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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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Syria

[UN Syria Commission of Inquiry: Those responsible for atrocities during 12 years of violence must be brought to justice](#)

Statements 17 March 2023

This week marks 12 years of crisis and bloodshed in Syria. The country remains deeply divided, plagued by predatory armed actors, its people shelled by their own government and bombed by a multitude of states.

The tragic earthquake struck a country suffering from years of man-made disaster, where hospitals and schools were already decimated by years of fighting. **Despite the many calls for solidarity, the immediate resumption of attacks in the earthquake zone exposes a cruelty and cynicism on the part of the parties responsible.**

The children, women and men of Syria who demonstrated for a brighter future paid the price when the Syrian Government unleashed overwhelming violence to quell dissent. Since then, armed groups proliferated, foreign states intervened, and terrorist groups became entrenched.

Throughout it, the interests of the Syrian people and basic respect for their humanity have also become casualties of this conflict. Tens of thousands remain in arbitrary and incommunicado detention or disappeared by parties deliberately withholding information on their fate and whereabouts.

The warring parties' attempts to resolve the conflict militarily have enabled the violation or abuse of nearly every core human right. Parties to the conflict have cumulatively committed almost every crime against humanity listed in the Rome Statute, and nearly every war crime applicable in a non-international armed conflict.

It should not be a foregone conclusion that the violations, abuses, and crimes continue into the 13th year. The interest of the Syrian people must finally be put first and every effort expended to move toward a peaceful, negotiated resolution to the conflict and finally put Syria on a path toward a stable, prosperous and just future for all her people.

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International Criminal Court/ICC :: Ukraine

[Statement by Prosecutor Karim A. A. Khan KC on the issuance of arrest warrants against President Vladimir Putin and Ms Maria Lvova-Belova](#)

Statement - Office of the Prosecutor

17 March 2023

[Editor's text bolding]

On 22 February 2023, I submitted applications to Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court for warrants of arrest in the context of the Situation in Ukraine.

Today, the Pre-Trial Chamber has issued arrest warrants in relation to the following two individuals:

- Mr Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation; and
- Ms Maria Lvova-Belova, Commissioner for Children's Rights in the Office of the President of the Russian Federation.

On the basis of evidence collected and analysed by my Office pursuant to its independent investigations, the Pre-Trial Chamber has confirmed that there are reasonable grounds to believe that President Putin and Ms Lvova-Belova bear criminal responsibility for the unlawful deportation and transfer of Ukrainian children from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation, contrary to article 8(2)(a)(vii) and article 8(2)(b)(viii) of the Rome Statute.

Incidents identified by my Office include the deportation of at least hundreds of children taken from orphanages and children's care homes. Many of these children, we allege, have since been given for adoption in the Russian Federation. **The law was changed in the Russian Federation, through Presidential decrees issued by President Putin, to expedite the conferral of Russian citizenship, making it easier for them to be adopted by Russian families.**

My Office alleges that these acts, amongst others, demonstrate an intention to permanently remove these children from their own country. **At the time of these deportations, the Ukrainian children were protected persons under the Fourth Geneva Convention.**

We also underlined in our application that most acts in this pattern of deportations were carried out in the context of the acts of aggression committed by Russian military forces against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine which began in 2014.

In September last year, I addressed the United Nations Security Council and emphasised that the investigation of alleged illegal deportation of children from Ukraine was a priority for my Office. The human impact of these crimes was also made clear during my most recent visit to Ukraine. While there, I visited one of the care homes from which children were allegedly taken, close to the current frontlines of the conflict. The accounts of those who had cared for these children, and their fears as to what had become of them, underlined the urgent need for action.

We must ensure that those responsible for alleged crimes are held accountable and that children are returned to their families and communities. As I stated at the time, we cannot allow children to be treated as if they are the spoils of war.

Since taking up my position as Prosecutor, I have emphasised that the law must provide shelter to the most vulnerable on the front lines, and that we also must put the experiences of children in conflict at the centre of our work. To do this, we have sought to bring our work closer to communities, draw on advanced technological tools and, crucially, build innovative partnerships in support of our investigative work.

I am grateful for the support of many partners of the Office that have allowed us to move forward rapidly in the collection of evidence. I wish to express my thanks in particular to the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine whose engagement has been essential in supporting the work my Office has carried out, including on the ground in Ukraine. Our participation in the Joint Investigation Team

with national authorities from seven States, under the auspices of Eurojust, has also facilitated swift access to relevant information and evidence.

I will also continue to seek cooperation from the Russian Federation in relation to the Situation in Ukraine, and ensure my Office fully meets its responsibility pursuant to article 54 of the Rome Statute to investigate incriminating and exonerating circumstances equally.

Whilst today is a first, concrete step with respect to the Situation in Ukraine, my Office continues to develop multiple, interconnected lines of investigation.

As I stated when in Bucha last May, Ukraine is a crime scene that encompasses a complex and broad range of alleged international crimes. We will not hesitate to submit further applications for warrants of arrest when the evidence requires us to do so.

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[Situation in Ukraine: ICC judges issue arrest warrants against Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova](#)

Press Release 17 March 2023

[Editor's text bolding]

Today, 17 March 2023, Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or "the Court") issued warrants of arrest for two individuals in the context of the situation in Ukraine: Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Ms Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova.

Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, born on 7 October 1952, President of the Russian Federation, is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population (children) and that of unlawful transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation (under articles 8(2)(a)(vii) and 8(2)(b)(viii) of the Rome Statute). The crimes were allegedly committed in Ukrainian occupied territory at least from 24 February 2022. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Mr Putin bears individual criminal responsibility for the aforementioned crimes, (i) for having committed the acts directly, jointly with others and/or through others (article 25(3)(a) of the Rome Statute), and (ii) for his failure to exercise control properly over civilian and military subordinates who committed the acts, or allowed for their commission, and who were under his effective authority and control, pursuant to superior responsibility (article 28(b) of the Rome Statute).

Ms Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova, born on 25 October 1984, Commissioner for Children's Rights in the Office of the President of the Russian Federation, is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population (children) and that of unlawful transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation (under articles 8(2)(a)(vii) and 8(2)(b)(viii) of the Rome Statute). The crimes were allegedly committed in Ukrainian occupied territory at least from 24 February 2022. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Ms Lvova-Belova bears individual criminal responsibility for the aforementioned crimes, for having committed the acts directly, jointly with others and/or through others (article 25(3)(a) of the Rome Statute).

Pre-Trial Chamber II considered, based on the Prosecution's applications of 22 February 2023, that **there are reasonable grounds to believe that each suspect bears responsibility for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population and that of unlawful transfer of population from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation, in prejudice of Ukrainian children.**

The Chamber considered that the warrants are secret in order to protect victims and witnesses and also to safeguard the investigation. Nevertheless, mindful that the conduct addressed in the present situation is allegedly ongoing, and that the public awareness of the warrants may contribute to the prevention of the further commission of crimes, the Chamber considered that it is in the interests of justice to authorise the Registry to publicly disclose the existence of the warrants, the name of the suspects, the crimes for which the warrants are issued, and the modes of liability as established by the Chamber.

The abovementioned warrants of arrests were issued pursuant to the applications submitted by the Prosecution on 22 February 2023.

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War Crimes – Ukraine

War crimes, indiscriminate attacks on infrastructure, systematic and widespread torture show disregard for civilians, says UN Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine

GENEVA/ VIENNA (16 March 2023) – **Russian authorities have committed a wide range of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law in various regions of Ukraine, many of which amount to war crimes, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine said in a new [report](#) Thursday.**

The war crimes include attacks on civilians and energy-related infrastructure, wilful killings, unlawful confinement, torture, rape and other sexual violence, as well as unlawful transfers and deportations of children.

The Commission's evidence shows that in areas that came under their control, Russian authorities have committed wilful killings of civilians or persons not involved in fighting (hors de combat), which are war crimes and violations of the right to life.

Russian armed forces have carried out attacks with explosive weapons in populated areas with an apparent disregard for civilian harm and suffering, failing to take the required precautions. The attacks were indiscriminate and disproportionate, in violation of international humanitarian law. The use of explosive weapons in populated areas has been one of the main causes of civilian casualties. The Commission was struck by the extent of the destruction it has observed during its visits.

The waves of attacks by Russian armed forces on Ukraine's energy-related infrastructure from 10 October 2022, may amount to crimes against humanity, according to the Commission, which said that this should be investigated further. The disruption of energy-related infrastructure led to entire regions and millions of people being left for periods without electricity or heating, particularly during freezing temperatures.

The Commission established a pattern of widespread unlawful confinement in areas controlled by Russian armed forces, targeting broad categories of men, women and children. Confinement in dedicated facilities across Ukraine and in the Russian Federation was accompanied by consistent methods of torture against certain categories of persons by Russian authorities. A former detainee underwent beatings as a "punishment for speaking Ukrainian" and for

“not remembering the lyrics of the anthem of the Russian Federation”. This pattern of torture may amount to crimes against humanity, according to the Commission, and should be investigated further.

The Commission found numerous instances of rape and sexual and gender-based violence committed by Russian authorities as they undertook house-to-house visits in localities that came under their control and during unlawful confinement. Sexual violence amounting to torture and the threat of such against women and men have been important aspects of the torture exercised by Russian authorities.

While looking into transfers of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation, the Commission found, with concern, that violations of human rights and international humanitarian law have been committed.

Situations concerning the transfer and deportation of children which it has examined amount to war crimes. Witnesses told the Commission that many of the younger children transferred were not able to establish contact with their families and might lose contact with them indefinitely. Delay in the repatriation of civilians may also amount to a war crime.

The Commission also documented a small number of violations committed by Ukrainian armed forces, including likely indiscriminate attacks and two incidents qualifying as war crimes, where Russian prisoners of war were shot, wounded and tortured.

Beyond sharing their deep loss and trauma with the Commission, survivors highlighted the importance of identifying those responsible and holding them accountable. One man, whose father was executed by Russian armed forces in the Izium region, told the Commission: “They punished innocent people; now those who are guilty, if they are still alive, need to be punished to the fullest extent.”

The Commission recommends that all violations and crimes be investigated and those responsible be held accountable, either at the national or the international level. It calls for a comprehensive approach to accountability that includes both criminal responsibility and the victims’ right to truth, reparation, and non-repetition.

For the report, the Commission visited 56 localities and interviewed 348 women and 247 men. Its investigators inspected sites of destruction, graves, places of detention and torture, as well as weapon remnants, and consulted a large number of documents and reports. The full report can be found [here](#).

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Peace; Cybercrimes

[**146th IPU Assembly adopts historic outcomes on peaceful coexistence and cybercrimes**](#)

IPU - Inter-Parliamentary Union

Press releases

15/03/2023

At the [146th IPU Assembly](#) in Manama, Bahrain, parliamentarians representing close to 140 countries adopted by consensus the **Manama Declaration: Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance** and a landmark resolution on **Cybercrimes: The new risks to global security.**

The Manama Declaration: A message of hope

The Declaration follows a debate in which a record 151 parliamentarians spoke before an audience of their peers from every corner of the world.

In the Declaration, the parliamentarians pledge “to fight inequality through rights-based economic and social policies that put people before profit and the weak before the strong, and that uphold the equality and dignity of every person.” The declaration also urges parliamentarians “to implement the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 – leaving no one behind – as the best hope for peace, democracy and sustainable development for all.”

The Declaration is a message of hope which calls for a more tolerant world where diversity is celebrated, and where every human being is recognized for their contribution to society. It also **calls for parliamentarians to make “hate-motivated acts and all forms of violence linked to religion, belief, xenophobia, racism or intolerance of marginalized groups an offence under the law.”**

Cybercrimes: The new risks to global security

The IPU resolution is timely given the increase in cybercrimes worldwide due to a growing reliance on technology and the digitalization of many aspects of life, which accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also means that a forthcoming United Nations convention on cybercrime, expected in 2024, will have direct upstream input from parliaments.

There is no comprehensive definition of cybercrimes. According to the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#), cybercrimes are acts that violate the law and are perpetrated using information and communications technologies. Aside from attacks on computer systems, they include a wide range of other acts that can be facilitated by technology, including online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

The resolution underlines the need for international cooperation to address cybercrimes, as well as to protect global peace, security and economic stability while upholding human rights, including freedom of speech.

The resolution emphasizes the responsibility of parliaments in building a regulatory framework to protect citizens in cyberspace in the same way as in the physical world. It notes that cybercrimes may constitute a serious threat to democratic processes, especially interference in elections through cybersecurity breaches or false social media accounts.

It acknowledges that women, young people and children are among the most vulnerable and suffer from the most aggressions on the internet.

The resolution is the result of a long consultative process, including a record 320 amendments received from Member Parliaments, often with opposing views, culminating in a final agreed text, demonstrating the importance and sensitivity of the issue today.

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Stewardship of Science+

Growing securitisation in technology risks co-operation on responses to global crises - OECD

16/04/2023 –

The latest [OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook 2023](#) says that recent measures by China, the European Union and the United States – which between them account for more than two-thirds of global spending on Research & Development (R&D) – to **reduce international technology**

dependencies could lead to a weakening of science, technology and innovation activities at a time when global challenges, more than ever, require international co-operation.

Data on collaboration based on scientific publications shows early signs of China-US disengagement from bilateral collaboration in research. US co-authorship with China has fallen markedly in recent years, possibly owing to pandemic travel restrictions and denial of visas that restricted Chinese academics from travelling overseas. Most of the decline – which started in 2020 and accelerated in 2021 – is in engineering and natural sciences fields, areas that underpin developments in breakthrough technologies and which account for the bulk of bilateral research collaboration between China and the United States.

"Strategic competition should be reconciled with tackling global problems and crises," OECD Deputy Secretary-General Kerri-Ann Jones said, presenting the report at the European Commission in Brussels. "Leadership has inevitably involved some measure of protection of technologies from strategic competitors, but today, **research and innovation are evermore interconnected across countries via trade flows, availability of critical materials and the race for talent. It is important that OECD countries carefully target their measures while keeping channels open to ambitious research and innovation co-operation to tackle current and future global challenges.**"

The scale of China's R&D expenditures today suggest it is gaining critical mass to innovate at the frontier in areas ranging from Artificial Intelligence to the processing of critical minerals.

While the United States remains the world's largest absolute spender on R&D, China sits in second place, more than tripling its number of researchers over the past 20 years. China's R&D intensity (defined as its R&D expenditure as a share of GDP) has grown from 1.71% in 2010 to 2.45% in 2021, above the EU at 2.15% but below the US at 3.46%. China is now a market leader in some technologies, such as 5G, and at the forefront in others, including batteries and wind turbines...

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OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook 2023 :: Enabling Transitions in Times of Disruption

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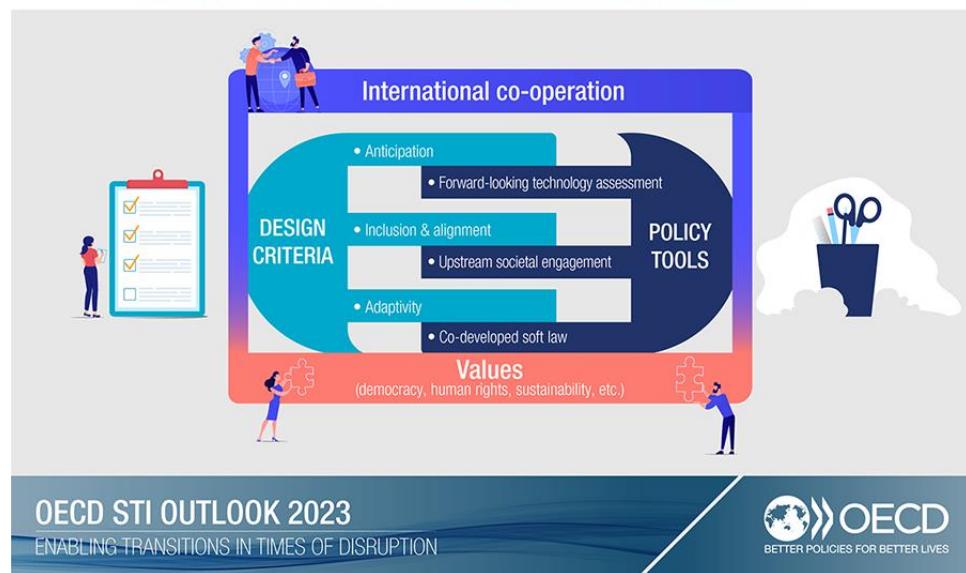
Abstract

Sociotechnical systems in areas like energy, agrifood and mobility need to transform rapidly to become more sustainable and resilient. Science, technology and innovation (STI) have essential roles in these transformations, but governments must be more ambitious and act with greater urgency in their STI policies to meet these challenges. They should design policy portfolios that enable transformative innovation and new markets to emerge, challenge existing fossil-based systems, and create windows of opportunity for low-carbon technologies to break through. This calls for larger investments but also greater directionality in research and innovation, for example, through mission-oriented policies, to help direct and compress the innovation cycle for low-carbon technologies. International co-operation will be essential, but rising geopolitical tensions, including strategic competition in key emerging technologies, could make this difficult. OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook 2023 explores these and other key issues and trends that present STI with a new operating environment to which it must adapt.

[Excerpts]

Emerging technology governance: Towards an anticipatory framework

Policy framework for emerging technology governance

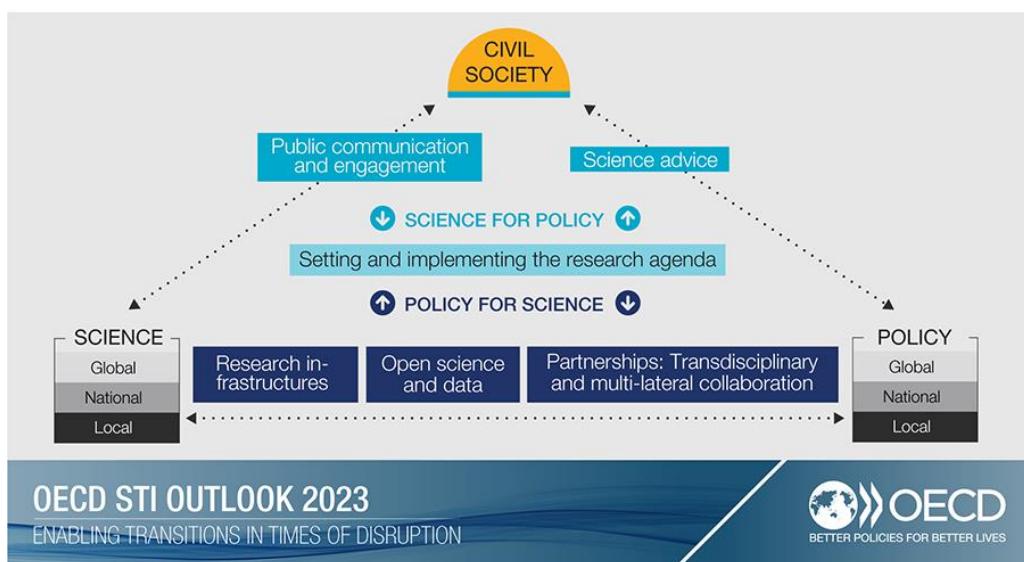


Emerging technologies have the potential to drive much-needed transformations and responses to crises, but they also pose risks and challenges. In this context, technology governance has evolved to address the high uncertainty, risk, and complexity associated with emerging technologies. While there is no one-size-fits-all approach, a general and anticipatory framework for governing emerging technologies could be useful at the national or international level. It could help anticipate concerns, address them through open and inclusive processes, and align innovation trajectories with societal goals.

The OECD is developing an anticipatory policy framework to embed values more purposefully into the technology development process. This could help shift the focus of governance from exclusively managing the risks of technologies to engaging stakeholders in the innovation process early on. Using upstream design principles and tools can help balance the need to drive the development and scale-up of technologies with helping to realise just transitions and values-based technology.

Mobilising science in times of crisis: Lessons learned from COVID-19

Policy for science & science for policy



The COVID-19 crisis demonstrated the importance of science in developing solutions for global challenges. To prepare for future crises such as climate change or pandemics, collaboration between scientists, policymakers, and the public is key to success, but this requires changes to academic culture and incentives. Many of the required changes – including in research performance assessment, public engagement, and transdisciplinary research – are already underway but have not yet been adopted at the necessary scale and speed because of inertia in science systems. More radical change is necessary to spur science to engage with other societal stakeholders to produce the broader range of outputs and solutions that are urgently required to deal with complex global challenges and crises.

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Featured Publications

Humanitarian action is the answer to fewer and fewer of today's humanitarian crises

Article

March 14, 2023 Damian Lilly

As the scale and scope of humanitarian crises are expanding, the suitability of humanitarian action as the right kind of response to them is declining. At the beginning of this year the United Nations (UN) appealed for a record \$51.5 billion to meet the needs of 339 million people – a figure that has already proved to be an underestimate with the Turkish earthquake response. Global humanitarian funding requirements are rising inexorably and are likely to surpass \$100 billion by 2027.

Added to the scale is the widening scope of crises. Armed conflict remains the main driver of humanitarian needs. As we are increasingly reminded, the climate crisis is a humanitarian crisis. The Covid-19 pandemic put health emergencies centre stage for humanitarian actors for a while. And political instability and economic collapse are also now seen as causing humanitarian problems, as events in Sri Lanka and Lebanon have shown.

However, just because humanitarian crises are growing in scale and scope it does not mean that international humanitarian assistance is necessarily the right kind of help needed for affected countries. The traditional model of humanitarian response is large international agencies scaling up the sectoral assistance they provide directly to affected populations; this is increasingly ill-suited to many of today's crises.

It is not just a case of the humanitarian system being broken, but rather that international humanitarian assistance might not necessarily be the best way of responding to these situations. It is perhaps time to accept this...

Humanitarian aid and development cooperation are becoming far more difficult to distinguish, at least in terms of the problems they respond to. It is not inconceivable that the World Bank will become one of the most important funders for humanitarian actors in the future.

The humanitarian system has always only ever been one source of support for people in crisis, varying significantly from one context to the next. By recent estimates humanitarian aid accounted for 46% of aid flows to Yemen in 2019, compared to just 1% in Bangladesh.

The realities presented above are not new, but they are becoming more pronounced. Paradoxically, at a time when humanitarian needs are at their highest level, the suitability of humanitarian assistance to address them appears to be declining. It is perhaps no coincidence that the humanitarian funding gap

has grown in recent years, with appeals receiving only 53% of requirements in 2021 compared to 64% in 2019. Where international humanitarian assistance is most necessary needs rethinking in order to remain effective...

There is no doubt that the humanitarian system has been slow to adapt to remain effective in today's crises. It clearly needs to embark on more deep-seated reforms to maintain its relevance. The current system-wide review of the humanitarian response to internal displacement provides the opportunity for a more fundamental assessment of what is not working. The starting point should be that there are no standardised approaches to the multitude of different humanitarian crises occurring today, and the humanitarian system needs to be more adaptable.

If other actors are playing a more critical role in crisis response, humanitarian actors also need to enhance their collaboration with them. The humanitarian–development–peace nexus approach requires far more radical changes to the aid system, if it is to be successfully implemented. These changes include: inter-agency humanitarian and development plans being combined to provide a holistic approach to crisis response; donors consolidating their humanitarian and development funding streams; and the UN's humanitarian and development coordination offices becoming more aligned.

The humanitarian landscape is constantly evolving, but the assumption that this requires more international humanitarian assistance should be questioned. While counter-intuitive, the blurring scope of humanitarian action needs more attention. Humanitarian actors need to acknowledge that they might not necessarily have the answer – this is the first step to increasing their own relevance in such circumstances...

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PHEIC

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: 16 March 2023

Confirmed cases :: 760 360 956

Confirmed deaths :: 6 873 477

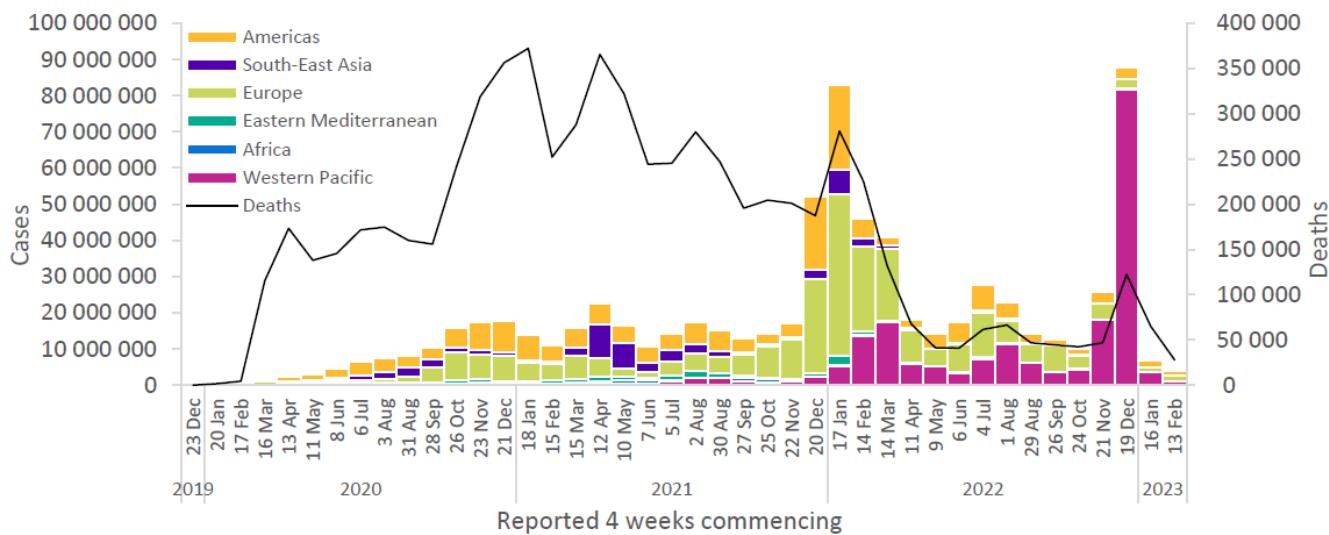
Vaccine doses administered: 13 232 904 667

Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 - 16 March 2023

Overview

Globally, nearly 4.1 million new cases and 28 000 deaths were reported in the last 28 days (13 February to 12 March 2023), a decrease of 40% and 57%, respectively, compared to the previous 28 days; however, there are significant regional differences including increases in some regions. As of 12 March 2023, over 760 million confirmed cases and over 6.8 million deaths have been reported globally.

Figure 1. COVID-19 cases reported by WHO Region, and global deaths by 28-day intervals, as of 12 March 2023**



PHEIC Mpox

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/situations/monkeypox-outbreak-2022>

[Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #18 - 16 March 2023](#)

Overview

This is the 18th situation report for the multi-country outbreak of mpox, which provides details on the latest epidemiology, summary of deaths due to mpox, a special focus on the clinical presentation of mpox, management of severe mpox, and an update on the situation of mpox in the Western Pacific Region.



PHEIC Polio

[Polio this week as of 15 March 2023 - GPEI](#)

Headlines

- The GPEI celebrated International Women's Day last week, highlighting the important and integral roles women play at all levels of the global polio eradication effort. [More](#).
- At a high-level event at the House of Commons in London, UK, Andrew Mitchell MP, Minister of State (Development & Africa) announced he will be taking on the role of gender champion for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and pledging the Government's continued support for the campaign. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones warned against polio 'fatigue', insisting that the world has never been closer to winning the fight against the disease, calling on all stakeholders to deliver on its promise to deliver a polio-free world.

- Eastern Mediterranean health leaders call for redoubled efforts for a defining year for polio. Ministers and high-level delegates from across the Region participated in the seventh meeting of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks. [More](#).
- The Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) met recently in Amman, Jordan, to review progress towards interrupting wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) transmission in polio-endemic Pakistan and Afghanistan, implementation of the Global Surveillance Action Plan, and to hear from the six regional certification commissions on current regional priorities and issues. [More](#).
- The GPEI has received confirmation of the detection of cVDPV2 in Burundi and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), originating from novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) (see country sections below). Read the [GPEI's statement](#) on the detections.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan: one wild poliovirus type 1-positive environmental sample
- Benin: one circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) case
- Burundi: one cVDPV2 case and five cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo): six cVDPV2 cases
- Niger: one cVDPV2 case

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UN OCHA – Current Emergencies

Current Corporate Emergencies

Afghanistan

Editor's Note:

We observe that OCHA has removed Afghanistan from its listing of "Current Emergencies." We did not identify any explanation for its removal.

Northern Ethiopia

No new digest content identified.

Somalia

No new digest content identified.

Türkiye/Syria Earthquakes

Today's top news

17 Mar 2023

Türkiye

- So far, flash flooding has claimed 18 lives in the cities of Adiyaman and Sanliurfa, according to the Government. The floodwaters inundated camps housing people displaced by last month's earthquakes. Authorities say some 220,000 people are living in tents in and around Adiyaman.
- As of yesterday, some 2.3 million people are sheltering in temporary settlements – with 1.6 million of them in informal sites. Many camps lack access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, and overcrowding is a major concern.
- Access to education is also a problem for nearly 4 million children, of whom 350,000 are refugees and migrants. We and our partners have set up 87 temporary learning sites for more than 6,000 children in Gaziantep, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş.

- UN agencies and our partners have reached more than 520,000 people with water, sanitation, and hygiene assistance. About 45,000 people have received health and nutrition assistance. The World Food Programme has provided more than 6 million food packages and hot meals.
- Meanwhile, UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination teams continue to work with Turkish authorities on humanitarian relief efforts in Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya.
- Funding is urgently needed to help more than 5 million people affected by the earthquakes. The [flash appeal](#) for \$1 billion is just over 16 percent funded.

Syria

OCHA and its partners continue to scale up their efforts to help millions of people affected by the earthquakes.

- The [flash appeal](#) for \$400 million is now 72 percent funded.
- In northwest Syria, more than 103,000 people have been internally displaced since 6 February.
- As of today, nearly 900 trucks carrying aid from seven UN agencies have crossed into the northwest from southern Türkiye, through the three available border crossings.
- In the past 10 days, more than 1.3 million people in northwest Syria have been vaccinated against cholera. That response is being led by WHO and UNICEF.
- Nearly 200,000 people in Idlib and Aleppo received multi-purpose cash assistance last month, totaling \$6.4 million,,,

Ukraine

Last Updated: 10 Feb 2023

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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

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

14 March 2023

SC/15226

'Russophobia' Term Used to Justify Moscow's War Crimes in Ukraine, Historian Tells Security Council

The Security Council heard today dissenting assertions from three briefers — two calling attention to Russophobia in Ukraine and one countering that claim as a colonial endeavour to justify war crimes —

in a meeting requested by the Russian Federation, as delegates weighed in with their own prescriptions.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/latest>

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Statements 17 March 2023

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Statement by Assistant Secretary-General Ilze Brands Kehris on the human rights situation in DPRK, delivered by James Turpin, Chief, Prevention & Sustaining Peace Section

Statements 17 March 2023

Syrian Arab Republic

UN Syria Commission of Inquiry: Those responsible for atrocities during 12 years of violence must be brought to justice

News 16 March 2023

Human Rights Council Discusses the Human Rights Implications of and Key Challenges in Universal Access to Coronavirus Disease Vaccines

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 18 Mar 2023]

https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field_content_category=162&field_entity=1203

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War crimes, indiscriminate attacks on infrastructure, systematic and widespread torture show disregard for civilians, says UN Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine

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Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest News

16 Mar 2023 Press releases

Iran: Deliberate poisoning of schoolgirls further evidence of continuous violence against women and girls

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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South Sudan: Slow Progress for Conflict-Affected Children as Humanitarian, Security Situations Remain Dire

Wednesday, 15 March 2023

UN Experts Stress Urgent Need to Ensure Child Rights While Implementing Counter-Terrorism and National Security Measures

Tuesday, 14 March 2023

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>
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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextrmepovertyindex.aspx>
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<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>
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15 Mar 2023 *Press releases*
UN experts urge Poland to acquit woman human rights defender Justyna Wydrzyńska

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/culturalrights/pages/srculturalrightsindex.aspx>
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Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>
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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>
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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 18 Mar 2023]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>
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UNHCR statement on Bangladesh, Myanmar bilateral pilot project on Rohingya returns

19 Mar 2023

UNHCR launches new appeal for Afghan refugees and hosts, urging partners to stay the course

14 Mar 2023

Venezuelan refugees, migrants, and their hosts need help to chart a brighter future

Joint statement by UNHCR and IOM

14 Mar 2023

Visiting earthquake-ravaged areas of Türkiye and Syria, UNHCR's Grandi urges more support for survivors trying to rebuild

13 Mar 2023

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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18 Mar 2023

Haiti: UN and partners spotlight urgency of stepping up response

17 Mar 2023

With Ukraine war's impact reverberating globally, political solution more vital than ever, UN Relief Chief tells Security Council

17 Mar 2023

Restoring dignity: Improving shelter conditions in quake-hit Kahramanmaraş

15 Mar 2023

At Security Council, UN Deputy Relief Chief calls for action to address "staggering" Yemen emergency

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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UNICEF [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Remarks 17 March 2023

Launch of UNICEF Child Alert - Ten million children in the central Sahel need humanitarian assistance amid spiralling conflict and punishing climate

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/launch-unicef-child-alert-ten-million-children-central-sahel-need-humanitarian>

As prepared for delivery "Good morning. "I've come in from UNICEF's regional office in West and Central Africa to warn about a rapidly accelerating crisis for children on Europe's doorstep. "Ten million children in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger are in dire need of humanitarian assistance largely due to spiralling conflict, while nearly 4 million...

Press release 17 March 2023

10 million children in extreme jeopardy in central Sahel as insecurity seeps into neighbouring countries – UNICEF

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/10-million-children-extreme-jeopardy-central-sahel-insecurity-seeps-neighbouring>

GENEVA/DAKAR/NEW YORK, 17 March 2023 –Ten million children in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger are in dire need of humanitarian assistance – twice as many as in 2020 – largely due to spiralling conflict, while nearly 4 million children are at risk in neighbouring countries as hostilities between armed groups and national security forces spill across...

Press release 15 March 2023

UNICEF warns of looming child nutrition crisis in Syria amid 12 years of conflict and deadly earthquakes

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-warns-looming-child-nutrition-crisis-syria-amid-12-years-conflict-and-deadly>

DAMASCUS/AMMAN 15 March 2023 – Twelve years of conflict, and the recent deadly earthquakes, have left millions of children in Syria at heightened risk of malnutrition, UNICEF warned today. As the conflict in Syria enters its 13 th year on 15 March, hostilities continue unabated in several parts of the country, particularly in the northwest. Grave...

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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News 17 Mar 2023

IOM Responds to Powerful Floods as Needs Deepen for Earthquake Affected Communities

News 15 Mar 2023

IOM Welcomes Guinea's First Ever Migration Governance Framework

News 14 Mar 2023

Venezuelan Refugees, Migrants, and Their Hosts Need Help to Chart a Brighter Future

UNAIDS [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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18 March 2023 Statement

SAGO statement on newly released SARS-CoV-2 metagenomics data from China CDC on GISAID

16 March 2023 Statement

Statement on the update of WHO's working definitions and tracking system for SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants of interest

14 March 2023 Departmental news

WHO publishes recommendations on two new types of insecticide-treated nets

14 March 2023 Departmental news

Message by the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - March 2023

13 March 2023 Statement

WHO at the 146th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU): statement in the General Debate

13 March 2023 Departmental news

HIV self-testing to take off in India: findings from the STAR Initiative

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region

:: Burundi declares outbreak of circulating poliovirus type 2

17 March 2023 Brazzaville/Bujumbura – Health authorities in Burundi today declared an outbreak of circulating poliovirus type 2 (CVDPV 2) after confirming eight polioviruses, the first such detection in more than three decades...

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: PAHO seeks to strengthen regional avian influenza surveillance and response

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 16, 2023 (PAHO)- The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) this week brought together animal and public health experts from nine countries in the Americas to agree on strategies to strengthen the prevention and control of avian influenza in animals and mitigate the risk of human transmission. The meeting, organized...

:: Five cities recognized for public health achievements at Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit

Partnership for Healthy Cities award recipients include Montevideo, Uruguay for food policy; Mexico City, Mexico for road safety; Vancouver, Canada for surveillance; Athens, Greece for overdose prevention, and Bengaluru, India for tobacco control. The first-of-its-kind Summit was convened in London by Bloomberg Philanthropies, World Health...

:: PAHO brings together health authorities in the Americas to discuss future pandemic international instrument

Washington, DC, March 14, 2023 (PAHO)- A preliminary draft for a new convention, agreement, or other international health instrument to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response was the focus of a regional meeting facilitated by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today in Washington, DC. During the meeting,...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 17 March 2023 Press release –

Second high-level interregional meeting on the health of refugees and migrants, 16–17 March 2023, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

:: 16 March 2023 News release

Enabling support for Ukrainian refugees with disabilities in the Republic of Moldova

:: 14 March 2023 News release

What is the best way to treat a complex new disease like post COVID-19 condition (long COVID)? Researchers in Belgium are developing the answer

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

14 March 2023 | Measles - Nepal

Situation at a glance

On 2 January 2023, an outbreak of measles was confirmed in Nepalganj sub-metropolitan city (SMC) in Banke district, Nepal, following a cluster of cases of fever and rash. Following the confirmation and through active case search, the index case was identified, with the onset of symptoms on 24 November 2022. Between 24 November 2022 and 10 March 2023, 690 measles cases, including one associated death (case fatality ratio: 0.14 %), have been reported from seven districts in western Nepal, and three districts in eastern Nepal (mainly in the Terai ecological region). The majority of the cases (n=591; 86%) have been reported in children aged less than 15 years.

While measles is endemic in Nepal and is reported every year, the magnitude and extent of the current outbreak are unusually high compared to the previous years...

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New WHO Publications

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

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16 March 2023

Tracking urban health policies

15 March 2023

Virtual cGMP Training Marathon for Vaccine Manufacturing: Questions & Answers

15 March 2023

Sentinel surveys of acquired HIV resistance to dolutegravir among people receiving dolutegravir-containing...

14 March 2023

WHO Guidelines for malaria

14 March 2023

Guidance on the prioritization of insecticide-treated nets in situations where resources are limited

14 March 2023

Target product profile for aerosolized surfactant therapy in neonates with respiratory distress syndrome...

13 March 2023

WHO's response to the Ukraine crisis: annual report, 2022

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.oie.int/en/>

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.undp.org/news-centre>

News Centre

No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>

Meetings, events, publications

News

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022

7 July 2022 - The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022 reviews progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, using the latest available data and estimates to track global progress of the 17 Goals with in-depth analysis of selected indicators for each Goal. The Report highlights the severity and magnitude of the challenges before us. The confluence of crises, dominated by COVID-19, climate change, and conflicts, are creating spin-off impacts on food and nutrition, health, education, the environment, and peace and security, and affecting all the SDGs.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Resources

No new digest content identified

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Statements and messages

17 March 2023

Statement on the 8th anniversary of the adoption of the Sendai Framework

The 8th anniversary of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 comes at a time of rapidly increasing global risks, fragility, and disaster losses.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.un.org/en/articles-by-property-w-date/81254>

Articles - Selected

17 Mar 2023 | DESA

Uniting the world for water action

17 March 2023 - In 1977, world leaders, water experts and policymakers from around the world gathered in Mar del Plata, Argentina, for the UN Water Conference. Almost 50 years later, the global community will come together from 22 to 24 March in New York for the second ever [UN 2023 Water Conference](#).

16 Mar 2023 | DESA

UN Forum concludes with urgent call for nations to scale up development cooperation to better support the most vulnerable

15 March 2023 - The 2023 Development Cooperation Forum concluded today at the United Nations headquarters in New York with an urgent call from Member States, international organizations and civil society to scale up development cooperation for the world's most vulnerable people.

14 Mar 2023 | DESA

5 things you should know about water and the UN 2023 Water Conference

14 March 2023 - Water is life. It connects us and is vital to our existence on this planet. To protect this critical resource, and accelerate actions to solve the water crisis, the world will come together for the UN 2023 Water Conference on 22-24 March. Here are 5 things you should know about water and the upcoming conference.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

ILO Newsroom - Selected Items

Partnership

ILO and IFC scale up collaboration on social issues in private investments

17 March 2023

In his address to the ILO Governing Body, the Managing Director of the International Finance Corporation, Makhtar Diop, announced plans to reinforce the partnership with ILO.

Podcast

Why are key workers undervalued?

17 March 2023

The COVID-19 crisis showed how much we all rely on key workers, yet it also exposed the poor working conditions they often face. How can we ensure that these essential workers are decently treated?

International labour standards

[**Lesotho ratifies three ILO Conventions**](#)

16 March 2023

Lesotho deposited the instruments of ratification of the Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) and the Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190).

Podcast series: Global challenges – Global solutions

[**Is green the colour of our future? The green and digital transformation and the future of work**](#)

16 March 2023

There's never been a more urgent need to unleash the power of digitalization to drive the green transition. Digital technology could deliver one-fifth of the emission cuts needed to hit net-zero by 2050. In this episode Director of the ILO Priority Action Programme on Just Transitions Towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies Moustapha Kamal Gueye explains the green and digital transformation and its impact on a greener future of work.

World Employment and Social Outlook

[**Ensure decent work for key workers**](#)

15 March 2023

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how societies have undervalued essential workers, as well as the importance of giving such workers adequate pay and decent working conditions.

Green jobs

[**Climate Action for Jobs initiative boosts action to support a just transition**](#)

14 March 2023

Building on the outcomes of the UN climate change conference, members of the Climate Action for Jobs initiative welcomed new board members and discussed ways to scale up support and collaboration to advance a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies.

347th ILO's Governing Body

[**ILO Director-General warns of rise in global inequalities, highlights need for global coalition on social justice**](#)

14 March 2023

At the opening session of the ILO Governing Body meeting, the Director-General has stressed the urgent need for a broad-based and co-ordinated response to promote social justice and tackle economic and social inequalities.

ILOSTAT blog

[**The current state of the global labour market: Implications for achieving the Global Goals**](#)

13 March 2023

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. But with the COVID-19 pandemic upending the global labour market in recent years, progress towards achieving these goals has been disrupted. From rising unemployment and informal work to slowing productivity growth and persistent gender inequalities, the pandemic has highlighted the need for urgent action to build a more resilient and equitable world of work.

UNESCO [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

Need for enhanced cooperation to address cocaine surge highlighted at UNODC global report launch

17/03/2023

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Press Releases

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FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected News Releases

17 March 2023

WFP responds to impact of cyclone Freddy in Malawi as government declares state of emergency

BLANTYRE – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has stepped up an emergency response to help an estimated 130,000 people affected by the devastating effects of Cyclone Freddy, which has dumped six months' worth of rainfall in six days in southern Malawi.

14 March 2023

Half of Syria's population faces hunger as conflict passes 12-year milestone and earthquakes deepen economic woes

DAMASCUS – An average monthly wage in Syria currently covers about a quarter of a family's food needs, the UN World Food Programme said today, highlighting an urgent need for increased humanitarian assistance as the country grapples with the devastating impact of recent earthquakes and a 12-year-long conflict.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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IMO [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

What's New

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

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UPU Universal Postal Union [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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16.03.2023 // 2023-028 [**Call for Submissions: Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity within and across sectors**](#)

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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USAID [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

The United States Announces More than \$171 Million in Additional Humanitarian and Development Assistance for People Affected by the Ongoing Crisis in Venezuela and the Region

March 17, 2023

Today, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield announced more than \$171 million in additional assistance for people affected by the Venezuela regional crisis. The protracted political and economic crisis in Venezuela has driven more than 7.1 million Venezuelans to flee their country, and left more than 7.7 million of those remaining in Venezuela in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

The United States Provides nearly \$150 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for People in West and Central Africa and the Sahel Region

March 16, 2023

Today, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken announced that the United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, is providing nearly \$114 million in additional life-saving humanitarian assistance for populations in West and Central Africa and the Sahel, and nearly \$36 million through the State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) to support refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, stateless persons, and people affected by conflict.

The United States Provides more than \$331 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Ethiopia

March 15, 2023

Today in Addis Ababa, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken announced that the United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing an additional \$319 million in lifesaving humanitarian assistance for the people of Ethiopia and \$12 million through the State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) to support refugees, asylum-seekers, and people affected by conflict and drought.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 18 Mar 2023]

https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news_en

News

News article 19 March 2023

Southern Africa and Indian Ocean: EU allocates €2.5 million in emergency aid in the aftermath of cyclone Freddy

The Commission announced today emergency funding of €2.5 million in humanitarian aid for Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique, the 3 countries of the region that suffered the most damage from the 2 passages of tropical storm Freddy in February and March 2023.

News article 17 March 2023

Venezuelan crisis: Commission releases €75 million in humanitarian funding during the 2023 International Solidarity Conference

The funding will help people in need in Venezuela and communities in the neighbouring countries hosting migrants and refugees, with a focus on (i) food assistance, (ii) health, (ii) shelter, (iv) protection, (v) education, and (vi) legal assistance, among other areas.

News article 17 March 2023

2023 European Humanitarian Forum focuses on new global realities – shaping humanitarian action together

The European Commission and the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU will jointly organise the second edition of the European Humanitarian Forum on 20-21 March in Brussels at the EGG conference centre and online.

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African Union [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Secretariat News

ASEAN, China reaffirm commitment to advance comprehensive strategic partnership

March 17, 2023

European Commission

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

Latest [Selected]

Press release 17 March 2023

Venezuelan crisis: Commission releases €75 million in humanitarian funding during 2023 International Solidarity Conference

Today, the international community is gathering for the second day of the 2023 'International Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants and their Host Countries and Communities', co-organised by the European Union and Canada

OECD [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Newsroom

Economic outlook: slightly more optimistic but fragile, says OECD

On the back of improved business and consumer confidence, declining food and energy prices and the re-opening of the Chinese economy, the OECD's latest Interim Economic Outlook projects global growth to reach 2.6% in 2023 and 2.9% in 2024.

17 March 2023

Growing securitisation in technology risks co-operation on responses to global crises - OECD

The latest OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook 2023 says that recent measures by China, the European Union and the United States to reduce international technology dependencies could lead to a weakening of science, technology and innovation activities at a time when global challenges, more than ever, require international co-operation.

17 March 2023

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

OAS Hosts Dialogue on "Security, Humanitarian, Electoral and Democracy Assistance" in Haiti

March 14, 2023

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC General Secretariat, in coordination with the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), is implementing the project of empowering women living in refugee camps and displaced situation in Burkina Faso

A high-level delegation consisting of the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) and the OIC Regional Mission in Niger is conducting a field visit to the displacement and refugee camps in Burkina Faso in the period from 19 to 24 March 2023, in order to assess the real needs of the beneficiaries of the project of empowering women living in refugee camps and displaced situation in order to start the project in cooperation and coordination with the concerned authorities in Burkina Faso....

19/03/2023

OIC Committee of Six on Palestine considers launching global action to support the rights of the Palestinian people and end the occupation

During the meeting of the "Committee of Six on Palestine", held on March 17, 2023 in Nouakchott, Mauritania, the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, stressed the OIC's unwavering position with regard to the Cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif. He called for joining efforts and building on the positions of countries adhering to the values of justice and the principles of international law. He highlighted the need for Member States to present written and oral statements and provide financial contributions in order to support the rights of the Palestinian people and end the Israeli colonial occupation, being illegal and illegitimate under international law and the resolutions of international legitimacy....

17/03/2023

OIC Rohingya Committee Calls on Myanmar to Address Causes of Conflict and Restore Legitimate Rights of Rohingya Muslims

The OIC Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Accountability for Human Rights Violations against the Rohingya held an open-ended meeting, chaired by H.E. Mr. Daouda Jallow, Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia, on Friday, 17 March 2023, on the sidelines of the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, where the Chairman of the Committee gave a briefing on the latest developments related to the case against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice on the Rohingya....

17/03/2023

Group of 77 [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Pedro L. Pedroso Cuesta, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, at the [**informal consultations on the Summit of the Future \(New York, 16 March 2023\)**](#)

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UNCTAD [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

[**16 Mar 2023 - UNCTAD calls for coherent policy action to enable developing countries to benefit from green technologies**](#)

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2023/004/Rev.1

Geneva, Switzerland

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

14 March 2023

[**The COVID-19 Project supports WCO Members of the Europe Region in sharing business continuity best practices and fostering preparedness to face disruptive events**](#)

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

[**Members continue discussion on TRIPS Decision extension to therapeutics and diagnostics**](#)

17 March 2023

WTO members continued the discussion on whether to extend the TRIPS Decision adopted in June at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference to COVID-19 diagnostics and therapeutics. At a meeting of the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) on 16-17 March, members also provided detailed information on a large number of newly notified laws and regulations and

exchanged experiences on cross-border cooperation among Intellectual Property Offices. The Council elected Ms. Pimchanok Pitfield, Ambassador of Thailand, as Chair for the coming year.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press releases

15/03/2023

[146th IPU Assembly adopts historic outcomes on peaceful coexistence and cybercrimes](#)

International Court of Justice [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 18 Mar 2023]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

[Statement by Prosecutor Karim A. A. Khan KC on the issuance of arrest warrants against President Vladimir Putin and Ms Maria Lvova-Belova](#)

Statement

17 March 2023

Office of the Prosecutor

[Situation in Ukraine: ICC judges issue arrest warrants against Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova](#)

Press Release

17 March 2023

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World Bank [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

All News

[Countries Catalyze New Preparedness Plans to More Effectively Respond to Emerging Major Food and Nutrition Crises](#)

In 2022, conflict, economic shocks, natural disasters, soaring fertilizer and food prices combined to create a global food and nutrition security crisis of unprecedented proportions, with the poorest bearing...

Date: March 15, 2023 Type: Feature Story

[Accelerating the Use of Digital Technologies is Key to Creating Productive Jobs and Boosting Economic Growth in Africa](#)

WASHINGTON, March 13, 2023 — With Africa's share of the global workforce projected to become the largest in the world by 2100, it is critical for African countries to increase the uptake of digital technologies*...

Date: March 13, 2023 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.imf.org/en/News>
News
No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases>
Press Releases

AFRICA CDC hosts lead partners of Partnerships for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) for review of vaccine manufacturing ecosystem in Africa

15-Mar-2023 - The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) hosted its lead partners at a meeting on the sidelines of the Africa Health Agenda International Conference 2023 held in Kigali, Rwanda.

African Development Bank and partners invest \$618 million in Nigeria's digital and creative industries

14-Mar-2023 - The African Development Bank and partners on Tuesday launched a new Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises (iDICE) programme. The initiative, with investments totalling \$618 million, will attract direct investments in more than 200 technology and creative start-ups and provide non-financial services to about 450 digital technology, small and medium enterprises. With a potential to generate \$6.4 billion into the Nigeria's economy, iDICE is expected to create 6 million new jobs for young Nigerians.

Asian Development Bank [to 18 Mar 2023]
<http://www.adb.org/news/releases>
[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]
News
No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.aiib.org/en/news-events/news/index.html>
[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]
News
No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://www.iadb.org/en/news>
News
New Canadian Program to Promote Adoption of Nature-Based Solutions

March 19, 2023
PANAMA CITY – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Canada have partnered to encourage the adoption of nature-based solutions (NBS) in Latin America and the Caribbean through a new CAD\$5 million program funded by the government of Canada.

IDB and Caribbean Shipping Association Accelerate Decarbonization of the Shipping Industry

March 18, 2023

The partnership reinforces the commitment to support the decarbonization of the maritime transport sector, reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

IDB to Reinforce Strategic Support for Amazon Region

March 16, 2023

PANAMA CITY – The President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Ilan Goldfajn, met today with representatives from Amazon and donor countries to discuss the urgent call for coordinated action to protect the ecosystems of the Amazon Basin. The meeting took place during the Annual Meeting of the IDB and IDB Invest Boards of Governors in Panama. Amazon countries reaffirmed their strong commitment to curb deforestation and identify sustainable methods to protect the forest, providing real economic opportunities for local communities.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

16 MAR

Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD: "Spain can become a world leader in the fight against hunger and poverty at this crucial time"

15 MAR

UN Agency IFAD becomes a voting member of the ICMA principles, providing investors with another reason to bank on rural development

13 MAR

'Don't give up on Niger' - Ambassador Cindy McCain, calls for increased donor support amidst growing food insecurity

Islamic Development Bank [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We 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 18 Mar 2023]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

syrie

Publié le 15 mars 2023

Plus de 15 millions de personnes ont toujours besoin d'une aide humanitaire.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://alima.ngo/>

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>

Press Releases
13 Mar 2023

New report: Displacement is projected to increase by more than 5.4 million people in the coming two years

Global

ECPAT [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

ECPAT News
Mar 16, 2023

ECPAT invites you to join ECLAG high-level panel event to discuss how the EU can Combat Child Sexual Abuse Online effectively

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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'We Want to be Accepted': Clubhouses Give Community to Those With Mental Illness

March 17, 2023
MPR News Lydia McMullen-Laird

News

Fountain House Members Rally in Albany for Comprehensive Mental Health Funding and Support

March 16, 2023

Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy – GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/>

News/Analysis/Statements

- :: Past weekly editions of **Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review** are available [here](#).
- :: **Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – March 2023** is now posted [here](#)
- :: **Genomic Medicine – Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice: A Monthly Digest** – March 2023

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

After 12 years of war, HI continues to support Syrian refugees

Heifer International [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.heifer.org/blog/newsworthy/index.html>

News

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

'Energy and Aid': Including older people's needs and contributions in humanitarian response

By Chris McIvor, Eurasia and Middle East Regional Representative. While I was aware of the need for food, water, shelter, medicines and protection for refugee populations, the issue of energy provision did not register in what I would have considered a priority list.

Posted: 16 March 2023

Malawi Cyclone Freddy: "Death toll will rise to at least 300 and possibly 400 in next few days"

The death toll in the cyclone in southern Africa is set to rise to at least 300 and possibly even 400, according to Andrew Mavala, executive director of HelpAge International partner, the Malawi Network of Older Persons' Organisations (MANEPO) in Malawi, the country hardest hit by the disaster.

Posted: 16 March 2023

Syria: Earthquake must be wake up call to international community to address longstanding damage and neglect caused by 12-year war

Over one month after the earthquake struck in southern Turkiye and northwest Syria, vital aid is still not getting through to northwest Syria compounding a situation that was already in crisis, said HelpAge International today on the 12th anniversary of the gruelling conflict.

Posted: 15 March 2023

Digital inclusion of older women

Rose Gahire, Vice Chair of HelpAge International's network member Nsindagiza in Kigali, Rwanda attended the 67th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2023, as part of the HelpAge delegation.

Posted: 15 March 2023

The food, fuel, finance crisis: The Philippines under the spotlight

The Philippines is not new to struggling through one crisis after another. However, the relentless shocks brought about by climate change-related disasters, combined with recent economic blows including the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war, have plunged the country into inflation, debt, and crisis.

Posted: 13 March 2023

ICRC [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

What's New [Selected]

Democratic Republic of the Congo: The humanitarian crisis in North Kivu is escalating

"The conflict is nearing densely populated urban areas, which is extremely concerning," says Pascal Hundt, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

13-03-2023 | News release

IFRC [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

Press release 14/03/2023

[Vanuatu: Urgent need for shelter and clean drinking water after double cyclones](#)

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

[IRC disappointed by only 60-day extension of Black Sea Grain Deal](#)

March 18, 2023

Press Release

[Almost all Ukrainian businesses have suffered due to war, agriculture among the most affected sectors, IRC report reveals](#)

March 16, 2023

Press Release

[Black Sea Grain Deal expiration on March 18 puts more than 40 million lives at risk in East Africa, warns the IRC](#)

March 16, 2023

Statement

[IRC Offers Recommendations to Improve Adolescent Girls' and Pregnant and Lactating Women's Nutrition](#)

March 15, 2023

Press Release

["Don't forget Syria again," says the IRC, as country faces earthquake fallout and thirteenth year of conflict](#)

March 15, 2023

Press Release

[Even Before Earthquake, Sexual and Reproductive Health Access in Syria Marred by Conflict: Report](#)

March 14, 2023

IRCT [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

Syria – Millions face unprecedented suffering as crisis enters its 13th year

March 14, 2023

The international community must reinvigorate efforts to build long-term peace and development in Syria beyond the current earthquake response, Islamic Relief says as the Syria crisis enters its 13th year. While attention on the crisis has waned, the scale of suffering is now greater than ever. The recent earthquakes have exacerbated the destruction...

Landsea [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

What's New

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News Releases & Alerts

Mercy Corps Statement on Black Sea Grain Deal Extension

March 18, 2023

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Niger

MSF condemns appalling conditions for migrants abandoned in Assamaka

Press Release 16 Mar 2023

Natural disasters

Immediate medical needs in Malawi after cyclone Freddy hits southern region

Press Release 14 Mar 2023

Mexico

Providing animal-assisted psychological support to victims of violence in Mexico

Project Update 14 Mar 2023

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest News

The world must not turn a blind eye to millions of Venezuelan refugees and migrants on the move

17. Mar 2023 - Venezuela

OXFAM [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest News & Highlights

March 16, 2023

To improve security among Venezuelan migrants in Colombia, Pact develops innovative index

Since 2015, more than 6 million migrants have fled Venezuela's humanitarian crisis, with many seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Colombia,...

Partners In Health [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News & Stories

Cyclone Freddy's Toll Across Malawi: Damage, Death, Displaced Families

The storm, reported to be the longest-lasting tropical cyclone ever recorded in the southern hemisphere, has left more than 326 people dead in Malawi, with 796 injured and over 40,000 households affected.

March 17, 2023

Once They Were Patients. Now They Are Health Workers.

PIH care transforms lives, careers

March 15, 2023

Bird Flu, Marburg Virus Among Diseases Global Health Experts Are Watching

Outbreaks have scientists on alert, but risk to the public is low

March 13, 2023

PATH [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

Cyclone Freddy leaves families cut off from shelter, food and clean water

15 March 2023

... Plan International emergency response teams are on the ground in both Mozambique and Malawi and are working urgently to assess the impacts of Cyclone Freddy, one of the longest and strongest storms on record in the southern hemisphere...

Save The Children [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

17 March 2023 - Malawi

Cyclone Freddy: Fears cholera outbreak will spiral in Malawi as healthcare, water supplies disrupted

17 March 2023 - Global

TÜRKİYE AND SYRIA DONOR CONFERENCE: Save the Children calls on world leaders to step up for children who survived Türkiye and Syria earthquakes

16 March 2023 - Afghanistan

Afghanistan: Eighteen months after ban, classroom doors must open for secondary school girls

14 March 2023 - Syria

Syria on the Brink: After 12-Years of Conflict, earthquakes impact signals a country pushed beyond limits

Tostan [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://www.tostan.org>

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No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Blogs & Updates

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

Earthquake survivors in Southeast Türkiye hit once again by devastating floods

March 17th 2023

Humanitarian needs in Syria still soaring, after earthquakes and 12 years of war – World ...

March 15th 2023

Tropical Cyclone Freddy Alert for Malawi

March 14th 2023

World Vision Zambia provides relief to over 5000 survivors of floods in Zambia

March 14th 2023

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Our Work

Press Release | March 9, 2023

Incarcerated Individuals & Advocacy Groups Challenge California County's Policy of Digitizing and Destroying Jail Mail

REDWOOD CITY, CA—The Electronic Frontier Foundation, the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, and the Social Justice Legal Foundation today filed a complaint challenging San Mateo County's policy of digitizing and destroying physical mail sent to people in its jails. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of five...

Freedom House [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news-perspectives/press-releases-statements>

News Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

March 19, 2023

Twenty Years on, Iraq Bears Scars of US-led Invasion

In the lead up to the US-led invasion of Iraq on March 20, 2003, proponents of the war spoke of the Iraqi people as helpless victims of a dictatorial regime. Yet the Iraqi people paid the heaviest price of the invasion. Almost half a million people lost their lives, millions lost homes, and countless civilians suffered abuses by all parties to the conflict.

Europe/Central Asia

March 13, 2023

News Release

Ukraine: Perils of War for Children in Institutions

Ukraine

February 21, 2023

Interactive

Death at the Station: Russian Cluster Munition Attack in Kramatorsk

Africa

March 17, 2023

Dispatches

Burkina Faso Acts to Tackle Armed Forces Abuses

Carine Kaneza Nantulya

Deputy Africa Director

Transparency International [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

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No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 18 Mar 2023]

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/>

Resources [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News & Stories

14 March 2023

[Global Fund and Unitaid Welcome WHO Recommendation for Insecticide-treated Nets With Dual Active Ingredients](#)

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Unitaid welcome WHO's recommendation for the widespread use of a new class of mosquito net that uses two active ingredients – pyrethroid and chlorfenapyr. The new net has demonstrated approx...

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources/Upcoming Events

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest Updates

Crises & Countries in Conflict

[Syrian Crisis Passes Twelve Year Mark as Earthquake Compounds Humanitarian Needs](#)

Nathan Charles | Mar 15, 2023

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

What's New/Events

[Prevent, protect, and respond to human rights violations: Combating trafficking in persons \(C-TIP\)](#)

Evidence gap map Brief 3ie 2023

Authors of this brief highlight research findings and observations from five studies on interventions to prevent human rights violations, protect victims and human rights defenders and respond to human rights abuses by combatting trafficking in persons (C-TIP). These studies are included in an evidence gap map on human rights interventions commissioned by USAID's Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance.

[Implementation of tax reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Evidence gap map Brief 3ie 2023

The brief highlights research findings and observations from 11 studies on interventions related to tax reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa. The studies are extracted from an evidence gap map on governance, which includes 19 systematic reviews and 485 impact evaluations. The brief and map were commissioned by USAID's Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance.

CHS Alliance [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact/Events

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://devinit.org/>

News

Consultancy 15 March 2023

[Leaving no crisis behind with assistance for the triple nexus: Humanitarian, development and peace funding in crisis contexts](#)

This report, produced by Development Initiatives and SIDA, finds that protracted crisis countries increasingly rely on humanitarian assistance over funding for development and peace objectives.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News, Events

15 lessons for humanitarians responding to the Somalia crisis

6 March 2022

By Zainab Moallin (ODI) and Aaron Acuda Opeto (ALNAP)

ALNAP ICRC Webinar | Cutting through complexity: Getting real with systems thinking in humanitarian response

5 April 2023

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

The Prince and Princess of Wales thank those involved in aid and fundraising efforts following earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Press release 9 March 2023

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://inee.org/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events
No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://spherestandards.org/news/>
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No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>
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Unitaid [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://unitaid.org/>
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[Global Fund and Unitaid Welcome WHO Recommendation for Insecticide-treated Nets With Dual Active Ingredients](#)

GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Unitaid welcome [WHO's recommendation](#) for the widespread use of a new class of mosquito net that uses two active ingredients – pyrethroid and chlorgafenapyr. The new net has demonstrated approximately double the protection against malaria provided by the standard pyrethroid-only nets in areas where mosquitoes have already developed resistance to pyrethroids.

Randomized controlled trials in [Tanzania](#) and [Benin](#) over a two-year period demonstrated that the dual active ingredient insecticide-treated nets reduced malaria infections by approximately 50% among children between the ages of 6 months and 10 years.

Children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to malaria. According to the [2022 World Malaria Report](#), almost 80% of malaria deaths occur in children under 5. Most of the remaining deaths occur in children under 10 and pregnant women, especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

"This shows how we can accelerate impact by embracing innovation," said Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund. "The issuance of guidance by WHO is critical to influencing broad uptake of the new nets and to combat growing insecticide resistance across Africa, where nearly all malaria infections and related deaths occur."...

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Brookings [to 18 Mar 2023]
<http://www.brookings.edu/>
Accessed 18 Mar 2023
Latest Research
U.S. Economy
[Capital regulation and the Treasury market](#)
Daniel K. Tarullo
Friday, March 17, 2023

Report
[Singapore's educational reforms toward holistic outcomes](#)

Dennis Kwek, Jeanne Ho, and Hwei Ming Wong
Thursday, March 16, 2023

Essay

Procompetitive health care reform options for a divided Congress

Loren Adler and Benedic Ippolito
Thursday, March 16, 2023

Report

New Jersey ARRIVE Together program could reform policing as we know it

Rashawn Ray
Thursday, March 16, 2023

Federal Fiscal Policy

The federal budget outlook

Alan J. Auerbach and William G. Gale
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Center for Global Development [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

All Research [Selected]

WORKING PAPERS

In-Group Bias in the Indian Judiciary: Evidence from 5 Million Criminal Cases

Elliott Ash et al.
March 17, 2023

We study judicial in-group bias in Indian criminal courts using a newly collected dataset on over 5 million criminal case records from 2010–2018. We do find limited in-group bias in some settings where identity is salient—in particular, we find a small religious in-group bias during Ramadan, and we ...

CGD NOTES

The Fall of Silicon Valley Bank: A Warning for Emerging Markets

Liliana Rojas-Suarez
March 16, 2023

The the wake of the Silicon Valley Bank collapse, bank regulators and supervisors in emerging markets should be looking closely at their own banking systems with lessons from Silicon Valley in mind. For most emerging markets, where previous banking crises were devastating and turned back the clock o...

CGD NOTES

Empowerment, Aspirations, and Girls' Education

Shelby Carvalho and Emma Cameron
March 16, 2023

As gender gaps in school enrollment and attainment continue to narrow around the world, global priorities have shifted toward focusing on the quality of education and the implications that a high-quality education has for broader societal outcomes including fostering gender equity. There is ample ev...

POLICY PAPERS

Reforming the World Bank to Play a Critical Role in Addressing Climate Change

Pedro Alba et al.

March 16, 2023

The current World Bank model focuses on reducing poverty and promoting equitable growth, while considering environmental and social sustainability. Programming is country-driven and resources allocated according to client government priorities, leaving global public goods (GPGs), particularly climate...

WORKING PAPERS

[Protect Incomes or Protect Jobs? The Role of Social Policies in Post-pandemic Recovery](#)

Asli Demirguc-Kunt et al.

March 15, 2023

This paper examines the effectiveness of income protection and job protection policies for the post-pandemic economic recovery of the second half of 2020 through 2021. The empirical analysis shows that, in the short run, higher expenditure on job protection measures is associated with more robust GD...

POLICY PAPERS

[Concessional Climate Finance: Is the MDB Architecture Working?](#)

Nancy Lee et al.

March 14, 2023

The climate financial intermediary funds (FIFs) are one of the largest sources of grant and concessional finance for climate, especially for middle-income countries, but there are significant challenges at the systemic level and differing performance across FIFs. We recommend consolidating funds in ...

Chatham House [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Expert comment

[The high seas treaty shows a future yet for multilateralism](#)

The historic treaty demonstrates the potential for geopolitical tensions to be put to one side in the interest of global cooperation.

16 March 2023

Council on Foreign Relations [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.cfr.org/media/news-releases>

New Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Reports, Events

[Green Industrial Strategies: Takeaways for Transatlantic Trade](#)

The United States and the European Union's attempts to combat climate change are leading to a new climate strategy evolving within the transatlantic alliance, and both parties need to clarify the rules and guardrails for green industrial and trade policies.

Brief by William Alan Reinsch, Emily Benson, and Thibault Denamiel — March 15, 2023

Unanswered Questions about North Korean Leadership

The stability and continuity of the North Korean leadership is the biggest “known unknown” when it comes to assessing the future of North Korea. This discusses unanswered questions regarding three leadership variables: political control, health, and leadership succession.

Report by Victor Cha and Katrin Fraser Katz — March 14, 2023

Reviving the Arsenal of Democracy: Steps for Surging Defense Industrial Capacity

As the defense industrial base faces the need to surge to refill inventories of weapons sent to Ukraine, CSIS's Cynthia R. Cook analyzes the challenges to boosting production above current levels.

Report by Cynthia Cook — March 14, 2023

McKinsey Global Institute

<https://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/overview>

Latest Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://odi.org/en/publications/>

Publications [Selected]

Une analyse quantitative des normes sociales concernant les MGF/E et le mariage d'enfants au Mali

17 March 2023

Research reports

Digital public financial management: An emerging paradigm

16 March 2023

Working papers

Pew Research Center [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest Publications [Selected]

Report / Mar 17, 2023

Anti-Jewish harassment occurred in 94 countries in 2020, up from earlier years

Incidents against Jewish people in 2020 ranged from verbal and physical assaults to vandalism of cemeteries and scapegoating for the pandemic.

Rand [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Published Research [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 18 Mar 2023]

<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, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

News, Research, Events

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

The Wistar Institute [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://council.science/current/>

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.nae.edu/31222/MediaRoom>

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://nam.edu/programs/>

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://www.nasonline.org/news-and-multimedia/>

News

More Investment and Attention Needed to Address Pandemic-Related Harms on Children and Families in Marginalized Communities

March 15, 2023

Strengthening and expanding critical safety net programs is necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic's effects on children and families says a new report that examines the substantial toll the pandemic has taken on their health and well-being especially those in marginalized communities.

Researchers Need to Rethink and Justify How and Why Race Ethnicity and Ancestry Labels Are Used in Genetics and Genomics Research Says New Report

March 13, 2023

Race ethnicity and ancestry labels are often used in genomics and genetics research to describe human genetic differences which is misleading and inaccurate. Researchers and scientists who utilize genetic and genomic data should rethink and justify how and why they use these descriptors in their work.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 18 Mar 2023]

https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom_content_type%3Anews

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 18 Mar 2023]

<http://www.nih.gov/>

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

Hastings Center [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/for-media/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICH [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.ich.org/page/press-releases>

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]
No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

16 Mar 2023

[Surrogacy in the UK: Nuffield Council on Bioethics calls for update of decades-old law to help better protect and support all involved](#)

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>

Press Releases

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 18 Mar 2023]

<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases and Statements

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Appoints Three New Leadership Team Members as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Legal Officer Steps Down](#)

SEATTLE (March 15, 2023) – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation today announced that it is appointing three new members to its Executive Leadership Team. These appointments come as Chief

Operating Officer and Chief Legal Officer Connie Collingsworth retires after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the foundation.

Lauren Bright will assume the foundation's chief legal officer role. In this capacity, she will lead the foundation's legal team in providing counsel to advance the foundation's mission and protecting its reputation by ensuring strong governance and compliance across the foundation and its affiliates. Bright most recently served as the foundation's co-general counsel and director of its Washington, D.C. office. She first joined the foundation in 2005 to support the expanding range of legal and strategic issues related to the foundation's policy and program advocacy priorities.

Shana Tarbell will serve as the foundation's chief operating officer. As COO, she will lead many of the foundation's operational functions, including business design; global security; facilities, events, and travel; grants and contracts services; and information technology. Tarbell first joined the foundation in 2015 and has served as its chief security officer since 2018.

Sonia Vora will serve as the foundation's chief human resources officer, overseeing the talent and people strategies, processes, and programs that support the foundation's employees around the world. In this capacity, she will support the organization's values; commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and goal of accelerating impact as measured by lives saved or improved. Vora joined the foundation in 2019 and has served as the interim chief human resources officer since 2022...

Blue Meridian Partners [to 18 Mar 2023]

<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 18 Mar 2023]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 18 Mar 2023]

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.

News

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/news-and-stories/news-and-press/>

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://www.getty.edu/about/#news>

Latest News

[Getty Adds Early Medieval Manuscript and Annibale Carracci Painting](#)

Press Release Mar 16, 2023

Both acquisitions significantly add to the collection and include an important manuscript and a rare painting

GHIT Fund [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

March 13, 2023

[GHIT Fund Announces New Investments: A Total of Approximately 260 Million Yen in Shionogi, Takeda Pharmaceutical for New Malaria Drug Development](#)

Grameen Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

[Catholic Sisters Week: Shining A Light on Sisters Serving for the Common Good](#)

March 13, 2023

IKEA Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Newsroom

[As State Medicaid Programs Prepare to Resume Disenrollments, Many States Are Using a Range of Strategies to Make it Easier for People Who Remain Eligible to Retain Coverage, But in Others it Will be More Difficult](#) March 16, 2023 News Release

With pandemic-era protections for Medicaid enrollees set to expire this month, state Medicaid programs are gearing up to resume eligibility checks and disenrollments. But how the unwinding of the federal continuous enrollment provision affects enrollees and state budgets will vary according to states' differing approaches and administrative capabilities, a new...

[Annual Update of Key Health Data Collection by Race and Ethnicity, Now Including Mental Health Measures](#) March 15, 2023 News Release

The annual update of KFF's collection of wide-ranging data on health and health care by race and ethnicity is now available, and this year includes measures on mental health care access, mental illness, substance use disorder, suicide rates, and drug overdose death rates. The handy reference, "Key Data on Health..."

[Nonprofit Hospitals' Tax-Exempt Status Worth Nearly \\$28 Billion, New KFF Analysis Finds](#)

March 14, 2023 News Release

The tax-exempt status of the nation's nonprofit hospitals collectively was worth nearly \$28 billion in 2020, a new KFF analysis of hospital financial data estimates. The total reflects the estimated federal, state and local taxes that nonprofit hospitals do not have to pay. It also includes estimated increases in charitable...

[Challenges to the FDA's Approval of Medication Abortion Pills Could Curtail Access Throughout the United States](#) March 14, 2023 News Release

In anticipation of a ruling in a case with enormous implications for access to medication abortion in the United States, a new KFF brief explains the impact of this case, and others filed in federal courts, involving the FDA's regulation of medication abortion. The case that has gotten the most...

[As Congress Considers Reauthorizing PEPFAR, A New Policy Watch Asks and Answers Fundamental Questions](#) March 13, 2023 News Release

As Congress considers reauthorizing the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for a fourth time, a new KFF Policy Watch details key facts about the program and top issues related to its authorization and funding. Created in 2003 as the U.S. government's signature global health effort in the fight...

Kellogg Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/whats-new/press-release>

News releases

13 March 2023

[AKF and the EU launch €16m programme in northwest Tajikistan to protect natural resources and improve food security](#)

NEWS RELEASE - AKF and the EU have launched a €16 million programme to improve natural resource management and living conditions for more than 380,000 people in Zarafshon Valley, Tajikistan.

MacArthur Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News, Events, What We're Learning

Visualize Where and Why People are Incarcerated in the U.S.

March 16, 2023

Grantee Research

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

<https://mellon.org/>

News & Blog

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Newsroom

Press release

Open Society Announces \$1.7 Million to Support Middle East and North Africa Debt Swap for Sustainable Development

March 16, 2023 AMMAN—The Open Society Foundations today announced that they are giving \$1.7 million to a United Nations initiative in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA) that seeks to catalyze increased public spending on achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals by negotiating reduced national debt service payments. Importantly, the initiative provides a channel for MENA civil society organizations to have a voice about where such kinds of innovative financing is needed most.

The two-and-a-half-year project partnership, which will last from April 2023 through September 2025, will support work by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) with interested member states and civil society to identify investment projects that prioritize the most urgent needs of MENA societies. ESCWA will support member states in reaching agreements with their creditors to redirect scheduled debt service payments into sustainable local investments...

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News Room

Event

March 28, 2023

[How Can Seagrasses Help U.S. States, Island Nations Boost Blue Carbon Climate Strategies](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Selected Reports/Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 18 Mar 2023]

<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.

SDG Funders [to 18 Mar 2023]

<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 18 Mar 2023]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 18 Mar 2023]

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

News, Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 18 Mar 2023]
<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 18 Mar 2023]

<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 14, 2023 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 25, Number 3: E167-237 March 2023

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/clinicians-government>

Clinicians in Government

Clinicians serving in federal or state government in the United States are accountable to patients, the public, and their professions in ways that transcend clinicians' typical duties to individual patients and colleagues and even transcend their fiduciary duties to society. One reason for this is that, when clinicians draw upon their professional skill sets to help administer agencies, make laws, or enforce regulations, the social and cultural power they wield as professionals is reified with political power and authority of the state. Clinician governors' legal and ethical responsibilities extend to preparing,

building, and maintaining health sector capacity to deliver quality services equitably in the best of times and during crises. Our lives often depend on how fully clinician governors' offices are respected and how competently and efficiently their roles are executed.

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2023 Volume 51 Issue 3 p241-360

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2023 Volume 64 Issue 3 p305-458

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2023 113(3)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 108 (2023): Issue 3 (Mar 2023)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/108/2/tpmd.108.issue-3.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

February 2023 Volume 176, Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 391 - February 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 19 (2022)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/30>

Anti-Trafficking Review is the first open access, peer reviewed journal dedicated to the issue of human trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context and intersections with gender, labour, and migration.

Special Issue – Migration, Sexuality, and Gender Identity

Over the past decade, there has been growing recognition of LGBTI+ people's specific experiences with migration, asylum, informal labour, exploitation, and community-building away from home.

This Special Issue of *Anti-Trafficking Review* contributes to this literature with new conceptual and empirical research from countries across Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. In highlighting the fluidity of sexuality and gender identity, the issue also expands our understanding of how survival is waged in the worlds of migration and informal labour.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 316 March 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/316/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

March 2023 - Volume 8 - 3

<https://gh.bmjjournals.org/content/8/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

Ethical considerations of the vaccine development process and vaccination: a scoping review

Various vaccines have been developed and distributed worldwide to control and cope with COVID-19 disease. To ensure vaccines benefit the global community, the ethical principles of beneficence, justice, non-ma...

Authors: Habib Jalilian, Mahdi Amraei, Elnaz Javanshir, Khosro Jamebozorgi and Farzad Faraji-Khiavi

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2023 23:255

Content type: Research Published on: 14 March 2023

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

Case-control study of human anthrax outbreak investigation in farta woreda, South Gondar, Northwest Ethiopia

*Anthrax is a zoonotic disease caused by the *Bacillus anthracis* bacteria, which is one of the top five important livestock diseases and the second top priority zoonotic disease, next to rabies, in Ethiopia, which ...*

Authors: Taddie Wondmnew and Biset Asrade

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2023 23:167

Content type: Research Published on: 17 March 2023

Immune response to co-administration of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), and yellow fever vaccines: a randomized non-inferiority trial among one-year-old children in Argentina

In yellow fever (YF) endemic areas, measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), and YF vaccines are often co-administered in childhood vaccination schedules. Because these are live vaccines, we assessed potential immun...

Authors: Carla Vizzotti, Jennifer B. Harris, Analía Aquino, Carolina Rancaño, Cristian Biscayart, Romina Bonaventura, Andrea Pontoriero, Elsa Baumeister, María Cecilia Freire, Mirta Magariños, Blanca Duarte, Gavin Grant, Susan Reef, Janeen Laven, Kathleen A. Wannemuehler, Alba María Ropero Alvarez...

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2023 23:165

Content type: Research Published on: 17 March 2023

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

Politics of COVID-19 vaccination in Japan: how governing incumbents' representation affected regional rollout variation

Despite initial delay, Japan's COVID-19 vaccination accelerated remarkably from May to September 2021 under the leadership of Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga. His "campaign" for vaccination, however, did not yie...

Authors: M. Kikuchi, S. Ishihara and M. Kohno

Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:515

Content type: Research Published on: 17 March 2023

Promoting HPV vaccination at school: a mixed methods study exploring knowledge, beliefs and attitudes of French school staff

HPV vaccine coverage in France remained lower than in most other high-income countries. Within the diagnostic phase of the national PrevHPV program, we carried out a mixed methods study among school staff to a...

Authors: Aurélie Bocquier, Marion Branchereau, Aurélie Gauchet, Stéphanie Bonnay, Maïa Simon, Marie Ecollan, Karine Chevreuil, Judith E. Mueller, Amandine Gagneux-Brunon and Nathalie Thilly

Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:486

Content type: Research Published on: 14 March 2023

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 18 Mar 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

February 2023 - Volume 28 - 1

<https://ebm.bmjjournals.org/content/28/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Open

January 2023 - Volume 13 - 1

<https://bmjopen.bmjjournals.org/content/13/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 101(3); 2023 Mar 1

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/429599/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Cell

Mar 16, 2023 Volume 186 Issue 6 p1087-1294

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

Featured Article

[Enhancing translation of science into non-English languages](#)

A.S.K.V.S. Sharma, Perez Ogayo, Paul Azunre

Translating scientific findings from English to other native languages is essential to make sure that they can be integrated into timely and informed dialogue with policymakers and a diverse range of audiences who are affected by the science. Here, we present innovative approaches how to enhance access to scientific knowledge in non-English languages.

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 49, Issue 2 Pages: 211-406 March 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 136 February 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/136/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 113, Issue 3 Pages: 447-745 March 2023
<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

January 2023 Volume 45 Issue 1 p1-88
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 20 Issue 1, February 2023
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/20/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 18 Mar 2023]

Prevalence and multi-level factors associated with acute malnutrition among children aged 6–59 months from war affected communities of Tigray, Northern Ethiopia, 2021: a cross-sectional study

Authors: Gebretsadkan Gebremedhin Gebretsadik, Mahlet Abraha, Tedros Bereket, Ferehiwot Hailemariam, Freweini Gebrearegay, Tigist Hagos, Mizan Assefa, Kidanemaryam Berhe, Hadush Gebregziabher, Amaha Kahsay Adhanu, Mekonnen Haileselassie, Mulugeta Gebregziabher and Afework Mulugeta

Content type: Research 18 March 2023

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 126 March 2023
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/126/suppl/C>
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 6, Issue 1 / February 2023
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 10, issue 3, September 2022
<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/10-3>
[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 23, Issue 1 Pages: 1-87 March 2023
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice
Volume 33, Issue 1, 2023
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>
Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review
Volume 41, Issue 2 March 2023
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness
Volume 16 - Issue 6 - December 2022
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters
Volume 47, Issue 2 Pages: 245-542 April 2023
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2023/47/2>
[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports
Volume 24 Issue 3 6 March 2023
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases
Volume 29, Number 3—March 2023
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics
Volume 42 March 2023
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/42/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 151 - 2023

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 45, Issue 1 Pages: 1-38 January–February 2023

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

Ancillary-care obligations - Evaluating public policy interventions

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2022 (36.4) December 21, 2022

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2022/winter-2022-36-4/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 26 February 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/26/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 33, Issue 1, February 2023

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/33/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 114 January 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/114/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 15, issue 1, February 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/15-1>

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FMR 71 January 2023

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Socio-economic integration

Forced Migration Review issue 71 focuses on 'Socio-economic integration: towards solutions for displaced people'.

The quest for socio-economic integration, for both forcibly displaced people and host communities, raises fundamental questions for all those involved in forced migration policy, practice and research about how displaced people can live with autonomy and dignity.

The authors in FMR 71 share new perspectives on socio-economic integration that we hope can lead to a concrete and transformative shift in approaches. They reimagine the role of integration in responses to displacement, at a significant time of global change marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, urgent climate-related pressures and ongoing digital transformation. Most importantly, this issue includes displaced people's voices and strategies in working towards solutions.

We will be holding a 90-minute online launch event on 22nd February at 2pm Oxford time/9am in New York/4pm in Beirut. Please do join us by [registering here](#). We will provide Spanish, French and Arabic interpretation upon request. Please follow the link for more details.

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Special Section: COVID-19 Vaccine Equity and Human Rights

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Volume 38, Issue 2, March 2023

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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[**Engaging early career researchers in a global health research capacity-strengthening programme: a qualitative study**](#)

Research capacity-strengthening is recognized as an important component of global health partnership working, and as such merits monitoring and evaluation. Early career researchers are often the recipients of ...

Authors: Claire Hawcroft, Evelina Rossi, Nerissa Tilouche, Ana Flavia d'Oliveira and Loraine J. Bacchus

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2023 21:19

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[The approaching pilot for One Health governance index](#)

One Health approach advocates realizing the best health and harmonious symbiosis of human, animal and natural environment through cross-border, multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation. The good governance model is the leading factor for the performance of One Health governance. In order to tackle the complex problems in the One Health governance at the global level, the variation of One Health governance in different countries was analyzed by a set of indicators within the One Health system

Authors: Odel Y. Li, XiangCheng Wang, Kelly Yang, DongMei Liu and HuaChen Shi

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Volume 10, Issue 1 (2023)
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Medicine shortages: impact behind numbers

Current research to assess the impact that medicine shortages have on patients is limited to general aspects, such as the prevalence of shortages and product characteristics. The aim of this study is to assess the overall impact that medicine shortages have on economic, clinical, and humanistic outcomes.

Authors: Doerine J. Postma, Kim Notenboom, Peter A. G. M. De Smet, Hubert G. M. Leufkens and Aukje K. Mantel-Teeuwisse

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This special issue of JEIE contributes to a small but growing body of research evidence and lessons from programming implementation about early childhood development (ECD) in emergencies and humanitarian contexts.

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Mar 11, 2023 Volume 401 Number 10379 p795-876

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Editorial

[Human genome editing: ensuring responsible research](#)

The Lancet

In 2018, during the Second International Summit on Human Genome Editing in Hong Kong, Jiankui He shocked the world by announcing the birth of two children whose genomes he had edited using CRISPR technology. Following widespread condemnation and a criminal investigation, he was sentenced to 3 years in prison. The case caused international outcry and brought to the fore the need to reconsider the serious ethical, scientific, and social issues of heritable human genome editing. As science advances, especially in non-heritable, somatic gene editing for treatment of previously incurable diseases, regulatory gaps are becoming exposed. Governance of gene editing research was a major discussion point at the Third International Human Genome Editing Summit in London, on March 6–8, with widespread recognition for the need to build on existing guidelines to develop global standards for governance and oversight of human genome editing. As He's unconscionable actions showed, the ethical and scientific risks are substantial.

Gene editing regulations must consider the aims and consequences of the different practices involved. Somatic genome editing interventions (eg, targeted therapies such as chimeric antigen receptor T cells or small interfering RNA gene therapies) are not transmitted to offspring and are widely used. Heritable genome editing—also called germline editing—is aimed at research on human fertilisation and embryology or for reproductive purposes. From a genetic point of view, germline editing is of most concern because alterations are passed to offspring, with the risk of perpetuating unexpected and undesired changes through generations. It is impossible for our unborn descendants to give consent.

Loopholes and ambiguities in regulation need to be closed urgently to enable scientists to be held to account. In China, He's prosecution was based on practising medicine without a licence, rather than specifically based on a provision governing assisted reproduction or genome editing. China has since instituted new regulations, widely seen as a response to the He case, but they have been criticised in press reports for not doing enough to cover private companies. Wording of legislation needs to be explicit and clear. In the USA, use of funds by the FDA for the purpose of accepting and reviewing any application to begin a clinical trial for heritable germline editing is prohibited. While this, in effect,

makes some reproductive editing illegal, it falls short of a ban on the practice itself. Similar ambiguities exist in many countries, and as the technologies involved become cheaper and more widely available, the risk increases.

A better international consensus is essential on how to advance gene editing while safeguarding humanity's collective genepool. There is broad agreement that altering embryo DNA for reproductive purposes should remain forbidden; a 2020 study showed that 75 of 96 surveyed countries have banned it. However, many do not have effective oversight and governance mechanisms to enforce existing regulations. In some countries, although altering embryo DNA is generally forbidden, exceptions are allowed, making more likely the possibility that the technology is used for a banned purpose. The lack of policy alignment between countries raises the possibility of scientists exporting their research to evade constraints established in their home jurisdictions.

How will a global consensus be enforced? The UN is the only body in a position to do so, and the prospect of an international legally binding treaty to govern genome editing was raised at the Second International Summit in 2018, but has seemingly proceeded no further. The Oviedo Convention, a legally binding instrument established by the European Council, permits somatic genome modifications for preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic purposes, and prohibits germline editing, but only 29 countries have enacted it into law.

It is almost 20 years since scientists announced the mapping of the human genome. Now they are editing it, and the promise of a truly personalised medicine, tailored to an individual's genetic makeup, is becoming reality. The first CRISPR-based technology, for sickle cell disease, is expected to soon be approved by US regulators. Such advances have the potential to bring enormous benefits for humankind, but also bring unique social and ethical challenges. Resolving these challenges will involve ongoing conversations within and outside the scientific community. To protect legitimate genetic research—to close loopholes in regulations and establish a global consensus on oversight and regulation—will require governance that is as dynamic as the science.

Articles

[**Mpox in people with advanced HIV infection: a global case series**](#)

Oriol Mitjà, etb al on behalf of SHARE-NET writing group

People living with HIV have accounted for 38–50% of those affected in the 2022 multicountry mpox outbreak. Most reported cases were in people who had high CD4 cell counts and similar outcomes to those without HIV. Emerging data suggest worse clinical outcomes and higher mortality in people with more advanced HIV. We describe the clinical characteristics and outcomes of mpox in a cohort of people with HIV and low CD4 cell counts (CD4 <350 cells per mm³).

Viewpoint

[**Confronting the evolution and expansion of anti-vaccine activism in the USA in the COVID-19 era**](#)

Richard M Carpiano, et al.

Introduction

Over the past two decades, anti-vaccine activism in the USA has evolved from a fringe subculture into an increasingly well organised, networked movement with important repercussions for public health. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this evolution and magnified the reach of vaccine misinformation. Anti-vaccine activists, who for many years spoke primarily to niche communities hesitant about childhood vaccinations, have used traditional and social media to amplify vaccine-related mistruths about COVID-19 vaccines while also targeting historically marginalised racial and ethnic communities. These efforts contributed to COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and expanded the movement, with early indications suggesting that this hesitancy could now also be increasing hesitancy that existed

pre-pandemic towards other vaccines. It is important to understand the implications of this recent evolution of anti-vaccine activism on vaccination uptake and the promotion of sound public health strategies. In this Viewpoint, we summarise the latest developments in US-based anti-vaccine activism and propose strategies for confronting them.

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Editorial | 15 Mar 2023

[UN high seas treaty is a landmark – but science needs to fill the gaps](#)

The agreement is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for researchers and funders to use every idea and instrument available to preserve the health of the seas.

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March 14, 2023 vol. 120 no. 11

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On the rise of fear speech in online social media

Recently, social media platforms are heavily moderated to prevent the spread of online hate speech, which is usually fertile in toxic words and is directed toward an individual or a community. Owing to such heavy moderation, newer and more subtle ...

Punyajoy Saha, Kiran Garimella, [...] Animesh Mukherjee

Research Article March 7, 2023

Human heuristics for AI-generated language are flawed

Human communication is increasingly intermixed with language generated by AI. Across chat, email, and social media, AI systems suggest words, complete sentences, or produce entire conversations. AI-generated language is often not identified as such but ...

Maurice Jakesch, Jeffrey T. Hancock and Mor Naaman

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...In this issue we look at a few key sites that have marked turning points for the Convention, such as the introduction of cultural landscapes with Tongariro in New Zealand, the inspiring collaboration among communities that helped save the Belize's Barrier Reef Reserve System, and the story of the historic conviction for intentional destruction of heritage in Timbuktu, Mali. We are also privileged to have a message from Mr Ernesto Ottone R., UNESCO's Assistant DirectorGeneral for Culture...

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When Refugee Presence Increases Incumbent Support through Development

Yang-Yang Zhou, Guy Grossman

Abstract

Studies of higher-income democracies find that the growing presence of refugees has generally been met with electoral backlash, with voters punishing incumbents and increasing support for far-right parties. Yet there is a dearth of studies on the political consequences of refugee-hosting in low-income countries, where the vast majority of refugees reside. Theoretically, we discuss why findings from high-income countries may not generalize, and we offer an alternative framework rooted in the context of low-income countries. We then test our framework empirically in Uganda, one of the largest and more inclusive refugee-hosting countries. Combining information on refugee settlements with four waves of national elections data, we find that an increase in refugee presence leads to a significant increase in incumbent support. National survey data coupled with panel data on healthcare, schools, roads, and nighttime lights suggest that the mechanism is positive externalities of inclusive refugee-hosting and aid on local public goods.

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Study Protocol Open Access

The West Africa Lassa fever Consortium pre-positioned protocol for a Phase II/III adaptive, randomised, controlled, platform trial to evaluate multiple Lassa fever therapeutics [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Josephine Bourner, et al....The WALC Work Package 2 Working Group

Abstract

Background: This is a standardized, pre-positioned protocol for the coordinated evaluation of Lassa fever therapeutics. The protocol is the product of discussions that took place in 2021 and 2022 among international investigators from a wide range of scientific and medical disciplines working together within the West Africa Lassa fever Consortium (WALC).

Methods: This is a clinical Phase II/III multicentre randomised controlled platform trial using a superiority framework with an equal allocation ratio and a composite primary endpoint of all-cause mortality OR new onset of i) acute kidney failure (AKF), OR ii) acute respiratory failure (ARF), OR iii) shock assessed from enrolment (D0) to D28.

Discussion: This pre-positioned protocol was developed by the WALC and made available for adaptation and implementation by the wider Lassa fever research community in order to generate efficient, reliable, and comparable evidence for Lassa fever therapeutics.

Open Letter Open Access

Gender inequity and COVID-19 vaccination policies for pregnant women in the Americas

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Ilana Ambrogi, Luciana Brito, Arbel Griner, Susan Bull

Abstract

The region of the Americas has been the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic's worst outcome in terms of number of deaths due to COVID-19. SARS-CoV-2 infection during pregnancy and the postpartum period has been found to be associated with increased risk of mortality and severe disease. Several Latin American and Caribbean countries have disproportionately high maternal mortality rates due to COVID-19. Although this region achieved relatively high vaccination rates among the general adult population, there were differing restrictions regarding the vaccination of those who were pregnant. In a pandemic, policies reflect political priorities in responses to the threats posed to populations and play an important role in promoting gender equity. This paper reports the results of an ethical analysis of 45 national COVID-19 vaccination public policies from seven countries – Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and United States. The analysis drew on reproductive justice and feminist bioethics frameworks, paying close attention to whether and how gender and social and economic inequities were addressed. It found that exclusionary approaches in immunization policies which restricted access to vaccination during pregnancy were often justified on the basis of a lack of evidence about the effects of immunization of pregnant persons, and on the grounds of medical expertise, to the detriment of women's autonomy and agency. As such these policies reiterate patriarchal moral understandings of women, pregnancy and motherhood. In practice, they counter human rights gender equity and equality principles, and became lethal, particularly to racialized women in Latin America. During an emerging lethal disease, policies and policy development must consider the intersection of oppressive structures to protect and guarantee rights of women, girls, and pregnant persons.

Research Article Open Access

Towards achieving transnational research partnership equity: lessons from implementing adaptive platform trials in low- and middle-income countries [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Chelsea Modlin, et al.

Abstract

Background: Use of adaptive clinical trials, particularly adaptive platform trials, has grown exponentially in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Implementation of these trials in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) has been fostered through the formation or modification of transnational research partnerships, typically between research groups from LMICs and high-income countries (HICs). While these partnerships are important to promote collaboration and overcome the structural and economic disadvantages faced by LMIC health researchers, it is critical to focus attention

on the multiple dimensions of partnership equity.

Methods: Based on informal literature reviews and meetings with leaders of one of the multinational COVID-19 adaptive platform trials, we describe what can be learned about research partnership equity from these experiences.

Results: We organize these considerations into eight thematic categories: 1) epistemic structures, 2) funding, 3) ethics oversight, 4) regulatory oversight, 5) leadership, 6) post-trial access to interventions, data, and specimens, 7) knowledge translation, and 8) research capacity strengthening and maintenance. Within each category we review the normative claims that support its relevance to research partnership equity followed by discussion of how adaptive platform trials highlight new dimensions, considerations, or challenges.

Conclusion: These observations provide insight into procedural and substantive equity-building measures within transnational global health research partnerships more broadly.

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