Autonomous weapon systems select and apply force to targets without human intervention. After initial activation or launch by a person, an autonomous weapon system self-initiates or triggers a strike in response to information from the environment received through sensors and on the basis of a generalized "target profile". This means that the user does not choose, or even know, the specific target(s) and the precise timing and/or location of the resulting application(s) of force.

The use of autonomous weapon systems entails risks due to the difficulties in anticipating and limiting their effects. This loss of human control and judgement in the use of force and weapons raises serious concerns from humanitarian, legal and ethical perspectives.

The process by which autonomous weapon systems function:

:: brings **risks of harm for those affected by armed conflict, both civilians and combatants**, as well as dangers of conflict escalation

:: raises **challenges for compliance with international law, including international humanitarian law**, notably, the rules on the conduct of hostilities for the protection of civilians
:: **raises fundamental ethical concerns for humanity**, in effect substituting human decisions about life and death with sensor, software and machine processes.

The ICRC's recommendations to States for the regulation of autonomous weapon systems

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has, since 2015, urged States to establish internationally agreed limits on autonomous weapon systems to ensure civilian protection, compliance with international humanitarian law, and ethical acceptability.

With a view to supporting current efforts to establish international limits on autonomous weapon systems that address the risks they raise, **the ICRC recommends that States adopt new legally binding rules.**

In particular:

[1] Unpredictable autonomous weapon systems should be expressly ruled out, notably because of their indiscriminate effects. This would best be achieved with a prohibition on autonomous weapon systems that are designed or used in a manner such that their effects cannot be sufficiently understood, predicted and explained.

[2] In light of ethical considerations to safeguard humanity, and to uphold international humanitarian law rules for the protection of civilians and combatants hors de combat, use of autonomous weapon systems to target human beings should be ruled out. This would best be achieved through a prohibition on autonomous weapon systems that are designed or used to apply force against persons.

[3] In order to protect civilians and civilian objects, uphold the rules of international humanitarian law and safeguard humanity, the design and use of autonomous weapon systems that would not be prohibited should be regulated, including through a combination of:

:: **limits on the types of target**, such as constraining them to objects that are military objectives by nature

:: **limits on the duration, geographical scope and scale of use**, including to enable human judgement and control in relation to a specific attack

:: **limits on situations of use**, such as constraining them to situations where civilians or civilian objects are not present

:: **requirements for human-machine interaction**, notably to ensure effective human supervision, and timely intervention and deactivation.

The ICRC supports initiatives by States aimed at establishing international limits on autonomous weapon systems that aim at effectively addressing concerns raised by these weapons, such as efforts pursued in the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons to agree on aspects of a normative and operational framework. Considering the speed of development in autonomous weapon systems' technology and use, it is critical that internationally agreed limits be established in a timely manner. Beyond new legal rules, these limits may also include common policy standards and good practice guidance, which can be complementary and mutually reinforcing. To this end, and within the scope of its mandate and expertise, the ICRC stands ready to work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders at international and national levels, including representatives of governments, armed forces, the scientific and technical community, and industry.

Geneva, 12 May 2021

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Livelihoods/Financial Flows – Remittances During COVID

Defying Predictions, Remittance Flows Remain Strong During COVID-19 Crisis

Low- and Middle-Income Countries Received \$540 billion in 2020, \$8 Billion Less Than in 2019

WASHINGTON, May 12, 2021 — Despite COVID-19, remittance flows remained resilient in 2020, registering a smaller decline than previously projected. Officially recorded **remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries reached \$540 billion in 2020, just 1.6 percent below the 2019 total** of \$548 billion, according to the latest Migration and Development Brief.

The decline in recorded remittance flows in 2020 was smaller than the one during the 2009 global financial crisis (4.8 percent). It was also far lower than the fall in foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to low- and middle-income countries, which, excluding flows to China, fell by over 30 percent in 2020. As a result, remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries surpassed the sum of FDI (\$259 billion) and overseas development assistance (\$179 billion) in 2020.

The main drivers for the steady flow included fiscal stimulus that resulted in better-than-expected economic conditions in host countries, a shift in flows from cash to digital and from informal to formal channels, and cyclical movements in oil prices and currency exchange rates. **The true size of remittances, which includes formal and informal flows, is believed to be larger than officially reported data, though the extent of the impact of COVID-19 on informal flows is unclear.**

“As COVID-19 still devastates families around the world, remittances continue to provide a critical lifeline for the poor and vulnerable,” said Michal Rutkowski, Global Director of the Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice at the World Bank. “Supportive policy responses, together with national social protection systems, should continue to be inclusive of all communities, including migrants.”

Remittance inflows rose in Latin America and the Caribbean (6.5 percent), South Asia (5.2 percent) and the Middle East and North Africa (2.3 percent). However, remittance flows fell for East Asia and the Pacific (7.9 percent), for Europe and Central Asia (9.7 percent), and for Sub-Saharan Africa (12.5 percent). The decline in flows to Sub-Saharan Africa was almost entirely due to a 28 percent decline in remittance flows to Nigeria. Excluding flows to Nigeria, remittances to Sub-Saharan Africa increased by 2.3 percent, demonstrating resilience.

The relatively strong performance of remittance flows during the COVID-19 crisis has also highlighted the importance of timely availability of data. Given its growing significance as a source of external financing for low- and middle-income countries, there is a need for better collection of data on remittances, in terms of frequency, timely reporting, and granularity by corridor and channel...

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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: 22 May 2021

Confirmed cases :: 161 513 458 [week ago: 156 496 592]
Confirmed deaths :: 3 352 109 [week ago: 3 264 143]
Vaccine doses administered: No data at inquiry

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Press conferences on COVID-19

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WHO DG: "I understand why some countries want to vaccinate their children and adolescents, but right now I urge them to reconsider and to instead donate vaccines to COVAX"

Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 - 11 May 2021

Overview

Global overview: The number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths globally slightly decreased this week, with over 5.5 million cases and over 90 000 deaths. Case and death incidences, however, remain at the highest levels since the beginning of the pandemic. New weekly cases decreased in the regions of Europe and Eastern Mediterranean, while the South-East Asia Region continued an upward trajectory for 9 weeks and reported a further 6% increase last week.

Special focus: In this edition, special focus updates are provided on four SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern [B.1.1.7 (VOC202012/01); B.1.351 (501Y.V2); P.1; B.1.617] and six variants of interest, including the geographic distribution, and phenotypic impacts on transmissibility, vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.

Weekly operational update on COVID-19 - 10 May 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:

- :: Equipment donated to support Belize's COVID-19 vaccine deployment
- :: Strengthening International Health Regulations capacities at points of entry during COVID-19 in the Republic of Moldova
- :: Strengthening COVID-19 contact tracing efforts in the Philippines
- :: COVID-19 vaccination campaign in Bhutan: from planning to execution
- :: Rapid assessment of medical oxygen and biomedical equipment requirements in Guinea Bissau
- :: Launching of COVID-19 vaccination Intra-Action Reviews (IAR)
- :: Readiness for COVID-19 vaccination through simulation in Trinidad and Tobago
- :: Tips to celebrate Eid-El-Fitr safely, a position paper COVID-19 vaccination in humanitarian settings and multi-platform dissemination of WHO online courses in Portuguese
- :: Regular updates on WHO's resource requirements and funds received to support countries in implementing the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan 2021, WHO/PAHO procurement of critical supplies, and implementation of the Unity Studies

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UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table Accessed 22 May 2021

An overview of information collected from publicly announced bilateral and multilateral supply agreements [Agreements view from 2021-05-02 to date]

**14**

vaccines licensed or approved for emergency/conditional use

**6**

vaccines in WHO's Emergency Use Listing

**12.1bn**

doses secured globally

**\$2-\$40**

reported vaccine price range per dose

**4.06bn**

doses secured & optioned through COVAX *

**55.5M**

doses shipped through COVAX to 121 countries

Deal date	Recipient	Deal type	Vaccine name	Vaccine developer	Manufacturer
2021-05-03	COVAX AMC	Multilateral	mRNA-1273	Moderna	Moderna

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Our World in Data

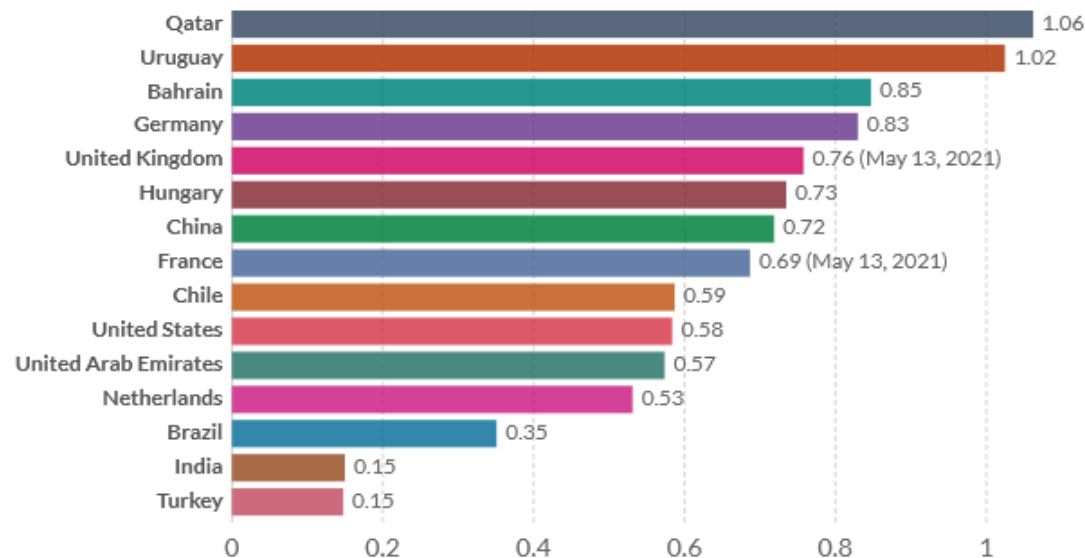
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, May 14, 2021

Our World in Data

Shown is the rolling 7-day average per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

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Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 15 May, 17:00 (London time)
OurWorldInData.org/coronavirus • CC BY

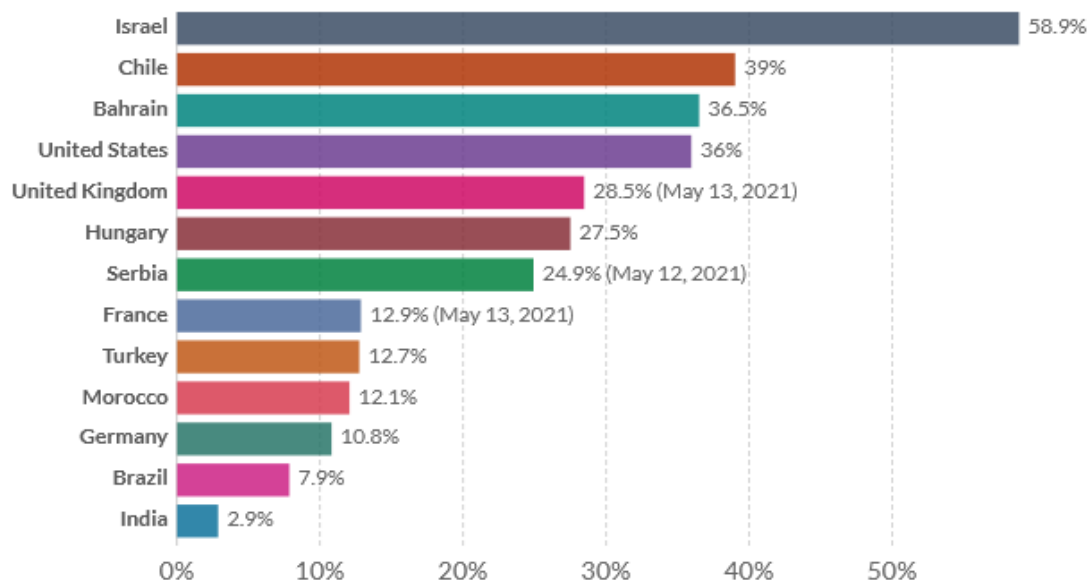
Dec 16, 2020 May 14, 2021

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, May 14, 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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Dec 27, 2020 May 14, 2021

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 12 May 2021

:: The GPEI has released the 2021 National Emergency Action Plan (NEAP) for Afghanistan which contains the current epidemiology and situational overview and progress on the 2020 NEAP among other contents.

:: The latest issue of the newSpecial magazine features an article titled "Experience in eradicating polio helps COVID-19 response" which details the role that polio workers have played in fighting the pandemic. The article is available [here](#) on page 34.

:: Last week, the GPEI and UN Foundation together with the UK and UAE Missions to the UN in New York hosted a high-level dialogue looking at the intersection of gender and immunization. The panelists made recommendations on championing women & girls in immunization, drawing on the polio programme. Watch the recorded discussion [here](#).

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

:: Afghanistan: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: Benin: one cVDPV2 case

:: Burkina Faso: one cVDPV2 case
:: Liberia: one cVDPV2 case
:: Sierra Leone: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
:: Tajikistan: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
:: Yemen : one cVDPV1 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 22 May 2021]

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 3 May 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 22 May 2021]

Burkina Faso –

:: Burkina Faso : Appel à plus de mobilisation en faveur de la planification familiale 06 mai 2021

Iraq –

:: Iraq receives second delivery of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility

Baghdad, 12 May 2021 – Despite a continued global shortage and limited production of COVID-19 vaccines, on 9 May Iraq received the second shipment of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine through the COVAX Facility. The arrival of the second shipment of exactly 499 200 doses brings the total number of vaccines received by the Iraqi health authorities from the COVAX Facility to nearly one million....

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

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 16 March 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]
Measles in Europe - No new digest announcements identified [Last apparent update: 26-04-2021]
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 22 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

Current Corporate Emergencies

Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue #6 26 April – 10 May ...

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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 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

14 May 2021 SG/SM/20725

Secretary-General Calls for Immediate Halt to Fighting in Israel, Gaza

12 May 2021 SG/SM/20723

Citing Disturbing Protection Rollbacks, Secretary-General Affirms LGBTIQ+ Rights, Dignity, Commemorating International Day

12 May 2021 SG/A/2039*

Secretary-General Appoints Martin Griffiths of United Kingdom Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Emergency Relief Coordinator

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today announced the appointment of Martin Griffiths of the United Kingdom as Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 15 May 2021]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

Bachelet appeals for de-escalation amid increasing bloodshed, incitement, volatility in Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel

Freedom of expression increasingly curtailed in Kurdistan Region of Iraq - UN report

Myanmar: Time for business to take a stand against human rights violations - UN experts

UN experts urge religious leaders to show respect and compassion for LGBT persons

Press briefing notes on Occupied Palestinian Territory

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 15 May 2021]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 15 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 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Protecting Children in the Occupied Palestinian Territory & Israel

Wednesday, 12 May 2021

[Urgent to Protect Girls & Education in Conflict Said UN Officials After Deadly Attack in Afghanistan](#)

Wednesday, 12 May 2021

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 15 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News

[The right to freedom of religion or belief and the right to live free from violence and discrimination based on SOGI are both built on a promise of human freedom](#)

14 May 2021

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News

[The right to freedom of religion or belief and the right to live free from violence and discrimination based on SOGI are both built on a promise of human freedom](#)

14 May 2021

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest news

[Colombia: UN and OAS experts condemn crackdown on peaceful protests, urge a thorough and impartial investigation](#)

14 May 2021

[The right to freedom of religion or belief and the right to live free from violence and discrimination based on SOGI are both built on a promise of human freedom](#)

14 May 2021

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

13 May 2021

Humanitarian Coordinator condemns killing of an aid worker in Budi, Eastern Equatoria

10 May 2021

Humanitarian Coordinator condemns attacks against humanitarian workers in Renk, Upper Nile

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 15 May 2021]

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

Resource

COVID-19 Data Explorer: Global Humanitarian Operations

Call for Reviewers - Predictive Analytics in Humanitarian Response

By Predictive Analytics Team

The OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data's Peer Review Framework for Predictive Analytics in Humanitarian Response aims to create standards and processes for the use of models in our sector. Through peer review, the Centre seeks to ensure models can be understood and trusted by all stakeholders in a humanitarian operation.

The Centre is looking for independent experts who can support the review of predictive models submitted by our partners. We are seeking two profiles:

Technical Reviewer: an individual with demonstrated expertise in data science or statistics and their application in the relevant context.

Ethical Reviewer: an individual with demonstrated expertise in practical and humanitarian ethics. The Centre invites experts to submit an application to become a Reviewer in the technical or ethical domain. Once accepted, the Reviewer will become part of an on-going Reviewer Pool managed by the Centre. Reviewers will be selected based on availability and a match of skills for the model in reference. Reviewers will not be assigned to review models submitted by their own organization or in case of any other potential conflict of interest. The Reviewer role is unpaid.

Reviewers are expected to:

- :: Assess submitted models in line with the evaluation criteria identified in the Peer Review Framework.
- :: Complete the Model Evaluation Matrix or Ethical Matrix included in the Peer Review Framework.
- :: Provide recommendations to the partners submitting the models.

If you are interested in becoming a Technical or Ethical Reviewer, please submit your application using our form.

UNICEF [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Statement 05/12/2021

Situation in State of Palestine and Israel at dangerous tipping point

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore

Statement 05/12/2021

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the Venezuela High-Level Donor Roundtable

As prepared for delivery

Statement 05/11/2021

Violations against children must end: Nine children killed in latest Gaza Strip escalation, many injured

Statement by Matthias Schmale, Director of UNRWA Operations in the Gaza Strip and Lucia Elmi, UNICEF Special Representative in the State of Palestine

Statement 05/10/2021

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the European Commission High-Level Conference on the Mental Health Impact of COVID-19

As prepared for delivery

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Announcements

UNHCR, aid partners call for renewed and strong support for the Rohingya refugees

14 May 2021

... With the refugee crisis in its fourth year, Bangladesh needs robust and sustained international support to ensure the safety and wellbeing of stateless Rohingya refugees. This must not become a forgotten crisis. Both Rohingya refugees and Bangladesh, having generously hosted them for decades, must see the world standing with them.

Adding to the complexity of this crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded vulnerabilities for refugees and host communities alike. To date, the Government of Bangladesh, with the support of the humanitarian community, has effectively managed the COVID-19 response and the spread of the disease in the Rohingya camps and surrounding areas, though the trajectory of the virus remains unpredictable. A coordinated and inclusive response has saved lives. However, it is critical to ensure the continued delivery of all humanitarian assistance and protection services...

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

IOM Supports the UN COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-Out in Yemen

2021-05-11 16:31

Aden – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has begun its support to the United Nations (UN) COVID-19 vaccination roll-out in Yemen where cases have recently surged. The Organization is providing vaccinations at five health centres in Aden, Ma'rib, Shabwah, Taiz and Lahj. Yemen received 360,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses through the COVAX Facility on 31 March. The roll-out of the vaccination campaign began on 20 April...

UNAIDS [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

14 May 2021

Protecting prisoners from HIV and COVID-19 in Mexico

11 May 2021

Community-led HIV services stepped up in the Philippines during the COVID-19 pandemic

10 May 2021

[UNAIDS saddened by the death of Smarajit Jana](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 22 May 2021]

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

17 May 2021 *Departmental news*

[Streets for Life campaign calls for 30 km/h urban streets to ensure safe, healthy, green and liveable cities](#)

14 May 2021 *Departmental news*

[Building Climate-Resilient Health Systems: Four key actions to follow in National Adaptation Plan \(NAP\) processes](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [What fuels the use of unproven COVID-19 therapies?](#) 14 May 2021

The emergence of COVID-19 and the pandemic have raised many challenges regarding treatment and spawned the use of unproven therapies. Professor Lucille Blumberg, the Deputy Director of the South African National Institute for Communicable Diseases, discusses the causes, the risks and how to tackle unproven COVID-19 cures.

:: [Risks and challenges in Africa's COVID-19 vaccine rollout](#) 14 May 2021

Africa's largest-ever vaccination drive is well under way. Forty-nine African countries are rolling out COVID-19 vaccines and over 22 million doses have been given on the continent. Valuable lessons are emerging, but major risks and challenges threaten Africa's fragile gains.

:: [Joining forces to tackle the Ebola Infodemic in Guinea](#) 12 May 2021

On a sultry morning in early March in the small town of Gouécké in south-eastern Guinea, scores of concerned community and customary leaders gathered for a meeting with WHO's local team of social anthropologists.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified

WHO European Region EURO

:: [Refugees and migrants hosted in Serbian reception centres get their COVID-19 vaccine doses](#) 12-05-2021

:: [Former Chief Nursing Officer for Wales says nurse leadership must help shape a more just and equitable health-care system](#) 12-05-2021

:: [High rates of childhood obesity alarming given anticipated impact of COVID-19 pandemic](#) 11-05-2021

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [Egypt receives second shipment of 1.77 million COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility](#)

14 May 2021

:: Iraq receives second delivery of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility 12 May 2021
:: Nurses and midwives: the bridge between patients and health care 12 May 2021
:: WHO support strengthens emergency services in Syria 10 May

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Advice to hospitals on how to ease pandemic pressure 12 May 2021

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases, Meetings, Events

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest from News Centre

No new digest content identified.

Temasek Trust and UNDP collaborate to drive next frontier of SDG-aligned investment in Southeast Asia

Posted On May 11, 2021

New York – The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has established a new collaboration with Temasek Trust to mobilize private capital to generate positive social and sustainability outcomes in Southeast Asian countries (ASEAN) through the awareness, adoption, and application of UNDP SDG Impact Standards, SDG Investor Maps, and SDG Investor Platform in the region.

Temasek Trust will serve as the anchor partner for UNDP's SDG Finance initiative SDG Impact in Asia, so that the SDG Impact tools can be tailored to the region in a way that is useful and relevant to the Asian context. Temasek Trust has been actively involved in the development process of the SDG Impact Standards for Private Equity Funds and collaborated with their impact fund, ABC World Asia, to pilot the Standards and to provide essential input and feedback to UNDP...

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

11 May

Ten eminent scientists and researchers to advise the UN on unleashing the power of technology for development

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

Resources

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest news

12 May 2021

[China cuts disaster mortality by half and calls for strengthening cooperation around risk reduction](#)

China announced that it has reduced by half its disaster-related mortality over five years thanks to the adoption of a disaster prevention-centred approach, and is seeking to strengthen international cooperation around disaster risk reduction with countries around the world.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 15 May 2021]

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

12 May 2021 | DESA

[Digital tools for better parenting](#)

During the COVID-19 crisis, our need and dependence on digital technologies to be able to perform remote work, participate in online schooling and stay connected with family and friends, have become evident.

11 May 2021 | DESA

[Ten eminent scientists and researchers to advise the UN on unleashing the power of technology for development](#)

The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed a new group of ten renowned experts to support the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism.

11 May 2021 | DESA

[Economic recovery under threat amid surging COVID cases and lagging vaccination in poorer countries](#)

While the global growth outlook has improved, led by robust rebound in China and the United States, surging COVID-19 infections and inadequate vaccination progress in many countries threaten a broad-based recovery of the world economy, says the latest United Nations forecast released today.

UNESCO [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Latest News

[UNESCO and partners host high-level meeting and discussed the advancement of gender equality and inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Press release [05/11/2021](#)

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 15 May 2021]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

12/05/2021 –

[UNODC statement on the participation of Myanmar in United Nations intergovernmental meetings held in Vienna](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 15 May 2021]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News

[UN-Habitat 2020 Annual Report showcases agency's achievements in a challenging year](#)

Tuesday 11 May, 2021

... During the year, UN-Habitat faced key challenges such as the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Director launched a corporate-wide emergency response to mobilize resources for emergency programming while ensuring its duty of care to staff and business continuity at headquarters and all field offices. This included leveraging USD 1.3 million for quick impact projects in 13 countries. UN-Habitat's technical assistance during the emergency response phase helped local officials adapt public health directives to improve conditions in informal settlements...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 15 May 2021]

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

News releases

14 May 2021

[New contribution from Japan helps WFP fight hunger in Myanmar's impoverished urban townships](#)

YANGON, MYANMAR – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today welcomed a US\$4 million contribution from the Government of Japan to support families struggling to meet their basic food needs.

11 May 2021

[WFP Launches Zakat for Nutrition Campaign This Ramadan](#)

CAIRO – Marking the Holy month of Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a campaign providing Muslims around the world with the opportunity to give their Zakat to support WFP's critical work in combatting malnutrition.

11 May 2021

[WFP and UNHCR roll out targeted food assistance to meet needs of the most vulnerable refugees in Rwanda](#)

KIGALI – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, have started rolling out a new mechanism in Rwanda to prioritize general food assistance to the most vulnerable refugees.

11 May 2021

Southern Madagascar: Government and UN sound the alarm on famine risk, urge action

Pressing need to upscale both food aid and agricultural livelihoods assistance to head off a worst-case scenario

ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR: With each day that passes, more lives are at stake as hunger tightens its grip in southern Madagascar. This is the stark warning from two United Nations agencies, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP), as they seek to draw international attention to a humanitarian crisis that risks being invisible.

10 May 2021

European Union provides €500,000 to WFP for Covid-19 recovery in Rwanda

KIGALI - The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes €500,000 from the European Union (EU) to provide technical support to Rwanda's COVID-19 recovery efforts. With this contribution, WFP will support Government efforts to ensure that social protection is expanded to the most vulnerable and food insecure Rwandans and responds to the unique challenges presented by the pandemic.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

Video

Extending social protection to the culture and creative sector

13 May 2021

Lockdown measures led to the closure of theatres and cinemas, and the suspension or cancellation of movie, television and music productions. Many workers in the industry lost their jobs and had no social protection to help them. A new ILO study shows that extending social protection to the culture and creative sector is possible.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest Press Briefings

11 May 2021

IMO's Kitack Lim urges fair vaccine distribution for seafarers

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim has called on all IMO Member States to support a fair global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, beyond fulfilling their national needs, to ensure seafarers can access vaccines.

In a statement, Mr. Lim reiterated his call for seafarers and marine personnel to be designated as "key workers" and noted that some key maritime labour supply countries are reliant on the COVAX initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) to access vaccines...

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Early warning initiative advances in a pandemic](#)

Publish Date: 11 May 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated impacts of extreme weather and climate change in vulnerable countries but also highlighted the need to build resilience against a multitude of hazards through better early warnings and risk information.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

[Press release: New UPU podcast tells the story behind the post](#)

Berne, 12 May - The Universal Postal Union (UPU) announced today that it was joining forces with Ian Kerr, the founder of the Postal Hub Podcast, to produce a monthly podcast called Voice Mail.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

[Three candidates nominated for the post of Director General of UNIDO](#)

VIENNA, 12 May 2021 – The governments of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ethiopia and Germany have nominated candidates for the post of Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

12 May 2021

[Investing in a better world](#)

By Clare Naden on 12 May 2021

New standard for assessing and reporting green finance activities.

[ISO 14097](#), Greenhouse gas management and related activities – Framework including principles and requirements for assessing and reporting investments and financing activities related to climate change, helps financiers assess and report on their actions and see the real value of their contribution to climate goals.

11 May 2021

[Certifying to an energy management system](#)

Requirements for certification bodies now updated.

[ISO 50003](#), Energy management systems – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems, is designed to assist audit and certification bodies by providing the requirements to ensure competence, consistency and impartiality in the auditing and certification process.

10 May 2021

[ISO's Action Plan for developing countries 2021-2025](#)

Designed with members, for members.

The [ISO Action Plan for developing countries](#) is the overall framework for technical assistance and training to support developing country members. Its objective is to empower members to contribute actively to the ISO system and fully realize the benefits of using ISO standards, particularly those addressing social, economic and environmental challenges. Achieving this objective will also make an important contribution to the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and ISO's vision of "making lives easier, safer and better" by 2030.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

All Regions Europe FITUR

[**Promoting Innovation and Sustainability as FITUR Returns**](#)

14 May 2021

All Regions

[**Committee on Tourism Ethics Recommends Responsible Use of Travel Certificates**](#)

14 May 2021

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 15 May 2021]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

5/11/2021

[**Developing Field Deployable, Shelf-stable Whole Blood Substitutes to Treat Hemorrhage**](#)

In military, and many civilian settings, hemorrhage is the leading cause of potentially survivable, traumatic pre-hospital death. 1, 2, 3 Transfusion of whole blood is the preferred resuscitation fluid in tactical combat casualty care. 4 However, its use in far-forward operations is challenging because of storage requirements, limited shelf-life, and logistical constraints. DARPA's new Fieldable Solutions for Hemorrhage with bio-Artificial Resuscitation Products (FSHARP) program aims to leverage recent technical advances to meet the critical and immediate need for blood product alternatives.

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USAID [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

United States Announces \$3.8 Million in Additional Humanitarian Aid for People Affected by Volcanic Eruption in Saint Vincent

May 14, 2021

The U.S. government through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing \$3.8 million in additional humanitarian assistance for people affected by the eruption of the La Soufrière volcano on the island of Saint Vincent. This additional support will provide thousands of people in Saint Vincent with emergency food assistance, access to safe drinking water, hygiene supplies, sanitary latrines, essential household items, and hygiene promotion activities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases in shelters and communities. The funds will also provide essential medical supplies and support for health facilities, as well as support for logistics to move, store, and distribute emergency items where they are needed.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [nee DFID] [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases. Announcements

UK to host its first global LGBT conference

The UK will host its first ever global LGBT conference to tackle inequality around the world and urge countries to take action.

Updated: 16 May 2021

UK to provide bridging loan to help clear Sudan's arrears at the African Development Bank: Foreign Secretary's statement

The UK has provided a bridging loan to enable the clearance of Sudan's arrears at the African Development Bank.

Updated: 12 May 2021

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Updated: 12 May 2021

ECHO [to 15 May 2021]

https://ec.europa.eu/echo/aggregator/sources/8_en

Press Releases

Sahel and Central Africa: €210 million in EU humanitarian aid

Tue, 11/05/2021 - 00:00

European Commission Press release Brussels, 11 May 2021 The EU is reaffirming its solidarity with vulnerable people in countries in the Sahel and Central Africa through a humanitarian budget of €210 million in 2021.

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African Union [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 15 May 2021]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission

<https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en>

Press release 12 May 2021

Coronavirus variants: Commission calls for limiting essential travel from India

The Commission calls on EU Member States to take coordinated action to further restrict travel from India on a temporary basis, with a view to limiting the spread of the B.1.617.2 variant first detected in India.

Press release 11 May 2021

Sahel and Central Africa: €210 million in EU humanitarian aid

The EU is reaffirming its solidarity with vulnerable people in countries in the Sahel and Central Africa through a humanitarian budget of €210 million in 2021.

OECD [to 15 May 2021]

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

Top Stories

Inheritance, estate and gift taxes could play a stronger role in addressing inequality and improving public finances

Inheritance taxation can be an important instrument to address inequality, particularly in the current context of persistently high wealth inequality and new pressures on public finances linked to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new OECD report.

11-May-2021

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

FINAL COMMUNIQUE ADOPTED BY THE VIRTUAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE OIC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE AGGRESSION BY ISRAEL, THE OCCUPYING POWER, IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, IN PARTICULAR, AL-QUDS AL-SHAREEF (EAST JERUSALEM)

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, at its virtual emergency meeting held on Tuesday 29 Ramadan 1442, corresponding to 11 May 2021 to discuss the aggression by Israel, the occupying Power in the Palestinian territories, particularly, Al-Quds Al-Shareef....

12/05/2021

Group of 77 [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Masseni Kaba Saleh, Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations, on agenda item 154:](#)

[Administrative and budgetary aspects of the **financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** - budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, at the second part of the resumed seventy-fifth session of the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 11 May 2021\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Masseni Kaba Saleh, Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea to the United Nations, on agenda item 154:](#)

[Administrative and budgetary aspects of the **financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** - budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda at the second part of the resumed seventy-fifth session of the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 11 May 2021\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

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[**UN to focus on building post-pandemic resilience through science, technology and innovation**](#)

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2021/010 Geneva, Switzerland

UNCTAD will bring together experts to explore how science, technology and innovation (STI) can contribute to a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, during a meeting of the [UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development \(CSTD\)](#) from 17 to 21 May...

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News – Selected Items

11 May 2021

[**Over 56,400 cultural goods seized and 67 arrests made in action involving 31 countries**](#)

Despite the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 edition of Operation Pandora targeting the illicit trafficking of cultural goods has been the most successful to date with over 56,400 cultural goods seized. These goods include archaeological objects, furniture, coins, paintings, musical instruments and sculptures.

Running from 1 June to 31 October 2020, Operation Pandora V saw the involvement of Customs and other law enforcement authorities from 31 countries...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 15 May 2021]

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

WTO News and Events

[**Bolivia outlines vaccine import needs in use of WTO flexibilities to tackle pandemic**](#)

12 May 2021

The government of Bolivia has formally notified the WTO of the country's need to import COVID-19 vaccines, taking another step towards using flexibilities in WTO intellectual property rules as part of its

pandemic response.

Bolivia notified the WTO it needed to import 15 million doses of a vaccine under the legal system introduced in a 2017 amendment to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). That amendment, which created Article 31bis of the TRIPS Agreement, provides an additional legal pathway for import-reliant countries to access affordable medicines, vaccines and other pharmaceutical products.

Bolivia's submission follows through on its February notification signalling that it intended to exercise the flexibilities under the amendment.

Bolivia's notification opens up the possibility of importing the needed vaccines from any one of around 50 WTO members that have put in place domestic laws providing for the production and export of medicines made under compulsory licence through this system...

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 15 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 15 May 2021]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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Ireland sends important message of support for reparative justice with €300,000 contribution to Trust Fund for Victims

Press Release 11 May 2021

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World Bank [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected News, Announcements

World Bank Redeploys \$153 Million to Support Pakistan's COVID-19 Vaccine Drive

WASHINGTON, May 13, 2021—The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved the restructuring of the Pandemic Response Effectiveness in Pakistan (PREP) project, originally approved in April 2020...

Date: May 13, 2021 Type: Press Release

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Antimicrobials are drugs – such as antibiotics – that kill or control disease-causing microbes. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when microbes mutate or adapt in...

Date: May 13, 2021 Type: Brief

Defying Predictions, Remittance Flows Remain Strong During COVID-19 Crisis

Low- and Middle-Income Countries Received \$540 billion in 2020, \$8 Billion Less Than in 2019
WASHINGTON, May 12, 2021 — Despite COVID-19, remittance flows remained resilient in 2020, registering a smaller...

Date: May 12, 2021 Type: Press Release L

Continuous and Accelerated Learning (CAL)

The Challenge: Responding to a learning crisis exacerbated by COVID-19 The closure of schools due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has created unprecedented pressure on education, with short and...

Date: May 11, 2021 Type: Brief

Widespread Informality Likely to Slow Recovery from COVID-19 in Developing Economies

Study Finds One-Third of Economic Activity Occurs Outside Governments' Line of Sight WASHINGTON, May 11, 2021—A strikingly large percentage of workers and firms operate outside the line of sight of governments...

Date: May 11, 2021 Type: Press Release Language

IMF [to 15 May 2021]

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

News, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Ethiopia: African Development Bank Group signs grant agreement for \$31 million to tackle nutrition and end child stunting

14-May-2021 - The African Development Bank and the Government of Ethiopia have signed an agreement for a \$31 million grant to boost health and nutrition for children under the age of five. The African Development Fund's Board of Directors approved funding for the government's Multi-Sectoral Approach for Stunting Reduction Project (MASReP) at the end of April. The total budget is \$48 million.

Sudan: African Development Bank Group completes clearance of Sudan's \$413 million arrears

12-May-2021 - 5th May 2021, Dr. Gibril Ibrahim Mohammed, Sudan's Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Nnenna Nwabuo, African Development Bank Director-General, East Africa Region, sign grant agreements for the arrears clearance Following approval of the proposal by the Boards of Directors of the African Development Bank Group to clear about \$413 million in arrears on loans owed by Sudan, the Bank Group has completed the arrears clearance process, enabling the East African country to have immediate access to new financing.

Finance in Common Summit Spring Meeting: public development banks call for new financing for Africa's recovery post-Covid-19

11-May-2021 - A global coalition of public development banks today emphasized the urgency of immediate resources for Africa's recovery post-Covid 19. Together, they committed to deepening cooperation to boost investment opportunities across the continent.

African Development Bank invites business enablers to apply for funding to support women entrepreneurs

10-May-2021 - This May, the African Development Bank Group is launching a call for proposals for projects enhancing the viability and sustainability of women entrepreneurship enablers. Women's business associations, incubators, accelerators, and cooperatives that advance women's entrepreneurship, can apply for funding for innovative projects or programs to bolster the skills of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) owned and run by women across Africa, the Bank announced.

Asian Development Bank [to 15 May 2021]

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

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Latest News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 15 May 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 15 May 2021]

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

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[**Tanzania and IFAD partner to boost productivity, improve food security and build resilience of small-scale farmers in the face of the climate change**](#)

11 MAY

[**Call for proposals: Grant to strengthen borrowers' capacity on environmental, social and climate best practices**](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

[**Islamic social financing to support efforts to recover and rebuild from COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

11 May 2021

...The initiative will include the International Dialogue on the Role of Islamic Social Financing in Achieving the SDGs, which will launch critical discussions including with global leaders and Islamic institutions on the role of Islamic social financing.

"As the world comes to terms with the evident fragility of our socioeconomic systems, especially during the current pandemic, the tools of Islamic social financing provide an opportunity to usher in much needed resilience," said Mr. Bandar Hajjar, the President of the Islamic Development Bank Group, highlighting the significance of the International Dialogue on the role of Islamic social financing.

"I am confident that zakat, sadaqa, waqf and Islamic microfinance can help bring a grass-roots, inclusive and more resilient approach to development, and I look forward to working with our partners at the United Nations to mainstream these tools to meet pressing needs and achieve the SDGs," he added...

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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 15 May 2021]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Libéria

Soutenir les systèmes de santé face au Covid-19

Posté le 10 mai 2021

Au Liberia les systèmes de santé ont subi un choc majeur lors de l'épidémie d'Ebola en 2014-2016 et se remettent encore doucement des pertes économiques et du traumatisme.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 15 May 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 15 May 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 15 May 2021]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 15 May 2021]

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

BSI News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest

Is COVID-19 over(rated)?

May 11, 2021

by Arshae Ahmed and Shafqat Aurin

In a time when COVID-19 infection rate is on the rise in Bangladesh, what approaches could work to enable people to adopt safe hygiene practices? Here's what we've learnt.

Clubhouse International [to 15 May 2021]

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

News/Events

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Clubhouse Victories in the Year of the Pandemic

May 10, 2021

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Clubhouse International is celebrating some of the many Clubhouse victories throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay tuned for more Clubhouse Victory stories! Visit our Mental Health Awareness web page to learn more!

Danish Refugee Council [to 15 May 2021]

<https://drc.ngo/>

Press Releases

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Push back of responsibility: Human Rights Violations as a Welcome Treatment at Europe's Borders

12. May 2021

In a new report, DRC in partnership with six civil society organisations across six countries, have collected records of thousands of illegal pushbacks of migrants and refugees trying to cross Europe's borders. Testimonies also reveal unofficial cooperation between authorities in different countries to transfer vulnerable people across borders to avoid responsibility.

ECPAT [to 15 May 2021]

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

News from ECPAT

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 15 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

EIFL agreement with The Company of Biologists

11 May 2021

EIFL has signed an agreement with The Company of Biologists to provide free access to three of their journals as well as free open access publishing for corresponding authors. The agreement is valid until 31 December 2023.

Libraries in 30 countries are eligible for free access to three journals published by The Company of Biologists: Development, Journal of Cell Science, and Journal of Experimental Biology.

In addition, corresponding authors from these 30 countries can publish accepted research articles in open access for free in these three hybrid journals...

Fountain House [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases/Events

Fountain House announces key leadership appointments in Research and Human Resources

May 14, 2021

Fountain House – the national mental health nonprofit fighting to improve health, increase opportunity, and reduce social and economic isolation for people living with serious mental illness – has announced the appointments of Dr. Joshua Seidman as the inaugural Vice President & Chief Research and Knowledge Officer and Patti Lukas as Vice President and Chief People Officer...

Inside Mental Health Podcast: Clubhouse Model For People with Mental Illness

May 13, 2021

Fountain House proud to be the North American charity partner of Jo Malone London

May 13, 2021

GE2P2 Global [to 15 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] ***Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – May 2021*** is now posted [here](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 15 May 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Coffee sustainability leaders develop farmer-centric Verified Living Income pricing model

May 11, 2021

Sustainable commercial coffee roaster manufacturer Bellwether Coffee, global development organisation Heifer International, and specialty coffee...

Coffee Tech Startup Commits To Paying Colombian Farmers 20% More To Achieve A Living Income

May 11, 2021

Tech start-up Bellwether Coffee has publicly committed to paying farmers in its supply chain a living income, and is pioneering a data-driven...

HelpAge International [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Supporting older people in India to fight COVID-19

The second wave of COVID-19 is devastating India. There are hundreds of thousands of new infections and thousands of deaths every day. Across the country, the healthcare system has collapsed under the crushing weight of the pandemic. It is not going away and families and communities are searching...

Posted: 14 May 2021

Older people at severe risk from the bombardment in Gaza

Around 10 older people in Gaza have already been killed by the recent escalation in violence and many more are at risk, living in houses exposed to the bombardment

Posted: 14 May 2021

ICRC [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Peter Maurer: "We must decide what role we want human beings to play in life-and-death decisions during armed conflicts"

Speech given by Mr Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), during a virtual briefing on the new ICRC position on autonomous weapon systems.

12-05-2021 | Statement

ICRC position on autonomous weapon systems

With a view to supporting current efforts to establish internationally agreed limits on autonomous weapon systems to address the concern they raise, ICRC recommends that States adopt new legally binding rules.

12-05-2021 | Article

Israel and the occupied territories: Restraint and de-escalation urgently needed as civilians pay a terrible price

Urgent call for restraint and de-escalation in Israel and the occupied territories, statement in the name of Fabrizio Carboni, Regional Director for the Near and Middle East, ICRC

11-05-2021 | News release

IFRC [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Bangladesh, India, Laos, Nepal, Philippines

Asia: 5.9 million COVID infections overwhelm hospitals

Kuala Lumpur/Delhi/Geneva, 12 May 2021 – The world's fastest surge of COVID-19 is pushing hospitals and health systems to the brink of collapse as Asia has fast become the global COVID-19 hotspot, suffering more than twice as many new infections than a ...

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International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 15 May 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 15 May 2021]

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

Media highlights [Selected]

Press Release

[Analysis shows 87% of COVID-19 vaccine doses have been given in wealthier countries, despite surges in cases in conflict-affected countries, warns IRC](#)

May 12, 2021

Press Release

[The IRC and 25 Civil Society Organizations Call for Ambitious Action to Protect Civilians](#)

NYork, NY, May 12, 2021 — The IRC and 25 civil society organizations have issued a joint statement ahead of the May 25th UN Security Council Open Debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict. The joint statement calls for the UN Secretary General, UN Security Council, Member States, and armed actors to take urgent and ambitious action to shift mindsets and invest in robust policies, strategies, and practices, to protect civilians caught in armed conflict. Read the full statement below and click [here](#) for the PDF.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Press Release

[IRC condemns attack on girls high school in Afghanistan and calls for an immediate cessation of violence against women and girls](#)

May 10, 2021

IRCT [to 15 May 2021]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

News 12 May 2021

[NOW AVAILABLE: Torture Journal Vol 31 2021](#)

News 11 May 2021

[How livelihoods in rehabilitation programmes can transform survivors and families](#)

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

[The moral and economic imperative for conflict prevention is clear, but much more is needed](#)

Published: 16 May, 2021

[UN Security Council must act fast on Gaza](#)

Published: 14 May, 2021

[Islamic Relief is supporting communities in Nepal amid Covid-19 crisis](#)

Published: 12 May, 2021

[Eid Mubarak to our brothers and sisters across the globe!](#)

Published: 12 May, 2021

[Islamic Relief's Ramadan food packs reach more than 1 million people](#)

Published: 12 May, 2021

Landsea [to 15 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Press Releases

12.05.2021

[Israel-Palestine: we call for the protection of Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem and Gaza](#)

Medecins du Monde (MdM) chapters in Palestine call on the international community, including France, Spain and Switzerland, to take urgent and immediate steps to protect Palestinian in occupied East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Mercy Corps [to 15 May 2021]

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

News Releases & Alerts

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[Statement on Escalating Violence in the West Bank, Gaza and Israel](#)

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements

Mozambique

[Focus on fighting 'terrorists' ignores real humanitarian needs in Cabo Delgado](#)

Opinion 14 May 2021

Palestine

[Heavy Israeli bombing pushes Gaza to the edge of catastrophe](#)

Press Release 13 May 2021

Mediterranean migration

[MSF returns to saving lives at sea in central Mediterranean](#)

Press Release 13 May 2021

Afghanistan

[Analysing the unthinkable – one year after the Dasht-e-Barchi attack](#)

Interview 10 May 2021

Kyrgyzstan

[Kyrgyzstan border clashes leave thousands in shock and homeless](#)

Project Update 10 May 2021

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[More oxygen supplies needed to avoid COVID-19 patients "gasping for air"](#)

Press Release 10 May 2021

Operation Smile [to 15 May 2021]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Oxfam statement on the escalation of hostilities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel

13 May 2021

Civilians are once again paying the price for the failures of political leaders to negotiate a just and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis. Oxfam calls for an immediate end to all violence.

Amazon ruling is a case in point for urgent tax reforms

12 May 2021

Europe's General Court ruled that Amazon did not profit from illegal state aid in Luxembourg. This ruling dates back to a 2017 European Commission decision which stated that Amazon benefited from an illegal tax deal with Luxembourg and had to repay €250 million in unpaid taxes to the Grand Duchy. Amazon and Luxembourg have appealed this decision. The verdict follows last year's defeat for the Commission in its high-profile case against Apple and Ireland.

Oxfam reaction to violence in Jerusalem

10 May 2021

Oxfam is deeply concerned at the tension and violence witnessed over the past few days in Jerusalem and the potential for further escalation. Palestinian families who have lived in Jerusalem for generations are being threatened with evictions and systemic discrimination benefiting the agenda of violent settler organizations, fanning the flames of current confrontations.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest news

Palestine | 11. May 2021

Israel / Palestine: NRC urges parties to the conflict to avoid further escalation and prevent loss of life

Statement by NRC Secretary General Jan Egeland on the escalation of hostilities between Israel and Palestine:

Pact [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

'You Have to Say Something:' Paul Park Discusses Generational Shift in Struggle Against Racism, Violence

PIH's director of implementation for NCDs reflects on Asian American history and identity, and how speaking out is vital for a more equitable future

May 14, 2021

Need to Know: Details on Biden's New Public Health Workforce Plan

The Biden Administration just announced a \$7.4 billion investment in a public health workforce. Partners In Health applauds the decision to invest in our critical public health and community health workforces while we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and the underlying inequities in the U.S. health system.

May 14, 2021

Working In Global Health: Sita Chandra

Sita Chandra, clinical operations associate with PIH, reflects on her lifelong passion for global health, decolonizing the sector and more

May 13, 2021

Answering the Call: Nurse Offers Compassionate Counseling at Clinic for Teens

Led by nurse Phebian Sondufu-Sowa, Koidu Government Hospital's adolescent and youth-friendly services clinic provides care far beyond medical.

May 11, 2021

New Executive Director in Sierra Leone's Mantra: "We Need to Care for People"

In August 2014, Dr. Mohamed Bailor Barrie got a phone call from Partners In Health Co-founder Dr. Paul Farmer—and immediately began dancing. "Paul called me and said PIH made a commitment to come to Sierra Leone. I started dancing through the whole house," Barrie recalled.

May 11, 2021

PATH [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 15 May 2021]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 15 May 2021]

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

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16 May 2021 - occupied Palestinian territory

Almost 60 children killed in Gaza in the last week alone

14 May 2021 - occupied Palestinian territory

[Gaza and southern Israel: More than 30 children have been killed](#)

13 May 2021 - Nepal

[Nepal's looming Covid crisis poses serious threat to children](#)

Tostan [to 15 May 2021]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 15 May 2021]

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

Blogs & Updates

May 14, 2021

["I want to change my life:" New participants in the DRC](#)

Article

May 12, 2021

[We stand with the women of Afghanistan](#)

Article

World Vision [to 15 May 2021]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

[Civil Society Statement on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict](#)

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 15 May 2021]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

[Event: Democracy in America](#)

May 20, 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00PM ET

American democracy is in urgent need of progress. So what can we all do to reimagine and revitalize it? In the inaugural episode of Reimagining American Democracy, we bring together leaders from across the political spectrum to explore: what are the most critical elements of a healthy, strong, inclusive democracy in America?

[Sudan: Freedom House Condemns Killing of Peaceful Protesters by Security Forces](#)

Press release

May 13, 2021

Azerbaijan: Allow Human Rights Court to Investigate Reports of Detainee Torture

Press release

May 11, 2021

Human Rights Watch [to 15 May 2021]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

May 14, 2021

Israel: Border Police Shouldn't Use Excessive Force

Amid escalating violence in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel visited the central Israel mixed Palestinian-Jewish city of Lod on May 13, 2021, after media reported violence there by vigilante groups, both Jewish groups including West Bank settlers and groups of Palestinian citizens of Israel.

:: [A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution](#)

:: [Jerusalem to Gaza, Israeli Authorities Reassert Domination](#)

Middle East/North Africa

May 10, 2021 News Release

Middle East/North Africa: End Violent Punishment of Children

May 14, 2021 Dispatches

South Africa's 'Deadly Air' Case Highlights Health Risks from Coal

[Vuyisile Ncube](#)

Fellow, Environment and Human Rights

Africa

May 13, 2021 Dispatches

Pregnant Girls and Young Mothers in Kenya Have the Right to Education

[Agnes Odhiambo](#)

Senior Researcher, Women's Rights Division

Transparency International [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press

The 20th International Anti-Corruption Conference to be held virtually in 2022, preceded by In Focus sessions

The International Anti-Corruption Conference Council and Transparency International are pleased to announce that the 20th edition of the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) will take...

14 May 2021

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ChildFund Alliance [to 15 May 2021]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 15 May 2021]
<http://concordeurope.org/>
Latest News and Events
No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 15 May 2021]
<https://theelders.org/news-insight>
Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
Statement

[The Elders call on UN Security Council to address root causes of Israeli-Palestinian violence](#)

16 May 2021

The Elders today called on the UN Security Council to act urgently to prevent further military attacks in Israel and Palestine and address the root causes of the conflict.

News

[The Elders welcome new report into pandemic preparedness and urge bold action on recommendations](#)

13 May 2021

The Elders welcome new recommendations calling for world leaders and the international community to act boldly and with urgency to limit the impacts of COVID-19 and prevent future crises.

Evidence Aid [to 15 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

[Age and severe outcomes of COVID-19 \(search done on 15 May 2020\) Added May 14, 2021](#)

[Supply chain resilience Added May 14, 2021](#)

[Lung ultrasound for diagnosing COVID-19 \(search done on 13 June 2020\) Added May 14, 2021](#)

[Remote assessment in sport and exercise medicine Added May 14, 2021](#)

[Mental health impacts of COVID-19 on healthcare workers \(multiple reviews\) Added May 13, 2021](#)

Gavi [to 22 May 2021]
<https://www.gavi.org/>
News Releases
12 May 2021

[Japan to host Gavi's COVAX Advance Market Commitment \(AMC\) Summit](#)

Geneva, 12 May 2021 – The Government of Japan yesterday announced that it will host the virtual Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC) Summit on June 2nd 2021. The event, co-hosted by Japanese Prime Minister H.E. Yoshihide Suga and José Manuel Barroso, Chair of the Gavi Board, will aim to secure at least US \$8.3 billion for 2020-21 in order to accelerate access to 1.8 billion COVID-19

vaccine doses for lower-income economies via the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment by raising an additional US\$ 2 billion from donors and the private sector in addition to US\$ 6.3 billion raised before the campaign was launched at the "One World Protected" event on April 15th...

10 May 2021

Corporations, charities and governments step up support for equitable COVID-19 vaccine access at Vax Live concert

:: Over US\$ 60 million raised for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines for lower-income countries via the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (COVAX AMC)

:: The United Arab Emirates and Croatia have also committed millions of COVID-19 vaccines doses for lower-income countries

:: The pledges were announced at Global Citizen's Vax Live Concert on Saturday, co-hosted by Selena Gomez and featuring messages from Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex, His Holiness Pope Francis and several Heads of State

Getty Conservation Institute [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 15 May 2021]

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

News & Stories

News

Global Fund 45th Board Meeting Reports Continued Progress Despite COVID-19 Pandemic

12 May 2021

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria overwhelmingly praised the continued progress of the Global Fund in the past year despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 15 May 2021]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

ICVA 18th General Assembly 2021 - Day 1

May 18, 2021 - 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Online

ICVA 18th General Assembly 2021- Day 2 19 May 2021

May 19, 2021 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Online

ICVA Annual Conference 25 & 26 May 2021

May 25, 2021 (All day) to May 26, 2021 (All day)

Online

InterAction [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest Updates

Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict

[Making Amends for Civilian Harm: The Case for Reforming U.S. Ex Gratia Policy](#)

Davis Owens | May 14, 2021

Global & Public Policy Positions

[Celebrating Cultural Diversity Through Solidarity](#)

Alessandra Restifo | May 13, 2021

Blog Post

[Designing the New NGO Aid Map](#)

Adam Fivenson Meg Kemp |

May 13, 2021

Blog Post

[NGO Leaders on Keeping Up with Change and Shoring Up Business Models](#)

Deborah Willig | May 12, 2021

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Publications/Events/Blogs

[Evidence dialogues: 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 15 May 2021]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

News/Blog/Events

[Five things to consider when evaluating cash assistance](#)

11 May 2021

Use of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) has soared globally, accounting for nearly 18 percent of international humanitarian assistance in 2019 before the global Pandemic, up from 8 percent in 2015. This growth is expected to continue and CVA has played a key role in protecting livelihoods at scale during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Greater use of CVA has increased the need to understand how to ensure CVA programming is as effective, efficient, and accountable as possible.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 15 May 2021]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 15 May 2021]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News/Events

Launch of Lancet Migration European Regional Hub

10/05/21

The new Lancet Migration European Regional Hub, co-led by Lancet Migration and the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, aims to make a positive impact on the lives of people who migrate, and the environments in which they live, through multidisciplinary research, as well as leadership, engagement, dissemination of research, and advocacy.

Groupe URD [to 15 May 2021]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 15 May 2021]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

The need of a contextual understanding in humanitarian missions

3rd – 9th May

This week's selection of blog posts offers some of the missing pieces for a more comprehensive account of today's humanitarian crises. For example, Mathew Foley offers a retrospective look at the realities of people caught up in a humanitarian crisis, and Dorothea Hilhorst provocatively questions the ritualization of accountability in humanitarian action.

Host countries are backtracking on their commitments to humanitarian minorities, as India is becoming less hospitable to refugees, or Scandinavia to Syrian refugees, or The Netherlands to Filipinos during COVID 19.

We also include a blog which proposes a new way of looking at hunger in the context of conflict, while another blog on South Sudan offers an analysis of the encounter between justice and hunger in a

humanitarian crisis. Another blog on humanitarian missions highlights the fact that without a contextual understanding of the humanitarianism of social action, critical humanitarian learning and humanitarian thinking remain distant.

Finally, we include one blog post in Spanish about the current humanitarian crisis in Colombia.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 15 May 2021]

<https://inee.org/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 15 May 2021]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 15 May 2021]

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

News and Blog

[UK Aid provides £12m to support the Start Fund](#)

11 May 21

The UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) announced today that it would provide a further £12m to support the [Start Fund](#).

The funding will enable frontline actors across Start Network's members and partners to continue to respond rapidly to and in anticipation of under-the-radar humanitarian crises. The FCDO also agreed to work with Start Network in its transition to a global network of 'hubs', which will facilitate locally-led responses and improve NGO access to more innovative financing that will mitigate humanitarian impacts, both protecting and assisting people affected by crises.//

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Brookings [to 15 May 2021]

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

Accessed 15 May 2021

Telecommunications & Internet

[Striking a deal to strengthen broadband access for all](#)

Tom Wheeler

Friday, May 14, 2021

U.S. Economy

[The COVID-19 experience shows government budgeting can become more nimble](#)

Stuart M. Butler and Timothy Higashi

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Climate Change

We can't beat the climate crisis without rethinking land use

Adie Tomer, Joseph W. Kane, Jenny Schuetz, and Caroline George
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

China

Biden's China strategy: Coalition-driven competition or Cold War-style confrontation?

Cheng Li
May 2021

Report

A proposal for a federal paid parental and medical leave program

Tanya Byker and Elena Spatoulas Patel
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Center for Global Development [to 15 May 2021]

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

New Publications

May 12, 2021

Do High-Stakes Exams Promote Consistent Educational Standards?

Each year over two million secondary-school students across English-speaking West Africa sit coordinated exams, with the explicit goal of maintaining consistent educational standards across schools and over time. We find that scores across math items drawn from different exam years—when taken by an identical group of students on the same day—closely track fluctuations in Ghana's national pass rates over time, absent any role for cheating or changes in real performance.

[Jack Rossiter](#) , [Might Kojo Abreh](#) , [Aisha Ali](#) and [Justin Sandefur](#)

May 11, 2021

The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Social Health Insurance Claims for High-Burden Diseases in the Philippines

In the Philippines, anecdotes on the dwindling use of essential healthcare services as an indirect consequence of COVID-19 pandemic are mounting, but compelling evidence remains scarce up to this day. In this study, we examined the magnitude of decline in insurance claims of twelve high burden diseases and five common procedures from 1,286 public and private hospitals.

Valerie Gilbert Ulep , Anton Paterno , Jhanna Uy , Vanessa Siy Van , Lyle Casas and Justin Tan

CSIS

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

Accessed 15 May 2021

Selected Report/Events

Report

What Has Covid-19 Taught Us about Strengthening the DOD's Global Health Security Capacities?

May 11, 2021 | [Thomas Cullison](#), [J. Stephen Morrison](#) The U.S. Department of Defense's broad expertise in health and biosecurity contributes substantially to interagency efforts against epidemic threats. This white paper proposes five recommendations for sustaining and expanding DOD's contributions to global health security.

Report

Five Years of DREAMS and What Lies Ahead

May 10, 2021 | [Janet Fleischman](#) DREAMS represents a multifaceted approach to addressing HIV prevention, gender inequality, and health security. After five years and over \$1 billion invested, this is an opportune moment to examine the key achievements, barriers, and ongoing challenges of DREAMS.

Rand [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Research Reports, Featured Journal Articles

Report

Urban and Rural Districts Showed a Strong Divide During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Results from the Second American School District Panel Survey

This report includes results from the second survey of district leaders by the RAND Corporation's American School District Panel. The survey covered 2020-2021 school year instruction, COVID-19 testing and vaccines, enrollments, budget, and staffing.

May 11, 2021

Heather L. Schwartz, Melissa Kay Diliberti, Lisa Berdie, David Grant, Gerald P. Hunter, Claude Messan Setodji

Report

Well-Being in the Legal Community: From Promise to Practice

These conference proceedings from an event organized by the RAND Institute for Civil Justice summarize key points made during a discussion among stakeholders in the legal community about mental health and well-being.

May 11, 2021

Bethany Saunders-Medina, Jamie Morikawa

Report

Ending the use of physical and emotional violence against children and adolescents in Peru: A case study on the advocacy efforts of INFANT and ONNAS

Case study on the work of civil society organisations to introduce a law in Peru to ban the use of physical and psychological violence towards children.

May 10, 2021

Miriam Broeks, Pedro Sanjurjo, Emma Leenders

Research Brief

A Unique Shelter for Older Adults Experiencing Abuse Offers Potential Cost Savings and Other Benefits

This brief describes the model of the Weinberg Center (the nation's first elder-specific shelter), examines some client outcomes, and begins to quantify the model's costs and benefits for older adults experiencing abuse or mistreatment.

May 10, 2021

Sierra Smucker, Esther M. Friedman, Meagan Cahill, Jirka Taylor, John Daly, Regina A. Shih

Report

Reopening Under Uncertainty: Stress-Testing California's COVID-19 Exit Strategy

Researchers used the Robust Decision Making approach to stress-test California's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Perspective presents lessons learned from these experiments and outlines four characteristics of the best reopening strategies.

May 10, 2021

Pedro Nascimento de Lima, Raffaele Vardavas, Lawrence Baker, Jeanne S. Ringel, Robert J. Lempert, Carolyn M. Rutter, Jonathan Ozik

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 15 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

[The Turing Podcast: COVID-19 lockdowns - which policies worked best?](#)

Wednesday 12 May 2021

Unitaid [to 22 May 2021]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

13 May 2021

[Unitaid supports new Global Initiative to end Cryptococcal Meningitis deaths by 2030](#)

Unitaid is pleased to support the new Global Initiative to end Cryptococcal Meningitis deaths by 2030, launched on May 12th 2021 by key partners in the Cryptococcal Meningitis Advocacy Group. This target will help bring renewed focus on preventing the deaths of those living with HIV.

Cryptococcal Meningitis (CM) is a major cause of mortality among people living with HIV, accounting for 15% of the global 690,000 AIDS-related deaths in 2019 alone. An opportunistic infection, it primarily impacts those with weakened immune systems and is fatal if left untreated...

Urban Institute [to 15 May 2021]

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

Publications

[Assessment of the Orange County, California, Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Services](#)

The California Department of Health Care Services awarded the Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) a Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment (HMIOT) grant in late 2018. The HCA partnered with Telecare to create intensive outreach and mobile mental health treatment components within its existing Full Service Partnership (FSP) contract funded through the Mental Health Services Act. The goal was to increase

[Lily Robin](#), [Libby Doyle](#), [Rudy Perez](#), [Bryce Peterson](#)

May 14, 2021

Research Report

[Reducing Private Insurance Hospital Payments Will Require a Lengthy Phase-In Period](#)

Proposals for a public option, capped hospital payment rates, or Medicare for All would save consumers and the federal government money, in part by reducing hospital payments. Such reductions could have a substantial impact on hospitals in the US and would therefore need to be phased in to prevent

disruptions to the health care system. In this paper, we examine the phase-in period needed to reduce private

[Laura Skopec](#), [John Holahan](#)

May 13, 2021

Brief

Designing Program-Level Metrics for Federal Higher Education Accountability

Evidence shows that what students study matters as much as, if not more than, where they study. Program-level measures can provide important data on student outcomes, which will allow policymakers to hold institutions and programs that receive federal funding accountable. This fact sheet highlights some of the most frequently discussed measures that might be used for program-level accountability,

[Kristin Blagg](#), [Erica Blom](#), [Robert Kelchen](#), [Carina Chien](#)

May 13, 2021

Fact Sheet

Preventing and Addressing Sexual Violence in Correctional Facilities

Sexual violence in correctional facilities is a long-standing problem. In 2003, Congress passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) with unanimous, bipartisan support. PREA established a mandate for data collection and research about the incidence and effects of sexual violence in federal, state, and local correctional facilities, provided funding to state correctional, juvenile detention, community

[Colette Marcellin](#), [Evelyn F. McCoy](#)

May 12, 2021

Brief

Changing the "Family Glitch" Would Make Health Coverage More Affordable for Many Families

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), families are generally ineligible for Marketplace premium tax credits (PTCs) if a family member is offered worker-only coverage through an employer that is deemed affordable. The cost of covering the entire family, however, is not considered and may be unaffordable. Coverage is considered affordable if employee contributions for worker-only coverage do not exceed 9.83 percent

[Matthew Buettgens](#), [Jessica Banthin](#)

May 11, 2021

Brief

Strengthening DC's Education Data Infrastructure

In this letter, members of the DC Education Research Collaborative offer recommendations to improve the District's education data infrastructure. Suggestions include making data available to local education agencies and schools; collecting additional data on student supports, teacher characteristics, and high school courses; developing common surveys of students, families, and educators; and connecting datasets

[Matthew Chingos](#)

May 11, 2021

Testimony

Public Sector Apprenticeship: Improving Work for Governments and Residents

Public sector apprenticeships are a powerful and underutilized tool for workforce and economic development. When state and local governments create apprenticeship programs for roles where hiring is a challenge, they benefit from an infusion of talent. At the same time, apprentices receive benefits

by earning wages, learning new skills, and building valuable work experience. A new fact sheet from the

[Diana Elliott](#), [Andrew Campbell](#), [John Marotta](#)

May 11, 2021

Brief

Has \$3.5 Trillion of Pandemic Relief Enacted in 2020 Altered the Nation's Long-Term Budgetary Path?

The first CBO report of the Biden presidency laid out the fiscal status of the federal government at the start of his administration. Despite the multi-trillion-dollar response to the pandemic and related increases in national debt, the long-term direction of the federal budget has changed little. Social Security, Medicare, and interest costs continue to almost totally dominate future growth in spending and at

[Erald Kolasj](#), [C. Eugene Steuerle](#)

May 10, 2021

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 22 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

Press Release May. 11, 2021

The Wistar Institute Receives Transformative National Science Foundation Grant to Expand and Accelerate STEM Training Program

Impactful, inclusive workforce development program will develop a pipeline of young scientists for careers in growing life sciences sector.

World Economic Forum [to 15 May 2021]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

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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 15 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 22 May 2021]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>

Press Releases and Statements

Press release May 12, 2021

Postsecondary Value Commission Report Proposes Action to Address Disparities in Economic Returns to College with Regard to Race, Income and Gender

SEATTLE – May 12, 2021: The national [Postsecondary Value Commission](#), supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and managed by the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP), released its final findings today using national and institutional data sources confirming wide-ranging disparity in the value of a postsecondary education in terms of race, income and gender.

Statement May 06, 2021

Statement from Gates Foundation CEO Mark Suzman: No barriers should stand in the way of equitable vaccine access

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been working urgently since January 2020 with a range of partners to help COVID-19 vaccines reach as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. Today, with the heartbreaking surges in India and Brazil, and the lack of vaccines across African countries, it is clear there's much more to be done.

No barriers should stand in the way of equitable access to vaccines, including intellectual property, which is why we are supportive of a narrow waiver during the pandemic. Those negotiations will occur via the WTO process, led by country negotiators...

Blue Meridian Partners [to 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

Newsroom

The Annie E. Casey Foundation Names Stephen Plank Vice President of Research, Evaluation, Evidence and Data

Posted May 13, 2021

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has named Stephen Plank its new vice president of Research, Evaluation, Evidence and Data.

Clinton Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

The Latest

News 11 May 2021

Funders Come Together to Launch \$50 Million CARE Fund

NEW YORK — Eight leading philanthropic organizations announced the formation of [The Care for All with Respect and Equity \(CARE\) Fund](#), a \$50 million, multi-year investment in bold, transformational change to build comprehensive care infrastructure that works for everyone. In this once-in-a-generation moment, The CARE Fund is bringing a powerhouse set of grantmakers together across issue areas. Committed and pledged funders include the Ford Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Schusterman Family Philanthropies, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Heising-Simons Foundation, Perigee Fund, Pivotal Ventures, and Open Society Foundations. Reflecting unprecedented public demand for change, major national foundations are pooling resources to support a broad-based movement for care that includes paid leave, child care and early education, long-term services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities, and high-quality jobs for all care workers...

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News

May 12, 2021

Power, Justice, and Tyranny in the Middle Ages at Getty Museum

LOS ANGELES –The J. Paul Getty Museum presents *Power, Justice, and Tyranny in the Middle Ages*, featuring manuscripts that showcase how medieval Europe struggled with many of the same issues of power and disenfranchisement that contemporary society faces today.

"The use and abuse of power was a subject of intense discussion in the Middle Ages, inspiring works of art that expose the divide between political and religious ideals on the one hand and the reality of lived experience on the other. The illuminated manuscripts in this exhibition, drawn exclusively from the Museum's own collection, show how artists explored the intersections between power, justice, and tyranny, and illustrate the tension between noble aspirations and humanity's baser instincts, both of which are represented. Visitors may well see resonances with recent events—another example, if it were needed, of the power of art to express and influence major social and ideological issues throughout history," says Timothy Potts, Maria Hummer-Tuttle and Robert Tuttle director of the J. Paul Getty Museum.

Politics and religion were intimately intertwined in the Middle Ages (ca. 500 – 1500 CE), as can be seen in one image in the exhibition showing the crowning of the King of the Franks. The enthroned king is flanked on one side by representatives of the Church and on the other by members of the nobility. The king was the highest power in the land, but his right to rule was conferred by the Church...

GHIT Fund [to 15 May 2021]

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

GHIT was set up in 212 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest

[What makes a good partnership? Transparency, trust—and a bit of patience!](#)

By Pat Scheid

May 14, 2021

[Demographic portrait of grantees: What we're learning and doing to support inclusion and improve our practices](#)

By Larry Kramer, Sara Davis and Charmaine Mercer

May 13, 2021

[Building a demographic data platform for openness, learning and transparency: Q&A with Center for Effective Philanthropy](#)

By Kristen Carriker

May 13, 2021

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

[“Everybody must speak out about India”](#)

As the COVID-19 pandemic causes unprecedented healthcare challenges in India, the IKEA Foundation is supporting Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) with a €3 million donation. “Imagine a thousand-bed hospital. There are...

May 10, 2021

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Room

Research May 12 2021

[Brain Computer Interface Turns Mental Handwriting into Text on Screen](#)

Researchers have, for the first time, decoded the neural signals associated with writing letters, then displayed typed versions of these letters in real time. They hope their invention could one day help people with paralysis communicate.

Kaiser Family Foundation

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

Accessed 15 May 2021

May 13, 2021 *News Release*

Vaccine Monitor: Unvaccinated Hispanic Adults are Twice as Likely as White Adults to Want a COVID-19 Vaccine ASAP, Highlighting a Key Outreach Opportunity for Vaccination Efforts

A third (33%) of unvaccinated Hispanic adults say they want to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible – twice the share as among unvaccinated White (16%) or Black (17%) adults, presenting an opportunity for targeted outreach to boost overall vaccination rates, according to a new KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor report focused on the vaccine views and experiences of Hispanic adults.

Kellogg Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Selected Announcements

Funders come together to launch The CARE Fund

Unprecedented collaborative fund will invest in care for all with respect and equity, creating quality, affordable care with fair wages and benefits for care workers

May 11, 2021

Aga Khan Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

More Young People Voted in 2020

May 11, 2021

Grantee Research

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

Press Release

Mellon and the Flamboyant Foundation's Arts Fund Announce Letras Boricuas - A New Fellowship Aimed at Supporting Puerto Rican Writers Across Genres

May 12, 2021

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

Has regularizing illegal activities helped to protect Peru's forests from the devastating impacts of gold mining?

May 13, 2021

Open Society Foundations [to 15 May 2021]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases, Statements, Events

Opinion

May 13, 2021

Three Steps to Universal Broadband Access

Rockefeller Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Reports/Press Releases

May 11 2021 *Press Releases*

The Rockefeller Foundation Announces Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN ret., to Succeed American Business Executive Richard D. Parsons as Next Chair of Board of Trustees

Dick Parsons steps down after serving as Chair of the Board for five years NEW YORK | May 11, 2021—The Rockefeller Foundation announced that retired four-star U.S. Navy Admiral James G. ...

May 10 2021 *Press Releases*

BlueMark Launches First-of-its-Kind Benchmark for Best Practices in Impact Management

New tool designed for financial market participants looking to differentiate between impact leaders and impact learners Benchmark based on 30 impact verifications of investor alignment with the Operating Principles for Impact ...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 15 May 2021]

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

Latest News and Highlights

Funders Come Together to Launch \$50 Million CARE Fund

Eight leading philanthropic organizations announce [an unprecedented collaborative fund](#) that will invest in care for all with respect and equity, creating quality, affordable care with fair wages and benefits for care workers.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 15 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 15 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 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 15 May 2021]

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

News and reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 15 May 2021]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 15 May 2021]

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

Newsroom/Blog Posts/Events

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2021 Volume 60 Issue 5 p595-736

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

Research Articles

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

May 2021 111(5)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 104 (2021): Issue 3 (Mar 2021)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/104/3/tpmd.104.issue-3.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>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

April 2021 - Volume 6 - Suppl 1

https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/Suppl_1

Migration and Health in Social Context

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

Taking stock of the availability and functions of National Ethics Committees worldwide

National Ethics Committees (NECs) offer important oversight and guidance functions and facilitate public debate on bioethical issues. In an increasingly globalized world where technological advances, multi-national research collaborations, and pandemics are creating ethical dilemmas that transcend national borders, coordination and the joining of efforts among NECs are key. The purpose of this study is to take stock of the current NEC landscape, their varying roles and missions, and the range of bioethical topics on which they deliberated since their inception

Authors: Patrik Hummel, Taghreed Adam, Andreas Reis and Katherine Littler

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2021 22:56

Content type: Research article

Published on: 10 May 2021

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 15 May 2021)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 15 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

May 2021 - Volume 11 - 5

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/11/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 99, Number 5, May 2021, 321-404

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/99/5/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Cell

May 13, 2021 Volume 184 Issue 10 p2525-2796

<https://www.cell.com/cell/current>

Articles

[Emergence and rapid transmission of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 in the United States](#)

Nicole L. Washington, et al.

Genomic epidemiology analyses explain the introduction and transmission of the B.1.1.7 variant of SARS-CoV-2 into the US, with projections for it to soon be the dominant strain in the country.

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 109, Issue 5 Pages: 1159-1362 May 2021

<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 15 May 2021]

Commentary Open Access Published: 14 May 2021

[Introduction to collection: confronting the challenges of health research in humanitarian crises](#)

Authors: Amit S. Mistry, Brandon A. Kohrt, Blythe Beecroft, Nalini Anand and Iman Nuwayhid

Background

Humanitarian crises, such as armed conflict, forced displacement, natural disasters, and major disease outbreaks, take a staggering toll on human health, especially in low-resource settings. Yet there is a dearth of robust evidence to inform the governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other humanitarian organizations on how to best respond to them. The Fogarty International Center of the U.S. National Institutes of Health commissioned a collection of Research in Practice articles that highlights the experiences of scientists conducting research in the context of humanitarian crises. Unlike traditional research papers, the case analyses in this collection go beyond what research was completed and focus on why the research was important and how it was conducted in these extremely challenging settings.

Overview of papers

As of May 8, 2021, 18 papers have been published in the collection, with an additional 5 under review. One manuscript was not submitted by the author due to competing demands. Individual papers are published across two journals and a joint landing page for the collection is accessible at <https://www.biomedcentral.com/collections/lessonsfromthefield>. The landing page will be updated as manuscripts complete the review process.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 103 April 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/103/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 4, Issue 2 / April 2021

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/4/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 9, issue 2, June 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/9-2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2021 - Volume 34 - Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

Volume 108, Issue 1 December 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 31, Issue 4, 2021

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

Article

[Caste, land ownership and agricultural productivity in India: evidence from a large-scale survey of farm households](#)

[Md Riyazuddin Khan](#), [Mohammad Imdadul Haque](#), [Zeeshan](#), [Noorsaba Khatoon](#), [Isha Kaushik](#) & [Karuna Shree](#)

Pages: 421-431
Published online: 15 Dec 2020

Article

What happens when savings groups grow up? Examining savings group sustainability and perceived long-term benefits

Whitney Moret, Mandy Swann & Lara Lorenzetti

Pages: 462-476
Published online: 22 Dec 2020

Article

Contract farming, cooperatives and challenges of side selling: malt barley value-chain development in Ethiopia

Dawit Alemu, Alice Guinan & Judith Hermanson

Pages: 496-510
Published online: 28 Dec 2020

Article

Lessons Learnt from financing WASH rehabilitation works in small towns in Zimbabwe

Arnold Cole, Steve Mudhuviwa, Taurai Maja & Aidan Cronin

Pages: 533-547
Published online: 23 Jan 2021

Development Policy Review

Volume 39, Issue 3 Pages: 341-507 May 2021
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>
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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 16 - Issue 2 - 2021
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 15 - Issue 1 - February 2021
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 45, Issue 2 Pages: 253-497 April 2021
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>
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EMBO Reports

Volume 22 Issue 5 5 May 2021
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>
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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 27, Number 5—May 2021
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 34 March 2021
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/34/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 149 - 2021
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 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

Spring 2021 (35.1) | May 2021
<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2021/spring-2021-35-1/>

The editors of Ethics & International Affairs are pleased to present the Spring 2021 issue of the journal! The highlight of this issue is a roundtable organized by Madison Powers on ethics and the future of the global food system. The roundtable contains contributions from Paul B. Thompson; Yashar Saghai; Anne Barnhill and Jessica Fanzo; Mark Budolfson; and Madison Powers. Additionally, the issue includes a feature article by Christopher Kutz on resource sovereignty. It also contains an essay by Yuna Han, Katharine M. Millar, and Martin J. Bayly on COVID-19 as a mass death event and an essay by Sea Young Kim and Leif-Eric Easley on women's rights in North Korea. The issue also includes a review essay by Adam Henschke on states and political violence and book reviews by Mark Berlin, Helder De Schutter, and Paul Saurette.

ESSAYS

[COVID-19 as a Mass Death Event](#)

Yuna Han, Katharine M. Millar, and Martin J. Bayly

[The Neglected North Korean Crisis: Women's Rights](#)

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ROUNDTABLE: ETHICS AND THE FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM

[Introduction: Ethics and the Future of the Global Food System](#)

Madison Powers

[Food System Transformation and the Role of Gene Technology: An Ethical Analysis](#)

Paul B. Thompson

[Subversive Future Seeks Like-Minded Model: On the Mismatch between Visions of Food Sovereignty Futures and Quantified Scenarios of Global Food Futures](#)

Yashar Saghai

[Nourishing Humanity without Destroying the Planet](#)

Anne Barnhill and Jessica Fanzo

[Arguments for Well-Regulated Capitalism, and Implications for Global Ethics, Food, Environment, Climate Change, and Beyond](#)

Mark Budolfson

[Food and the Global Political Economy](#)

Madison Powers

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[Resources for the People—but Who Are the People? Mistaken Nationalism in Resource Sovereignty](#)

Christopher Kutz

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[Rethinking the Nature of States and Political Violence](#)

Adam Henschke

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 31, Issue 2, April 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/31/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 100 April 2021

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/100/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 13, issue 2, April 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/13-2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 66 March 2021

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

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

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 48, 2021 - Issue 1

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Gates Open Research

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Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>

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Geoheritage

Volume 13, issue 2, June 2021

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/13-2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 14, Issue 1 (2021)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 9, No. 1 March 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Legal Monitor – Library of Congress/USA

<https://www.loc.gov/law/>

[Accessed 15 May 2021]

Russian Federation: Restrictions on Media with Foreign Funding Imposed

(May 14, 2021) On April 30, 2021, Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin signed into law recently adopted amendments to the Code of Administrative Violations. The amendments impose fines for distribution in mass media of materials produced by an entity recognized and registered as a foreign agent in Russia if such publications do not bear a special sign designating the publisher as a “foreign agent.” The restrictions apply to publications and messages distributed online or through...

Colombia: Registration of Venezuelan Nationals for Legal Immigration Status Begins

(May 13, 2021) On May 5, 2021, the Colombian government began the first phase of registering Venezuelan citizens under the Temporary Statute of Protection for Venezuelan Migrants (TSPVM), which was adopted under Decreto 216/2021 of March 1, 2021.

According to Migración Colombia, the Colombian government agency in charge of immigration, about 54% of Venezuelans in Colombia, almost 800,000, do not have legal immigration status.

Global Public Health

Volume 16, Issue 5 (2021)

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 15 May 2021]

[Covid-19 in the Caribbean: lessons learned from the ongoing international medical and scientific cooperation](#)

Authors: Dabor Resiere, Hossein Mehdaoui, Hedda Dyer, Cyrille Chabartier, André Cabié, Jocelyn Inamo, Keats Compton, Rémi Neviere, Bruno Megarbane and Hatem Kallel

Content type: Commentary

10 May 2021

Health Affairs

Vol. 40, No. 3 March 2021

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

March 2021 / Nursing Homes, COVID-19 & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 22, Issue 1, June 2020

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-22-issue-1-june-2020/>

Special Section: Mental Health and Human Rights

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 32, Issue 7-8 / April 2021

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/32/7-8>

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 43, Number 2, May 2021

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/44487>

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Viral Violence: Infectious Disease and Genocide

Payam Akhavan

pp. 247-258

ABSTRACT:

COVID-19 is a modest reminder of the catastrophic toll of viral pathogens and their potential weaponization against human groups. In both the Armenian genocide and the Holocaust, deliberate exposure to infectious disease was a significant means of extermination. The drafters of the 1948 Genocide Convention were mindful that living conditions in the ghettos and concentration camps claimed more lives than mass-executions. Although "slow death" was included under Article II(c) however, there has been almost no jurisprudence or scholarship on its application to infectious disease. Contemporary examples from East Timor, Sudan, and Myanmar demonstrate its direct and continuing relevance to the crime of genocide.

Despite or Because of Contestation? How Water Became a Human Right

Nina Reiners

pp. 329-343

ABSTRACT:

Almost twenty years after its recognition in international human rights law, the human right to water continues to spark discussions about its scope and meaning. This article revisits the evolution and contestation of the right's first international legal framework, General Comment No. 15 from the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The analysis highlights the contestation of economic and social rights as a universal phenomenon at multiple levels, but argues that these meaning-making practices can support their validation and recognition.

Bioarchaeological Ethics and Considerations for the Deceased

Jayne-Leigh Thomas, Krystiana L. Krupa

pp. 344-354

ABSTRACT:

The last few decades have brought changes to bioarchaeology through the establishment of ethics codes, repatriation laws, and community-based, participatory research practices. However, ethical codes are often unfamiliar to researchers and the treatment of human remains continues to be unequal. Temporal or geographic contexts, among others, should not dictate the ethical standards employed by researchers. Based on previous advocacy efforts and international ethics policies, we suggest six levels of consideration for scientists intending to develop bioarchaeological research projects, using case studies to support the implementation of these steps.

Ending Sexual Harassment at Work: Creating a Baseline on Laws in 193 Countries

Amy Raub, Vahe Khachadourian, Elizabeth Wong, Aleta Sprague, Milad Pournik, Jody Heymann

pp. 378-393

ABSTRACT:

In June 2019, the International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted Convention 190, a landmark global treaty addressing workplace sexual harassment. This study provides a baseline assessment of all 193 United Nations (UN) member states' workplace sexual harassment laws. A systematic comparison of national legislation reveals that nearly two-thirds of UN member states have legislated prohibitions of sexual harassment in the workplace. However, one-third still fail to prohibit workplace sexual harassment, and important gaps exist in the countries with legislative protections. Tracking countries' enactment of workplace sexual harassment laws over time will provide an important tool for monitoring the Convention's impact.

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 78, October 2020

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

Disability inclusion in humanitarian action

by HPN October 2020

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

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

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

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>

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International Health

Volume 13, Issue 3, May 2021
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International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 2 (Oct 2020)
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The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 29 (2021): Issue 1 (Feb 2021)
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Vol 8, No 5 (2021) May 2021
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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 55 March 2021
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/55/suppl/C>
Research article Abstract only
[**The global financial burden of humanitarian disasters: Leveraging GDP variation in the age of climate change**](#)
Topher L. McDougal, John H. Patterson
Article 102073

Research article Abstract only
[**Priority resilience strategy for micro, small, and medium enterprises for dealing with natural disasters**](#)

Issa Dyah Utami, Iwan Santosa, M.R. Vidya Leila
Article 102074

Review article Full text access

The COVID-19 pandemic challenge to the All-Hazards Approach for disaster planning

Kobi Peleg, Moran Bodas, Attila J. Hertelendy, Thomas D. Kirsch
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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 50, Issue 1, February 2021

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue>

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International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 27, Issue 65, 2021

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

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International Migration Review

Volume 55 Issue 1, March 2021

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

January-June 2021 Volume 19 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-143

<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

May 11, 2021, Vol 325, No. 18, Pages 1813-1912

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

Research Letter

Neutralizing Antibodies Against SARS-CoV-2 Variants After Infection and Vaccination

Venkata Viswanadh Edara, PhD; William H. Hudson, PhD; Xuping Xie, PhD; et al.

free access

JAMA. 2021;325(18):1896-1898. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.4388

This study examines the neutralizing antibody response to 4 SARS-CoV-2 variants in infected and vaccinated individuals.

Spike Antibody Levels of Nursing Home Residents With or Without Prior COVID-19 3 Weeks After a Single BNT162b2 Vaccine Dose

Hubert Blain, MD, PhD; Edouard Tuaillon, MD, PhD; Lucie Gamon; et al.

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JAMA. 2021;325(18):1898-1899. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.6042

This study compares IgG antibody levels after a single dose of the BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech) vaccine in nursing home residents with vs without prior COVID-19.

JAMA Network

COVID-19 Update May 15, 2021

These articles on COVID-19 were published across the JAMA Network in the last week.

JAMA Pediatrics

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COVID-19 vaccine impact in Israel and a way out of the pandemic

Eyal Leshem, Annelies Wilder-Smith

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Vaccine scarcity in LMICs is a failure of global solidarity and multilateral instruments

Irene Torres, et al.

Articles

Efficacy of a low-dose candidate malaria vaccine, R21 in adjuvant Matrix-M, with seasonal administration to children in Burkina Faso: a randomised controlled trial

Mehreen S Dattoo, et al.

Background

Stalled progress in controlling *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria highlights the need for an effective and deployable vaccine. RTS,S/AS01, the most effective malaria vaccine candidate to date, demonstrated 56% efficacy over 12 months in African children. We therefore assessed a new candidate vaccine for safety and efficacy.

Interpretation

R21/MM appears safe and very immunogenic in African children, and shows promising high-level efficacy.

Impact and effectiveness of mRNA BNT162b2 vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 infections and COVID-19 cases, hospitalisations, and deaths following a nationwide vaccination campaign in Israel: an observational study using national surveillance data

Eric J Haas, et al

Interpretation

Two doses of BNT162b2 are highly effective across all age groups (≥ 16 years, including older adults aged ≥ 85 years) in preventing symptomatic and asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infections and COVID-19-related hospitalisations, severe disease, and death, including those caused by the B.1.1.7 SARS-CoV-2 variant. There were marked and sustained declines in SARS-CoV-2 incidence corresponding to increasing vaccine coverage. These findings suggest that COVID-19 vaccination can help to control the pandemic.

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Problems with traffic light approaches to public health emergencies of international concern

Clare Wenham, et al.

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The PHEIC mechanism is a potentially powerful and unique normative tool within the international system to spur collective action. However, PHEICs and the IHR are not perfect. The problems with PHEIC declarations are not about insufficient gradients of a health emergency. Instead, the tension within this global health security mechanism results from states' refusal to engage in collective action in response to expert advice from an international organisation, particularly when seeing action as against short-term interests: a classic problem in international relations.

Although a non-binary PHEIC might appeal, to some governments and WHO, analysing similar efforts suggests that traffic light systems might only be useful at slowing traffic. A tiered or regional system will introduce bigger problems into global health diplomacy.

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[Evidence-based medicine: how COVID can drive positive change](#)

The pandemic has spawned too many uninformative clinical trials and reviews. Reform is needed to ensure the world gets the high-quality evidence it needs.

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Proliferating military artificial intelligence will leave the world less safe — so we must focus on ethics and global cooperation.

Denise Garcia

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To keep ahead of an increasing number of SARS-CoV-2 variants, pathogen surveillance and testing must become a joined-up global, rather than local, endeavor.

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A preliminary network analysis highlights the complex intellectual property landscape behind mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines.

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Ngozi A. Erundu, Ifeyinwa Aniebo, Fredros Okumu

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Ensuring access to vaccines against COVID-19 for refugee and displaced populations and addressing health inequities are vital for an effective pandemic response.

Monette Zard, Ling San Lau, S. Patrick Kachur

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[Israel's COVID-19 endgame](#)

By Ran D. Balicer, Reut Ohana

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As several countries now confront COVID-19 surges, Israel may be crossing over to other side of the pandemic. Whereas 5.5 million new severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infections were reported globally last week, Israel reported only 398 (compared with >50,000 in January). Already, 54% of Israel's 9.2 million citizens have been fully vaccinated, considerably more than in most other countries. In the coming months, as restrictions continue to ease, the country should be optimistic, yet cautious, as risks of resurgence persist. Israel thus may well be an early case study for favorable outcomes of a mass-vaccination campaign.

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Josiah F. Marineau, Michael G. Findley

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Deborah Mayersen

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Spring 2021 Volume 19, Number 2

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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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