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*This weekly digest is intended to aggregate and distill key content from a broad spectrum of practice domains and organization types including key agencies/IGOs, NGOs, governments, academic and research institutions, consortiums and collaborations, foundations, and commercial organizations. We also monitor a spectrum of peer-reviewed journals and general media channels. The Sentinel's geographic scope is global/regional but selected country-level content is included. We recognize that this spectrum/scope yields an indicative and not an exhaustive product.*

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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, Development, Heritage Stewardship, Peace-Conflict. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard.*

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## **United Nations Day, 24 October 2023**

### **Amid Divided World, 'We Can and Must Be United Nations', Says Secretary-General in Message Marking Annual Commemorative Day**

**17 October 2023** SG/SM/21991

*Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message for United Nations Day, observed on 24 October:*

The United Nations is a reflection of the world as it is — and an aspiration of the world we know it can be. It is our responsibility to help build that world of peace, sustainable development and human rights for all.

I know we can do it. The Charter of the United Nations — which entered into force 78 years ago today — points the way.

Above all, it is rooted in a spirit of determination to heal divisions, repair relations and build peace; To expand opportunities, and leave no one behind; to ensure justice, equality and empowerment for women and girls; to provide life-saving relief to those in need; and to be flexible enough to address challenges that did not even exist when the UN was born — from the existential climate crisis to the perils and promise of artificial intelligence.

The United Nations is guided by timeless values and principles, but it must never be frozen in time. That is why we must always keep strengthening ways of working and applying a twenty-first century lens to all we do.

On this United Nations Day, let us commit with hope and determination to build the better world of our aspirations. Let us commit to a future that lives up to the name of our indispensable Organization.

We are a divided world. We can and must be united nations.

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## **"Israel-Palestine Crisis"**

### ***Editor's Note***

We include below some of the most recent, major statements and actions by the UN system, multilateral agencies and the INGO community around the continuing tragedy. This selection is indicative, certainly not exhaustive, as events are occurring at high velocity.

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**OCHA - [Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory, Afghanistan, South Sudan](#)**

*Press Release* Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian

**17 October 2023**

This morning, the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Joyce Msuya briefed the UN on the humanitarian situation in Gaza. The briefing was organized by the Arab Group.

She said that that situation—which continues to unfold as we speak—can only be described as an utter catastrophe. As every hour passes, she said the restoration of essential supplies and services, and the need to get humanitarian assistance into Gaza becomes ever more critical...

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**World Food Programme appeals for sustained access to Gaza to provide food lifeline**

**17 October 2023**

ROME – As humanitarian supplies converged on Egypt's border with Gaza, the United Nations World Food Programme today renewed its call for sustained humanitarian access to Gaza, where hundreds of thousands of people fleeing violence desperately need food, water and medical supplies. WFP already has food for 244,000 people close to the border with Gaza. More food supplies are arriving in northeastern Egypt, where an assistance hub is being set up...

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**UN expert urges immediate ceasefire and humanitarian access as Gaza health sector reaches "breaking point"**

*Press release* **17 October 2023**

Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

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**Middle East Crisis: UNESCO deplores "the deadliest week for journalists in any recent conflict"**

**17 October 2023**

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**With 5 Members in Favour, 4 Against, Security Council Rejects Russian Federation's Resolution Calling for Immediate Humanitarian Ceasefire in Israel-Palestine Crisis**

**16 October 2023**

SC/15445

The Security Council today failed to adopt a resolution put forth by the Russian Federation that would have called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the ongoing Israel-Palestine crisis.

If adopted, it would have strongly condemned all violence and hostilities directed against civilians and all acts of terrorism. By its further terms, it would also have called for the secure release of all hostages and unimpeded provision and distribution of humanitarian assistance, including of food, fuel and medical treatment.

While the draft resolution received support from one other permanent Council Member — China — and three non-permanent members, including Gabon, Mozambique and the United Arab Emirates, the delegations of France, Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom voted against it, and the remaining six Council members abstained from voting.

Prior to the voting, the representative of the Russian Federation described that resolution as a “purely humanitarian text,” which had garnered support from Arab Group members as well as the State of Palestine. Stressing that without a ceasefire, humanitarian efforts will not be possible, he said the draft condemns all violence and calls for the opening up of humanitarian corridors and the safe release of all hostages. After the text was defeated, he said Western countries have stomped on the expectations of the entire world. Nevertheless, he said, the draft has contributed to launching a substantive discussion on this topic in the Council.

The representative of the United States said that it was the attack on Israel by Hamas that led to the dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza. While it is the Council’s responsibility to address the crisis, the proposed resolution falls short by failing to mention Hamas, she said. Council members cannot allow the Council to shift the blame to Israel, she said, adding that her delegation could not vote for a resolution that dishonours victims.

Israel’s delegate stressed that his country needs to obliterate Hamas for its own self-preservation. The world has kept its head in the sand as Hamas embedded its war machine under Gaza’s civilians. But his country is on a rescue mission to “save our hostages, to save our future and the people of Gaza from their savage tyrants” he said, asking why the resolution that was not adopted does not ask Hamas to put down its arms. Before any calls for aid or calm, he stressed, Hamas should be designated a murderous terror organization. Further, the Council must support Israel’s right to defend itself, hold it fully responsible for what’s happening in Gaza and call for the release all hostages.

However, Riyad H. Mansour, Permanent Observer for the State of Palestine, said that killing more Palestinians will not make Israel more secure. Palestinian lives matter, he stressed, noting that the 3,000 Palestinians killed so far in recent days are overwhelmingly civilian, more than half being women and children. Calling for an end to the assault on Palestinians and their forced transfer from Gaza, as well as humanitarian access throughout the Gaza Strip, he pointed out that people can’t even bury their loved ones and mourn them. Urging Council members to consider the deepening divide between the West and the Arab and Muslim World, he recalled the United Nations’ many calls to Palestinians to choose peace. At this pivotal moment, “why would this Council be unable to call for a ceasefire?” he asked.

Speaking for the Arab Group, Jordan’s delegate said the silence of the international community is dehumanizing the Gazans. Noting that Israel’s prevention of humanitarian aid delivery is a violation of international law, he urged Member States to condemn the killing of civilian Palestinians using the same set of standards it used for Israeli civilians. Per the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, Israel does not have the right to defend itself within the Occupied Palestinian Territory, he said, noting that a comprehensive and just peace is the only means to protect the region from the cycle of violence.

The meeting was suspended at the start at the request of the representative of the United Arab Emirates, so that the Council could conduct closed consultations on the votes.

The meeting began at 6:12 p.m. and ended at 8:50 p.m.

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### **[On Situation in Middle East, Secretary-General Calls for Release of Hostages, Unimpeded Humanitarian Aid Access to Gaza](#)**

**15 October 2023** SG/SM/21989

The following statement by UN Secretary-General António Guterres was issued today:

In this dramatic moment, as we are on the verge of the abyss in the Middle East, it is my duty as Secretary-General of the United Nations to make two strong humanitarian appeals.

To Hamas, the hostages must be immediately released without conditions.

To Israel, rapid and unimpeded access for humanitarian aid must be granted for humanitarian supplies and workers for the sake of the civilians in Gaza.

Gaza is running out of water, electricity and other essential supplies. The United Nations has stocks available of food, water, non-food items, medical supplies and fuel, located in Egypt, Jordan, the West Bank and Israel. These goods can be dispatched within hours. To ensure delivery, our selfless staff on the ground, along with non-governmental organization partners, need to be able to bring these supplies into and throughout Gaza safely, and without impediment to deliver to those in need.

Each one of these two objectives are valid in themselves. They should not become bargaining chips and they must be implemented because it is the right thing to do.

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**INGOs Joint Statement – [Urgent plea to avert unprecedented humanitarian crisis amid looming Israeli land incursion into Gaza.](#)**

**October 14, 2023**

*We are alarmed by Israel's call for over a million Palestinians to leave northern Gaza in less than 24 hours. Israel must rescind this order immediately.* Demands for the population in its entirety to relocate in such an immediate manner put at risk the lives of those forced to flee. The Government of Israel has not provided any assurances for their safety while in transit or for the safety of civilians remaining in the Gaza Strip as fighting continues.

Humanitarian agencies operating in Gaza are reporting an unfolding humanitarian crisis on an unprecedented scale. There are not adequate facilities to safely accommodate residents from northern Gaza, and their safety remains jeopardized as Israeli airstrikes persistently target central and southern Gaza.

A forced relocation without any guarantees of safety or return and without providing for the needs of the protected population, risks amounting to forcible transfer, which is a grave breach of international humanitarian law and codified as a war crime. Israel is bound by international law to ensure the protection of all persons there from harm, and ensure that they are adequately supplied, including by agreeing and facilitating, relief schemes.

The horrendous violence that has engulfed Gaza and Israel over the last week has already created unprecedented humanitarian need. As of 13 October 2023, 11:00 AM EST, more than 1,799 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, more than 1,300 people in Israel, including foreign nationals, and 45 Palestinians in the West Bank. Hundreds of children have been killed. Hundreds of thousands of children and families in Gaza have already been displaced. Entire neighborhoods have been destroyed and turned to rubble.

Yet recent developments indicate that the worst may still be to come. We, the undersigned leaders of some of the world's largest humanitarian organizations call for the international community to unequivocally uphold international law and prioritize the protection of civilians to avert further suffering and loss of human life.

*World leaders must:*

- Demand that the Government of Israel immediately rescind its order;
- Demand that all parties agree to an immediate cessation of hostilities;
- Demand to stop the use of explosive weapons in populated areas in addition to the targeting of civilians, of inviolable UN premises, schools and hospitals where civilians shelter;
- Facilitate the provision of essential and life-saving relief assistance, including food, water, and medical supplies and care and access of humanitarian personnel into Gaza;
- Immediately facilitate medical evacuations for children and families who require it in either Egypt, the West Bank or Israel;
- Ensure the immediate, unconditional release of all persons deprived of liberty, most urgently children, pregnant women and mothers with infants and young children, the wounded and sick held captive by armed groups in Gaza; and
- Guarantee safe passage for families who need and want to seek safety to any place they feel safe.
- Families need adequate access to information on options and to be given adequate time to do so safely. The Israeli government has an obligation under international humanitarian law to provide safe shelter and humanitarian assistance for civilians displaced by their offensive and this should be carefully prepared in advance of any offensive. Anyone who seeks safety outside of the Gaza Strip must be immediately allowed to return as soon as hostilities end, in line with their right to repatriate or return to their habitual places or residence. This must be internationally guaranteed.

Families who are unable or unwilling to leave their homes remain protected under international humanitarian law. There are many reasons why people cannot heed these warnings to leave areas, including ongoing hostilities, impassable roads, health needs, disabilities, and fear of permanent displacement. Many will have nowhere else to go.

We urge UN Secretary-General António Guterres and senior UN leadership to make an emergency visit to the oPt and Israel in an attempt to ensure respect for international law and demonstrate solidarity with affected persons and humanitarians.

We plead with world leaders and actors on the ground to prioritize the preservation of human life above all else. Anything less will forever be a stain on our collective conscience.

*Olivier Longue - Chief Executive Officer, Action Against Hunger – Spain*

*Mattias Brunander - Secretary General, Diakonia*

*Manuel Patrouillard - Global Managing Director, Handicap International / Humanity & Inclusion*

*Joël Weiler - Chief Executive Officer, Médecins du Monde - France*

*Nicolás Dotta - Chief Executive Officer, Médecins du Monde - Spain*

*Morgane Rousseau - Chief Executive Officer, Médecins du Monde - Swiss*

*Tjada D'Oyen McKenna - Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Corps*

*Jan Egeland - Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council*

*Amitabh Behar - Executive Director, Oxfam International*

*Stephen Omollo - Chief Executive Officer, Plan International*

*Inger Ashing - Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children International*

*Rob Williams - Chief Executive Officer, War Child UK*

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**International Criminal Court**

## [The Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties rejects the criminal proceedings initiated against high officials of the Court](#)

*International Criminal Court (ICC) Press Release* 12 October 2023

The Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court reiterates its **deep concern about the criminal proceedings initiated against the Prosecutor and the Pre-trial Judges involved in the Ukraine situation, which now have been expanded to include arrest warrants against the President, the First Vice-President, and a Trial Judge of the Court.**

We reject these unacceptable acts intended to hamper the Court's independent mandate to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole. **This attack against the institution, through attempted personal intimidation of its highest officials is a grave affront to the quest for accountability and to the rule of law.**

As an institution of last resort, the Court is complementary to national efforts to ensure accountability for the gravest crimes. In so doing, the Court plays a key role in the pursuit of justice, which is an indispensable component of sustainable peace and security.

We reiterate our unwavering support for the International Criminal Court as an independent and impartial court of law and stand firmly by its elected officials, its personnel and all those cooperating with it. **We urge all States, international organizations, and civil society to reject any threat and attack against them and to cooperate fully with the Court in order to preserve its integrity and enhance its protection, independence and impartiality.**

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## **MDBs – Multilateral Development Banks**

### [Statement of the Heads of Multilateral Development Banks Group: Strengthening Our Collaboration for Greater Impact](#)

Beijing, Oct. 14, 2023

**The world faces a global “polycrisis” affecting human and economic development at an unprecedented scale.** Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been painfully slow. For many countries, that progress has stalled or reversed, while the climate emergency is felt in intensifying force around the globe, hitting the most vulnerable the hardest. **A much scaled up global effort is thus required to eradicate poverty, accelerate inclusive socioeconomic development, and tackle transboundary challenges....**

...As we conclude our discussions in Marrakech, we agree to strengthen our collaboration in the following five critical areas:

1. **Scaling up financing capacity.** We will continue to explore financial innovations to further stretch our balance sheets, such as portfolio guarantees, hybrid capital and channelling of Special Drawing Rights through MDBs, in the context of our individual governance frameworks, while safeguarding our long-term financial sustainability, robust credit ratings, and preferred creditor status. We remain committed to continue exploring and sharing practices among MDBs. We will enhance and elevate our dialogue with credit rating agencies, to discuss methodological changes that could help achieve the joint goals of MDBs and stakeholders.
2. **Boosting joint action on climate.** We will continue our collaboration in the implementation of our joint approach to align our financing flows with the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. We are working to enhance our approaches to tracking and reporting climate outcomes,

while continuing to jointly report our climate finance commitments. As we set ourselves for a successful COP28, we will pursue the launch of several activities and initiatives, including a joint MDB facility to support clients' Long-Term Strategies (LTS).

3. **Enhancing country-level collaboration.** To further improve our country-level coordination, we will promote our work around country-led programs, including country platforms, to ensure that our joint efforts are systemic, leveraging development partnerships, catalyzing private sector investment, and delivering greater impact. We will continue working with developing countries to strengthen their institutions and frameworks.
4. **Strengthening co-financing.** Recognizing our individual mandates and business models, we commit to strengthening our approach to co-financing among MDBs, including through harmonizing and mutually recognizing each other's policies and standards (starting with procurement), where appropriate, to the benefit of our clients.
5. **Catalyzing private sector engagement.** We will deepen our collaboration around joint innovative mechanisms for boosting private capital mobilization, both domestically and globally. We reaffirm the critical role MDBs must play in upstream engagement to build investment-enabling economic and regulatory environments, develop project pipelines, and provide early-stage investments. We recognize the need to explore further avenues for strengthening mobilization of private capital. We reiterate our commitment to delivering on the transformation of the Global Emerging Markets Risk Database (GEMs) and to releasing new and more comprehensive statistics in early 2024.

We will also continue with our strong partnership in other thematic areas to tackle global challenges and improve development outcomes. As we undertake this agenda, we stand ready to engage with our shareholders, clients, development partners, civil society, and other stakeholders to shape an MDB system that better responds to development challenges and delivers shared prosperity for those most in need. For that, we look forward to more intense engagement among our institutions, including at the Heads' level.

*Statement by the Heads of the following MDBs:*

African Development Bank  
Asian Development Bank  
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank  
Council of Europe Development Bank  
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
European Investment Bank  
Inter-American Development Bank  
Islamic Development Bank  
New Development Bank  
World Bank Group

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## **Global Health and Development R&D Funding**

### **Gates Foundation Celebrates 20 Years of "Grand Challenges" With New Investments and a Call to Make R&D Breakthroughs Available More Quickly and Equitably**

*Commitments focus on advancing equitable access to artificial intelligence (AI) and vaccines, and catalyzing innovations that address women's health*

DAKAR and SEATTLE (October 10, 2023) – A slate of new initiatives to support locally led innovation was announced today in Dakar by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and its partners at the Grand Challenges Annual Meeting. **The investments come with an urgent call for countries to step up funding to make the research and development (R&D) of health and development innovations easier and faster**, and to make the next generation of scientific and technological breakthroughs relevant and accessible to all.

Data shows that while overall health R&D funding is increasing, only about 2% is directed toward diseases that affect the world's poorest people. In 2020, the annual funding gap for product development targeting poverty-related and neglected diseases was estimated at US\$2.6 billion...

**In an address to the more than 1,400 scientists, policymakers, and donors attending the annual meeting, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation, called for the world to spend at least US\$3 billion more every year on global health and development R&D in order to close the critical gaps in funding for neglected diseases...**

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## **Polio – PHEIC**

### **Polio this week as of 11 Oct 2023 - GPEI**

#### *Headlines [Selected]*

:: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative congratulates Dr Hanan Balkhy, for her nomination as the next WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO), and the first female Regional Director for this Region. This is a historic decision by the Member States and well-deserved. We look forward to working with her, in securing a lasting polio-free EMRO in the very near future.

:: European leaders pledge €500 million to deliver a healthier, polio-free world – In Brussels this week, the European Commission (EC), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), along with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) announced a new financing partnership of over €1 billion to advance polio eradication efforts and strengthen healthcare systems. This partnership will provide €500 million in new funding to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) – specifically to its implementing partners, WHO and UNICEF – and €500 million to programmes that expand innovation and research capacity in low- and middle-income countries. More.

:: Member States urged to go all in to end polio, during meeting of EMRO Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks. More.

:: In the lead-up to World Polio Day on 24 October, GPEI has launched a Make Polio History campaign to rally existing and new supporters of polio eradication from all over the world to champion the cause. We need your help! Add your voice in support of eradication by visiting the [campaign website](#) and taking action.

:: Rotary International PolioPlus – Bigger than Polio: click [here](#) to read an article from Rotary International, about Pakistan's female vaccinators doing more than helping end a disease.

#### *Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:*

- Afghanistan: six WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: one WPV1 case and four WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Algeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Cameroon: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- DR Congo: 12 cVDPV1 cases, seven cVDPV2 cases and six cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

- Guinea: two cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: two cVDPV2 cases and five cVDPV2-environmental samples

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## **New Funding, to Protect 370 Million Children from Polio Every Year, Puts World on Verge of Eradicating Polio Once and for All**

*Press release*

BRUSSELS (October 11, 2023) – Today, **the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a new financing partnership** to address critical global health opportunities: eradicating polio and ensuring that innovations in health are more accessible to the people who need them most.

**The World Health Organization and UNICEF, as implementing partners for the polio funding, will deploy the resources to eradicate polio,** support the distribution of other childhood immunizations and strengthen health systems so they are better able to respond to emerging health threats.

**The expected €1.1 billion financing package** aims to provide new funding to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history and help solve the health and development challenges faced by the world's most vulnerable people, who otherwise do not get fair access to healthcare services and innovations...

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## **Coronavirus [COVID-19]**

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

### ***WHO Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates***

*Last update: 12 Oct 2023*

**Confirmed cases ::** 771 191 203

**Confirmed deaths ::** 6 961 014

**Vaccine doses administered:** 13 516 185 809

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### ***Our World in Data***

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations [Accessed 14 Oct 2023]**

:: [70.5%](#) of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

:: [13.51 billion doses](#) have been administered globally, and [19,848](#) are now administered each day.

"" [32.6%](#) of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

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## **MPOX**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/situation-reports>

*Latest Report*

**Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report#28 – 19 September 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** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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GA/DIS/3719

#### **[Moscow May Revoke Ratification of Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty — 'Patience Ran Out Waiting for Washington To Ratify'— Delegate Tells First Committee in Debate](#)**

Speakers in the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) today expressed grave concern about the Russian Federation's announced intention to withdraw from the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), as they continued their thematic debate on nuclear weapons.

15 October 2023

SG/SM/21989

#### **[On Situation in Middle East, Secretary-General Calls for Release of Hostages, Unimpeded Humanitarian Aid Access to Gaza](#)**

13 October 2023

SC/15439

**Speakers Tell Security Council Increased Weapons Flow to Ukraine Exacerbating Insecurity, Yet Several Delegates Defend Kyiv's Right to Self-Defence**

The issue of arms supplies to Ukraine was taken up again at the Security Council, putting on display divisions among briefers and Council members, with some contending that the unchecked flow of weapons dragged out the conflict, and many others defending Kyiv's legitimate right to defend itself against the Russian Federation's ongoing war of aggression.

10 October 2023

SG/SM/21986

**Alarmed by Reported Deadly Bombing of Civilians in Myanmar, Secretary-General Says Those Responsible Must Be Held to Account**

9 October 2023

SG/SM/21984

**'It's Time to End This Vicious Circle' of Bloodshed, Hatred with Negotiated Peace Fulfilling Aspirations of Palestinians, Israelis, Secretary-General Stresses**

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]*

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*Pakistan*

**UN Special Rapporteurs urge Pakistan to stop planned mass deportation of Afghans**

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**UN expert urges immediate ceasefire and humanitarian access as Gaza health sector reaches "breaking point"**

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**Latest: Occupied Palestinian Territory/Israel**

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*Human trafficking*

**UN expert deplores lack of accountability for crime of human trafficking in conflict**

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*Palestine*

**UN expert warns of new instance of mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians, calls for immediate ceasefire**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field\\_content\\_category=162&field\\_entity=1203](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field_content_category=162&field_entity=1203)

*Council News*

**Commission of Inquiry collecting evidence of war crimes committed by all sides in Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories since 7 October 2023**

10/10/2023

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News*

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**[Israel/occupied Palestinian territory: UN experts deplore attacks on civilians, call for truce and urge international community to address root causes of violence](#)**

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

**[UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on the situation in Israel and the State of Palestine](#)**

Monday, 9 October 2023

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Statements, Press Releases*

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**[Remarks of SRSG Patten "International Conference on CRSV," Opening Session: "How to ensure an effective protection, assistance, and prevention system for survivors of sexual violence: National and global aspects," 16 October 2023, Vilnius, Lithuania](#)**

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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**[Israel/occupied Palestinian territory: UN experts deplore attacks on civilians, call for truce and urge international community to address root causes of violence](#)**

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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**[Israel/occupied Palestinian territory: UN experts deplore attacks on civilians, call for truce and urge international community to address root causes of violence](#)**

**Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**

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

*Latest News*

17 Oct 2023 *Press releases*

**[UN Special Rapporteurs urge Pakistan to stop planned mass deportation of Afghans](#)**

17 Oct 2023 *Press releases*

**[China must not forcibly repatriate North Korean escapees: UN experts](#)**

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

**[UNHCR and Thailand enhance cooperation in support of displaced and stateless populations](#)**

16 October 2023 *Press releases*

**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases and Statement [Selected]*

*News*

**[Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory, Afghanistan, South Sudan](#)**

17 October 2023

This morning, the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Joyce Msuya briefed the UN on the humanitarian situation in Gaza. The briefing was organized by the Arab Group.

She said that that situation—which continues to unfold as we speak—can only be described as an utter catastrophe. As every hour passes, she said the restoration of essential supplies and services, and the need to get humanitarian assistance into Gaza becomes ever more critical...

*News*

**[Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory, Chad, Ukraine](#)**

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**[UN relief chief: Aid access to Gaza main priority now](#)**

16 October 2023

*Featured*

**UN relief chief: Sudan is reeling after six months of war**

15 October 2023

*News*

**UN relief chief: It's been a dreadful week. Humanity must prevail.**

14 October 2023

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements*

Remarks 17 October 2023

**UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's remarks at the World Health Summit launch of the Community Health Delivery Partnership**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-remarks-world-health-summit-launch>

BERLIN, 17 October 2023 – "Excellencies, colleagues, distinguished guests, it is my privilege to welcome you here for the launch of the Community Health Delivery Partnership. "Thank you, Margaret, for sharing your story. It is because of the selfless commitment, compassion, and heroic service of you, and the millions of other community health...

*Press release* 13 October 2023

**Time is running out for children in Gaza—UNICEF**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/time-running-out-children-gazaunicef>

NEW YORK, 13 October 2023 – Hundreds of thousands of children and their families have started fleeing northern Gaza today ahead of imminent larger-scale attacks. It follows days of bombardments of Gaza after the brutal attacks of 7 October. Nearly a week into the war, hundreds of children have been reportedly killed, and thousands more reportedly...

*Remarks* 13 October 2023

**Gaza's children pay the heaviest price, with hundreds dead**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/gazas-children-pay-heaviest-price-hundreds-dead>

GENEVA, 13 October 2023 – "Hundreds and hundreds of children have been killed and injured. Every hour in Gaza, the number of children killed rises. The killing of children must stop. "The images and stories are clear: children with horrendous burns, mortar wounds, and lost limbs. And hospitals are utterly overwhelmed to treat them. Yet the numbers...

*Press release* 12 October 2023

**UNICEF launches US\$ 20 million appeal to support 96,000 children affected by recent earthquakes in western Afghanistan**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-launches-us-20-million-appeal-support-96000-children-affected-recent>

KABUL, 12 October 2023 – Over 90 per cent of those reported killed in Afghanistan's recent earthquakes are women and children. In Zinda Jan district alone, over 11,500 people saw their homes

completely flattened. With two 6.3-magnitude quakes shaking the region over just five days, and over 1,000 people killed [1] , there are thousands more in...

*News note* 11 October 2023

**[UNICEF signs deal to deliver new malaria vaccine in breakthrough for child survival](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-signs-deal-deliver-new-malaria-vaccine-breakthrough-child-survival)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-signs-deal-deliver-new-malaria-vaccine-breakthrough-child-survival>

NEW YORK/COPENHAGEN, 12 October – UNICEF today announced an agreement to secure supply of the world's second malaria vaccine, R21/Matrix-M. The deal is a major milestone towards meeting the high demand for doses of new vaccines against malaria – a disease which still kills one child under five every minute. The long-term agreement signed with...

*Statement* 11 October 2023

**[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on International Day of the Girl](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-international-day-girl)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-international-day-girl>

NEW YORK, 11 October 2023 – "Today, as we commemorate the International Day of the Girl, we are reminded of the diverse challenges facing girls around the world, especially in humanitarian crises. "Gender inequality shapes the lives of all girls, from child marriage and sexual violence to access to education and online information. These...

*Press release* 11 October 2023

**[New funding, to protect 370 million children from polio every year, puts world on verge of eradicating polio once and for all](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/new-funding-protect-370-million-children-polio-every-year-puts-world-on-verge-eradicating-polio-once-and-for-all)**

[https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/new-funding-protect-370-million-children-polio-every-year-puts-world-on-verge](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/new-funding-protect-370-million-children-polio-every-year-puts-world-on-verge-eradicating-polio-once-and-for-all)

BRUSSELS, 11 October 2023 – Today, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a new financing partnership to address critical global health opportunities: eradicating polio and ensuring that innovations in health are more accessible to the people who need them most. The World Health...

*Remarks* 11 October 2023

**[UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's remarks at the press conference on announcement of €1.08 billion in funding to advance polio eradication and strengthen healthcare systems](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-remarks-press-conference-announcement)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-remarks-press-conference-announcement>

NEW YORK, 11 October 2023 – "Good afternoon, it is good to be with you for this exciting announcement. "Polio eradication is finally within reach, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our partners and their support for the heroic efforts of health workers and community influencers in communities around the world. "But the progress we have made...

*Press release* 10 October 2023

**[Refugee children arriving in Armenia showing signs of severe psychological distress - UNICEF](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/refugee-children-arriving-armenia-showing-signs-severe-psychological-distress-unicef)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/refugee-children-arriving-armenia-showing-signs-severe-psychological-distress-unicef>

GENEVA/YEREVAN, Armenia, 10 October 2023 – Refugee children arriving in Armenia are showing signs of severe psychological distress, according to reports from UNICEF-supported social workers providing specialised care to children and families who have fled their homes in recent weeks. Social workers operating in two safe spaces that UNICEF...

*Remarks* 10 October 2023

**[Pain & suffering engulfs children in the State of Palestine & Israel](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/pain-suffering-engulfs-children-state-palestine-israel)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/pain-suffering-engulfs-children-state-palestine-israel>

GENEVA, 10 October 2023 – “The ongoing surge of conflict-related violence continues to take a horrendous toll on the lives of children and their families in Israel and the State of Palestine. Nothing justifies the killing, maiming or abduction of children. Any delay in bringing an end to the conflict will inevitably result in more devastating...

*Statement* 09 October 2023

**[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on deteriorating situation for children in Israel and the State of Palestine](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-deteriorating-situation)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-deteriorating-situation>

NEW YORK, 9 October 2023 – “Nothing justifies the killing, maiming or abducting of children – grave rights violations which UNICEF wholeheartedly condemns. “Yet less than 72 hours after the outbreak of horrific violence in Israel, reports indicate that grave rights violations against children are rampant. Many children have been killed or injured...

*Press release* 09 October 2023

**[19 million children in Sudan out of school as conflict rages on – UNICEF, Save the Children](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/19-million-children-sudan-out-school-conflict-rages-unicef-save-children)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/19-million-children-sudan-out-school-conflict-rages-unicef-save-children>

PORT-SUDAN, 9 October 2023 –An estimated 19 million children in Sudan are out of school as the brutal conflict approaches the six-month mark next week. Out of this total – or 1 in every 3 children in the country - some 6.5 million lost access to school due to increased violence and insecurity in their region, with at least 10,400 schools shuttered...

*Statement* 08 October 2023

**[Children and families at risk after 6.3-magnitude earthquake hits western Afghanistan](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-and-families-risk-after-6.3-magnitude-earthquake-hits-western-afghanistan)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-and-families-risk-after-6.3-magnitude-earthquake-hits-western-afghanistan>

KABUL, 8 October 2023 – At about 11:00 yesterday morning, a 6.3-magnitude earthquake and several strong aftershocks shook western Afghanistan in Herat, Badghis and Farah provinces. Some of the most affected areas are just 40 kilometres from Herat city. The full extent of the destruction is yet unknown, but initial estimates indicate that several...

**IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 17 Oct 2023]**

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

*Press Releases – Selected*

*News*

16 Oct 2023

**[Sudan Faces World’s Largest Internal Displacement Crisis](#)**

*News*

12 Oct 2023

**[Emergency Relief Dispatched to Herat Following Devastating Earthquakes](#)**

*News*

10 Oct 2023

**As Displacement Soars, Haiti Requires USD 21 Million for Emergency Shelter, Protection Services**

**UNAIDS** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

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**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 14 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected News/Announcements/Statements*

14 October 2023 Statement

**Evacuation orders by Israel to hospitals in northern Gaza are a death sentence for the sick and injured**

13 October 2023 Statement

**WHO pleads for immediate reversal of Gaza evacuation order to protect health and reduce suffering**

12 October 2023 Departmental news

**Towards a "PRET" workforce: field epidemiologists in pandemic planning**

11 October 2023 Joint News Release

**New funding to ensure 370 million children receive polio vaccinations and to boost health innovation in low-income countries**

10 October 2023 Statement

**WHO calls for access to health and humanitarian assistance on fourth day of conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory**

10 October 2023 Departmental news

**WHO announces the members of the first Taskforce of AMR Survivors**

10 October 2023 Departmental news

**WHO introduces new pilot scheme for Expert Review Panel for Diagnostic Products for neglected tropical diseases**

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**WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

**WHO African Region**

*No new digest content identified.*

**WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

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[Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas, a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda is sworn in as PAHO/WHO Assistant Director](#)

Washington D.C. 12 October 2023 (PAHO/WHO) – Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas, a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda, was sworn in today as the new Assistant Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Sealey-Thomas holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery...

### **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: 13 October 2023 News release

[Albania: a new study offers further proof that the COVID-19 vaccine booster is vital for health workers](#)

:: 12 October 2023 News release

[New WHO assessment reveals resilience of Ukraine's primary health-care system amid the war](#)

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

#### **WHO's Operational Update on Health Emergencies - September 2023**

9 October 2023

##### *Overview*

- [EWARS](#) in a box supports El Niño event in central America
- Responding to the devastating floods in Libya
- The Health and WASH clusters complete a joint Whole of Syria cholera operational review
- Cholera: Reaching isolated populations on La Gonâve Island, Haiti
- WHO calls for donor support as Afghanistan's health system suffers critical underfunding
- WHO rolls out an electronic Early Warning Alert and Response (EWAR) system in Sudan to facilitate early detection and timely response to disease outbreaks
- Africa CDC, WHO and RKI launched a Health Security Partnership to Strengthen Disease Surveillance in Africa
- Empowering youth in health emergencies: a story of collaboration and engagement
- WHO pioneers the development of a disease-agnostic contact tracing guideline
- COVID-19 After Action Review: A tool for health system learning and strengthening following the pandemic
- WHO Global Logistics Centers' Monthly Update
- Ensuring access to online learning on mpox

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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.*

*No new DONs report.*

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## **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record>

Vol. 98, No. 41, pp. 489–502

13 October 2023

PDF: <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/373356/WER9841-eng-fre.pdf>

### *Contents*

471 Global program to eliminate lymphatic filariasis: progress report, 2022

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## **New WHO Publications**

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

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11 October 2023

[\*\*Report of the fifth meeting of the WHO Diagnostic Technical Advisory Group for Neglected Tropical Diseases:...\*\*](#)

10 October 2023

[\*\*Guidance on engagement of communities and civil society to end tuberculosis\*\*](#)

10 October 2023

[\*\*Report of the WHO Global Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme partners' meeting: Geneva, Switzerland, 12–13...\*\*](#)

9 October 2023

[\*\*Infection prevention and control in the context of coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): a living guideline,...\*\*](#)

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## **World Organisation for Animal Health** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

10 Oct 2023 *Press Release*

[\*\*UNFPA report finds sexual and reproductive health of women and girls missing from most national climate plans\*\*](#)

New York, 10 October 2023 – Women and girls are among the hardest hit by the climate emergency, but fewer than one third of countries that have published their climate plans have committed to...

## **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

## **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - 17 October 2023**

### *Press Releases*

**Without debt relief, development bank reform will hit a ceiling: UNDP calls for urgent actions to avoid long-lasting development reversals**

### *Speeches*

**United Nations Statement to the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of the Board of Governors, Marrakech, October 2023**

The SDGs are off track. We need to urgently correct course to rescue them. At the midpoint of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, we face a development emergency. Multiple reports demonstrate that the cascading crises of recent years have erased decades' worth of development progress.

### *Speeches*

**United Nations Statement to the Development Committee: Joint Ministerial Committee of the Boards of Governors of the Bank and the Fund, Marrakech, October 2023**

The SDGs are off track. We need to urgently correct course to rescue them. At the midpoint of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, we face a development emergency.

### *Speeches*

**Statement by UNDP Administrator on situation in Israel and Gaza in the occupied Palestinian territory**

As we have tragically witnessed in any conflict, there are grave repercussions for the lives and the livelihoods of entire communities, and long-term effects that will necessitate strong engagement by the international community and the United Nations. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is present on the ground and stands ready to provide the support needed by the impacted communities.

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

### *News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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

*Meetings, events, publications*

### *News*

**Launch of The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition**

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition provides a powerful call to action, presenting a candid assessment of the SDGs based on the latest data and estimates. While highlighting the existing gaps and urging the world to redouble its efforts, the report also emphasizes the immense potential for success through strong political will and the utilization of available technologies, resources, and knowledge. Together, the global community can reignite progress towards achieving the SDGs and create a brighter future for all.

According to the report, the impacts of the climate crisis, the war in Ukraine, a weak global economy, and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have revealed weaknesses and hindered progress towards the Goals. The report further warns that while lack of progress is universal, it is the world's poorest and most vulnerable who are experiencing the worst effects of these unprecedented global

challenges. It also points out areas that need urgent action to rescue the SDGs and deliver meaningful progress for people and the planet by 2030.

The Global SDG Indicators Database containing global, regional and country data and metadata on the official SDG indicators has been updated and accompanies this report.

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Resources*

11 Oct 2023 *Press release Climate Action*

**[Urgent action to cut methane emissions from fossil fuel operations essential to achieve global climate targets](#)**

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages*

*Press Releases* 12 October 2023

**[World must act on unacceptable failures to protect persons with disabilities from disasters](#)**

Persons with disabilities face a shocking lack of support to cope with disasters, with no progress in the last decade, despite a huge increase in climate disasters worldwide. The lack of progress could be a violation of international law.

*Statements and messages* 10 October 2023

**[Statement on the earthquake in Afghanistan](#)**

The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, and head of UNDRR, Ms. Mami Mizutori, expresses her condolences to the families of the victims of the earthquake that struck western Afghanistan on 7 October

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Articles - Selected*

16 Oct 2023 | DESA

**[Ending poverty and ensuring dignity for all](#)**

16 October 2023 – Every year on 17 October, the world marks the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, also known as End Poverty Day. This year the day's theme puts a spotlight on decent work and social protection, putting dignity in practice for all.

13 Oct 2023 | DESA

**[With concerted, ambitious action, we can reduce poverty drastically by 2030](#)**

13 October 2023 – Around the world, some 670 million people live in extreme poverty. Unless progress picks up pace, the international community is nowhere near ending this plight before 2030.

12 Oct 2023 | DESA

**[UN calls for urgent action to enable opportunities, mitigate risks for information and digital technology](#)**

12 October 2023 – Recognizing both the opportunities and risks offered by rapid...

10 Oct 2023 | DESA

**[UN calls for closing internet connectivity and digital governance gap](#)**

9 October 2023 - Against a backdrop of growing geopolitical tensions, proliferating crises and widening inequalities, the challenges facing the global...

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*International Conference of Labour Statisticians*

**[Data: A common language for the world of work](#)**

16 October 2023

Without accurate data, labour market decisions cannot be taken says Rafael Diez de Medina, Chief Statistician and Director of the ILO Department of Statistics.

*Occupational Safety and Health*

**[Italy renews its commitment to the promotion of occupational safety and health](#)**

16 October 2023

Italy is the 79th country in the world to have ratified Convention No. 155, the 19th country to have ratified the 2002 Protocol to Convention No. 155, and the 62nd country to have ratified Convention No. 187

*Podcast series: Global challenges – Global solutions*

**[Jobs for Africa and beyond: The role of structural transformation and economic policies in the 21st century](#)**

16 October 2023

The world is facing a host of challenges causing sluggish employment growth in Africa and other developing regions. The COVID-19 pandemic has added to this labour market stress, slowing and in some cases reversing gains in employment creation over the past decade. Structural transformation can help overcome these challenges, through a new policy framework aimed at creating jobs.

*ILO, WHO, P4H and SPARKS Network Workshop*

**[Universal social protection needed for prevention, preparedness and response to the next pandemic](#)**

12 October 2023

ILO and WHO experts reviewed the impact social protection had in reducing the socio-economic damage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the IMF*

**[ILO Director-General calls for greater international financial support for critical social needs in developing countries under fiscal stress](#)**

12 October 2023

In statements to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings, the ILO's Director-General underlined the importance of helping debt-distressed developing countries to support social protection and decent work.

*21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians*

**[Facing rapid changes in the world of work, labour statisticians meet to update measurement of key concepts of labour statistics](#)**

11 October 2023

The International Conference of Labour Statisticians, the global standard-setting body for labour market statistics, is meeting at the ILO to review new trends and requirements in data gathering and usage, and methods for measuring key indicators related to advancing social justice.

**UNESCO** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**Middle East Crisis: UNESCO deplores "the deadliest week for journalists in any recent conflict"**

17 October 2023

The Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October has led to intense fighting and an exacerbation of regional tensions, with very serious repercussions for the safety of journalists, UNESCO warned on Tuesday. The Organization is calling on all actors to respect and enforce international law without delay.

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

On 17 October 2003, the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage was adopted by the 32nd session of the General Conference of UNESCO. Twenty years later, ICOMOS takes this opportunity to interview Munish Pandit, President of the ICICH (ICOMOS International Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage) and reflect on the place our societies give this precious heritage.

**ICOMOS Appeal on the situation in Gaza and Israel**

This past week, ICOMOS has witnessed with horror and despair the unspeakable attacks, loss of life and suffering inflicted on Israeli and Palestinian civilians – who are again paying the heaviest price in this conflict, our own members and their families included. We express our deepest condolences and solidarity to all those who have lost or are still missing their loved ones.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 17 Oct 2023]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

## *Selected News Releases*

17 October 2023

### **World Food Programme appeals for sustained access to Gaza to provide food lifeline**

ROME – As humanitarian supplies converged on Egypt's border with Gaza, the United Nations World Food Programme today renewed its call for sustained humanitarian access to Gaza, where hundreds of thousands of people fleeing violence desperately need food, water and medical supplies. WFP already has food for 244,000 people close to the border with Gaza. More food supplies are arriving in northeastern Egypt, where an assistance hub is being set up.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New*

13 October 2023

### **Secretary-General inaugurates refurbished Law Institute facilities**

The Secretary-General of IMO, Kitack Lim, has inaugurated the newly modernized lecture hall and refurbished student accommodation at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute ([IMLI](#)) in Malta (9 October). Mr Lim, who is Chair of the IMLI Governing Board, also formally opened the Institute's academic year 2023-2024 during his visit.

13 October 2023

### **Progressing revision of IMO instruments on life-saving and related equipment**

Experts in ship construction, operations and survival at sea have been meeting for the second session of the Intersessional Working Group on the Revision of SOLAS Chapter III and the LSA Code (ISWG-SOLAS III-LSA). The aim of the meeting in Hamburg, Germany (9-13 October) is the establishment of a set of high-level goals and requirements to fill gaps in the provisions of SOLAS chapter III and the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

### **The UPU's fourth Extraordinary Congress comes to a close, highlighting the "extraordinary power of collaboration"**

05.10.2023 — The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has successfully concluded its fourth Extraordinary Congress, held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 1 to 5 October 2023. At this meeting of postal plenipotentiaries, historic decisions were made that will affect the global postal sector, including groundbreaking agreements on opening up to wider postal sector players, climate action targets and modernization plans for postal financial services.

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**Enough food to feed 1 billion people lost owing to lack of proper cold chains**

16 October 2023

Providing the 500 million smallholder farmers with sustainable and equitable cold-chain solutions is a crucial step in addressing major global challenges including food insecurity, poverty, inequality and climate change.

**International Organization for Standardization** (ISO) [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

**Saudi Arabia Set to Host 2024 Diplomatic Conference to Conclude Design Law Treaty**

WIPO member states have approved Saudi Arabia's capital city Riyadh as the host of a November 11-22, 2024, diplomatic conference to finalize negotiations of a proposed Design Law Treaty (DLT).  
Oct 9, 2023 [PR/2023/909](#)

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Announcements/Decisions/Events*

**Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress - measures to provide for financial security for damage from living modified organisms**

N O T I F I C A T I O N Ref.: SCBD/CPU/DC/WM/KG/PD/PS/91317 16 October 2023

In decision CP-10/13, Parties to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress were requested and other Governments were invited to submit information to the Executive Secretary on measures they have in place to provide for financial security for damage from living modified organisms, in particular where they have reported having such measures in place in their fourth national reports...

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

### **USAID Announces New \$37 Million Contract to Strengthen the Capacity of Local Health Entities, Prioritize Critical Health Security Gaps**

October 16, 2023

Today, USAID announced the launch of the Localize Global Health Security project, a critical five-year, up to \$37 million contract that will work with local organizations to strengthen their capacities to support their communities to prevent, detect and respond to emerging health threats in 15 countries through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

### **USAID Announces \$45 million to Support Efforts Advancing Human Rights, Social Justice, Democracy, and Inclusive Development**

October 16, 2023

USAID, in partnership with Humanity United, awarded a grant of up to \$45 million over five years to launch the Powered by the People (PxP) initiative. PxP provides flexible and accessible support that strengthens the agency, resilience, and efficacy of organizers and citizen-led social movements that are advancing human rights, social justice, democracy, and inclusive development around the world.

### **Administrator Samantha Power Speaks With UN Officials and Key Partners on Humanitarian Needs in Gaza**

October 14, 2023

Today, Administrator Samantha Power met with USAID's partner organizations working in Gaza to discuss addressing the humanitarian needs of civilians in Gaza. Administrator Power and leadership of the organizations discussed the vital need to get life-saving aid, including water, food, and medical care, to civilians and the urgency of protecting civilian lives.

### **The United States Provides \$12 Million in Additional Funding to Respond to the Devastating Earthquake in Afghanistan**

October 12, 2023

In response to the magnitude 6.3 earthquakes that struck northwestern Afghanistan on October 7 and October 11, the United States, through the USAID, is providing \$12 million in immediate humanitarian assistance to meet the urgent needs of the affected people. The devastating earthquakes have resulted in at least 1,295 deaths and injury to at least 1,800 people according to the United Nations, and compound the country's ongoing humanitarian crisis.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.]** [nee DFID] [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

### **UK announces £10 million humanitarian aid for civilians in Occupied Palestinian Territories**

16 October 2023 — Press release

£10 million of humanitarian aid announced by the Prime Minister to support civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in response to escalating conflict.

### **UK government continues to facilitate British nationals leaving Israel and Gaza**

14 October 2023 — Press release

The first UK government facilitated flights arrive in the UK and Cyprus.

### **Foreign Secretary visits Israel to underline UK's unwavering solidarity in the face of terror**

11 October 2023 — Press release

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly visited Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and southern Israel to underline UK's unwavering solidarity in the face of terror.

**ECHO** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/echo/news-stories/news_en)

*News*

*News article* 16 October 2023

**European Commission will immediately triple humanitarian assistance for Gaza to over €75 million**

President Ursula von der Leyen spoke to the Secretary General of the UN António Guterres on 14 October, in the context of her on-going contacts with regional leaders.

*News article* 16 October 2023

**EU launches Humanitarian Air Bridge operation to bring aid to Gaza**

Following the horrific terrorist attack by Hamas terrorists against Israel and the aftermath, which has led to a disastrous humanitarian situation for the people of Gaza, the EU continues to step up its emergency assistance to the Palestinian people.

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**African Union** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

**ECOSOCC co-hosts roundtable discussion on the role of the EU APSA IV**

October 12, 2023

In February 2020, the EU APSA IV was signed. The EU committed 40.5 million euros to APSA-IV over a four-year period (2020-2024) to support the AUC, Regional RECs and Regional Mechanisms (RMs) to further strengthen the capacity and coordination of APSA components to adapt to emerging security challenges.

**Retreat on the Promotion of Peace, Security and Stability in Africa**

October 12, 2023

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://asean.org/category/news/>

*Secretariat News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission**

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

*Latest [Selected]*

*Press release* 16 October 2023

**EU launches Humanitarian Air Bridge operation to bring aid to Gaza**

*Press release* 14 October 2023

**European Commission will immediately triple humanitarian assistance for Gaza to over 75 million euros**

*Statement* 11 October 2023

**Statement by President von der Leyen at the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative**

*Statement* 11 October 2023

**Statement by President von der Leyen on the occasion of the minute of silence held by the College in honour of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Israel, in presence of the ambassador of Israel to the EU**

*Press release* 11 October 2023

**New funding, to protect 370 million children from polio every year, puts world on verge of eradicating polio once and for all**

**OECD** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified; website not responding to inquiries on content.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[https://www.oas.org/en/media\\_center/press\\_releases.asp](https://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp)

*Press Release*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**OIC Finalizes Preparations for Emergency Ministerial Meeting on Israeli Aggression on Gaza**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has finalized preparations for an open-ended emergency extraordinary meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the ministerial level to discuss the aggression against the Gaza Strip and the deteriorating humanitarian situation, which poses a threat to the security of civilians and jeopardizes regional stability.

17/10/2023

**President Macky Sall Opens the 12th Session of the COMIAC on the Theme "What Role for Muslim Youth in Promoting Islamic Values of Peace, Solidarity and Tolerance?"**

The 12th session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) was held in Dakar, Senegal, from 16 to 18 October 2023, under the theme "What role for Muslim youth in promoting the Islamic values of peace, solidarity and tolerance?". <br...

17/10/2023

**At the invitation of Saudi Arabia: An urgent Ministerial Meeting of the Executive Committee of the OIC to Discuss the Military Escalation and the Threat to Defenseless Civilians in Gaza is Scheduled for Wednesday in Jeddah**

At the invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which chairs the current session of the Islamic Summit and the Executive Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Organization's Executive Committee is convening an urgent open-ended extraordinary meeting at the ministerial level, to address the escalating military situation in Gaza and its environs as well as the deteriorating conditions that endanger the lives of civilians and the overall security and stability of the region.

14/10/2023

### **OIC Affirms its Absolute Rejection of Calls for the Forced Displacement of the Palestinian People from Gaza and Strongly Condemns the Continued Israeli Military Aggression**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed its absolute rejection and condemnation of Israel, the occupying power's calls for the forced displacement of the Palestinian people, and attempts to transfer the humanitarian crisis exacerbated by the Israeli occupation to neighboring countries. The OIC also strongly condemned the blockade of medical, relief supplies, and basic necessities to the Gaza Strip, considering this as collective punishment which is a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.<br...

13/10/2023

### **OIC: Israeli Military Aggression Against the Palestinians is a War Crime**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) strongly condemns the ongoing Israeli military aggression against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip for the sixth day in a row, killing more than 1,200 martyrs, wounding thousands of civilians, including women and children, and destructing residential buildings, civilian facilities, infrastructure, hospitals, schools, places of worship, and United Nations facilities. Add to this the inhumane water and power outages and continued daily deliberate killings in West Bank cities in conjunction with the repeated attacks on the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque. The OIC considers this brutal aggression against the Palestinian people a blatant international and humanitarian law violation and a war crime.<br...

12/10/2023

**Group of 77** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

*Website not responding at inquiry :: "Temporarily Unavailable"*

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**UNCTAD** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

16 Oct 2023 –

### **World Investment Forum 2023: Global Leaders Urge Action for Sustainable Development**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2023/021

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

*Latest News*

### **The 2023 WCO Technology Conference concludes with important take-aways**

17 October 2023

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*All Regions General Assembly*

### **UNWTO Gears Up to Host World's Top Tourism Authorities at Crucial General Assembly**

10 Oct 2023

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)

*WTO News and Events [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

11/10/2023

**[IPU and UN Human Rights launch toolkit to encourage parliaments to champion human rights](#)**

Wed, 11/10/2023 - 09:00

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the UN Human Rights Office have today launched a [toolkit](#) to help parliaments better integrate human rights into their work.

Parliaments and Human Rights: A self-assessment toolkit provides a practical introduction to assessing how human rights can be better mainstreamed into parliamentary processes and structures. The toolkit is designed to empower parliamentarians as champions of human rights for their constituents...

**International Court of Justice** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 17 Oct 2023]

*Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity*

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

*News*

**[The Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties rejects the criminal proceedings initiated against high officials of the Court](#)**

*Press Release* 12 October 2023

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**World Bank** [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

*All News [Selected]*

**[Ending Poverty is our First Global Goal, and We are Off Track](#)**

We are at a critical juncture today in the fight against poverty. Despite decades of hard-won development progress, a world free of poverty remains out of sight. Ten years ago, the outlook appeared more...

Date: October 17, 2023 Type: Opinion

**[World Bank Announces Historic Collaboration Between Multilateral Development Banks](#)**

MARRAKECH, Oct. 13, 2023—The World Bank is bolstering its collaboration with nine Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to fast-track solutions that can change the lives of people in developing countries...

Date: October 13, 2023 Type: Press Release

### **Statement of the Heads of Multilateral Development Banks Group: Strengthening Our Collaboration for Greater Impact**

The world faces a global “polycrisis” affecting human and economic development at an unprecedented scale. Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been painfully slow. For many countries...

Date: October 13, 2023 Type: Statement

### **Creating Digital Public Infrastructure for Empowerment, Inclusion, and Resilience**

Challenge The ability to easily prove identity, to securely share data, and to make and receive payments is critical for full and meaningful participation in today’s digital economy. The COVID-19...

Date: October 12, 2023 Type: Result Brief

### **World Bank to Strengthen Economic Empowerment for Millions of Girls and Women Across East and Southern Africa**

WASHINGTON, October 10, 2023 — Millions of girls and young women’s across Eastern and Southern Africa will gain greater access to education and economic empowerment opportunities thanks to the newly approved...

Date: October 10, 2023 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://www.imf.org/en/News>

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**African Development Bank** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases>

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

Press Releases

### **Egypt issues Africa’s first Sustainable Panda Bond worth 3.5 billion RMB backed by African Development Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

17-Oct-2023 - With African Development Bank backing, Egypt is tapping Chinese capital markets to drive inclusive growth, including supporting micro and small enterprises.

### **2023 IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings: Multilateral Development Banks pledge stronger financing capacity for greater impact**

13-Oct-2023 - Heads of multilateral development banks (MDBs) attending this year’s IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Morocco have pledged to strengthen their individual and collaborative actions to accelerate inclusive socioeconomic development. To achieve a greater impact, the institutions have agreed to explore innovations to scale up financing capacity, boost climate action, strengthen co-financing and catalyze private sector engagement.

### **Multilateral Development Banks deliver record climate finance of close to \$61 billion for low and middle-income economies in 2022**

12-Oct-2023 - Climate finance by Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) for low-income and middle-income economies reached a new record of \$60.7 billion in 2022, up 46 percent compared to 2019 volumes, a new joint report by the MDBs has found. Of the amount, \$38.0 billion, or 63%, went into climate change mitigation finance, and \$22.7 billion or 37%, supported climate change adaptation. Mobilised private finance stood at \$16.9 billion, the report said.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 17 Oct 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]*

13 Oct 2023

**Statement of the Heads of Multilateral Development Banks Group: Strengthening Our Collaboration for Greater Impact**

This statement was issued on 13 October 2023 on the sidelines of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting in Morocco.

12 Oct 2023

**Multilateral Development Banks Provide Record Climate Finance of Close to \$61 Billion for Low and Middle-Income Economies in 2022**

Climate finance provided by multilateral development banks (MDBs) reached a new record high in 2022, according to a new report by the MDBs.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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*News*

Beijing, Oct. 14, 2023

**Statement of the Heads of Multilateral Development Banks Group: Strengthening Our Collaboration for Greater Impact**

The world faces a global “polycrisis” affecting human and economic development at an unprecedented scale. Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has ...

Beijing, Oct. 12, 2023

**MDBs Provide Record Climate Finance in 2022**

A joint report by multilateral development banks (MDBs) published today finds that MDB climate finance reached a new record high in 2022. The announcement comes as delegates ...

**IDB – Inter-American Development Bank** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

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## [Rural women rising: Investing today for tomorrow's sustainable future](#)

12 OCT

[IFAD launches #Sing4RuralWomen social media challenge on Rural Women's Day](#)

12 OCT

[IFAD strengthens its investments in Morocco with a new €87 million agreement](#)

11 OCT

[IFAD and Burkina Faso sign new financing agreement to build resilience of small-scale farmers to climate change and other shocks](#)

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

[Statement of the Heads of Multilateral Development Banks Group: Strengthening Our Collaboration for Greater Impact](#)

13 October 2023

[IsDB President Underlines Innovation as Best Solution to Tackling Water Scarcity in MENA Region](#)

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:: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) - *Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research*

:: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) - *Selected Updates*

:: [Journal Watch](#) - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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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 17 Oct 2023]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Territoire Palestinien Occupé*

[Action contre la Faim distribue des couvertures et des produits d'hygiène](#)

Publié le 17 octobre 2023

Les équipes d'Action contre la Faim se coordonnent avec les acteurs internationaux et locaux pour répondre à la crise.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*PRESS RELEASES*

**[ALIMA calls for greater funding to address mental health crises in areas of conflict in Africa](#)**

10/09/2023

**Amref Health Africa** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*BS International News*

**[Scripting workshop explores CPP standards](#)**

Blue Shield International and the Netherlands 1 CMI Command hosted the inaugural Scripting Workshop in October with the CIMIC Centre Of Excellence.

17 October 2023

**BRAC** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest*

**[From war zone to war zone: Life in South Sudan](#)**

October 12, 2023

by Luba Khalili

While the world is watching a war unfold in Sudan, a heavy burden of the crisis is being felt in the youngest independent country, South Sudan, where thousands of people are fleeing to, adding to an already overwhelming displaced population.

**Clubhouse International** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News/Events*

**[Registration Is Open: 2023 USA Clubhouse Conference in Salt Lake City on October 26-28!](#)**

JOIN US on October 26-28 for three days of learning, sharing of Clubhouse best practices and networking at the beautiful Hilton Salt Lake City Center. Don't miss this special opportunity to gather with the US Clubhouse community!

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>

*Press Releases*

16 Oct 2023

**[Press release: Three large earthquakes in Afghanistan in one week have left people traumatized](#)**

**ECPAT** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*ECPAT News*

Oct 13, 2023

**[BREAKING: EU Citizens Show Overwhelming Support for Child Safety Online](#)**

Oct 12, 2023

**[Global Leaders Convene to step up the Protection of Children in Travel and Tourism](#)**

Oct 10, 2023

**[Global Authorities and Advocates Unite to Call for Action to Regulate Voluntourism as Part of Child Protection Standards for the Travel and Tourism Industry](#)**

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

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

**[A2K Coalition's analysis of WIPO's copyright agenda](#)**

13 Oct 2023

Members of the Access to Knowledge (A2K) Coalition, representing educators, researchers, libraries and other knowledge users around the globe, (...)

*Copyright and Libraries Programme*

**[Can libraries in Armenia use the Marrakesh Treaty? Yes!](#)**

09 Oct 2023

Although Armenia has not yet implemented the Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities into national copyright law, libraries can (...)

*Copyright and Libraries Programme - Armenia, Kenya, Moldova*

**Fountain House** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**[New York City to Boost Clubhouse Services as Better Mental Health Treatment](#)**

October 17, 2023

*ABC News*

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[www.ge2p2.org](http://www.ge2p2.org)

*News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements*

:: [Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review](#) - Current edition

:: *NEW* [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – October 2023](#)

:: [Genomic Medicine – Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice: A Monthly Digest](#) – Sep 2023

:: *NEW* [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 06 Oct 2023 – Issue 08](#)

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**[INGOs Joint Statement](#)**

Emergency | Laws | International | Palestine | PUBLISHED ON October 14th 2023

Urgent plea to avert unprecedented humanitarian crisis amid looming Israeli land incursion into Gaza.

**Heifer International** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

No new digest content identified.

**HelpAge International** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[Addressing barriers to decent work in Indonesia](#)**

17 October 2023

A research study on businesses and working conditions of older women entrepreneurs in Central Java, Indonesia.

**[Ensuring the full participation of older women in the global gender movement](#)**

13 October 2023

HelpAge International and its network members have submitted a statement to the 68th Session of the United Nations Commissions on the Status of Women (CSW 68) that will take place in March 2024.

**[World Food Day: The silent struggles of older people facing food insecurity](#)**

13 October 2023

As we mark World Food Day on 16 October, we take a look at the challenges facing older people in low- and middle-income countries as they struggle to fulfill one of the most essential of human rights: the right to food.

**[HelpAge statement on Israel and Gaza](#)**

9 October 2023

**ICRC** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New [Selected]*

**[Joint Statement from Jagan Chapagain, Secretary General of the IFRC and Robert Mardini, Director General of the ICRC, on the escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza.](#)**

Nothing can justify the horrific loss of civilian lives in Israel last weekend. Our hearts go out to people who lost family members or are anxiously awaiting news about their missing loved ones, which they should receive without delay.

14-10-2023 | Article

### **Israel and the Occupied Territories: Evacuation order of Gaza triggers catastrophic humanitarian consequences**

Nothing can justify the horrific attacks Israel suffered last weekend. Our hearts go out to people who lost family members or are worried sick about loved ones taken hostage.

13-10-2023 | News release

### **Sudan: Six months into the conflict vast humanitarian needs remain unmet**

A statement from Patrick Youssef, ICRC's regional director for Africa

13-10-2023 | News release

### **Haiti: ICRC to expand humanitarian efforts in response to rising violence**

Extreme levels of armed violence in Haiti are preventing an increasing number of people from accessing essential services like health care.

10-10-2023 | News release

**IFRC** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*Press release 16/10/2023*

### **Humanitarian needs in Sudan grow as funding gap widens, IFRC warns**

*Press release 14/10/2023*

### **Joint Statement from Jagan Chapagain, Secretary General of the IFRC and Robert Mardini, Director General of the ICRC, on the escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza**

*Press release 12/10/2023*

### **Crisis upon crisis: Devastating earthquakes strike Afghanistan as IFRC calls for urgent support**

*Press release 11/10/2023*

### **Five IFRC network members killed. Civilians and healthcare workers must be respected and protected**

*Press release 11/10/2023*

### **One month after Libya floods: Urgent mental health support needed**

### **International Medical Corps (IMC)**

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

*Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts*

*Press Release*

### **International Medical Corps Collaborates with Flexport.org to Expand Scope of Award-winning Supply Chain Management Software**

October 16, 2023

Now directly integrated with Flexport technology, International Medical Corps' Pharmaceutical Information Management System (PIMS) provides additional visibility into the upstream management of the supply chain cycle for Flexport users. International Medical Corps, a global humanitarian relief organization based in Los Angeles, has collaborated with Flexport.org to expand the capacity of its award-winning Pharmaceutical Information Management ...

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Media highlights*

*Press Release*

**Occupied Palestinian Territory: The IRC calls for protection of civilians and upholding of International Humanitarian Law**

October 13, 2023

*Press Release*

**Three major earthquakes strike Afghanistan in one week; IRC scales up emergency response in affected areas**

October 13, 2023

*Press Release*

**Beyond Lampedusa: People Relocated from Italian Hotspots in Dire Need of Safe Places to Stay, Information and Food**

October 12, 2023

*Press Release*

**Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel: The IRC warns of catastrophic humanitarian consequences if violence continues, calls for upholding of International Humanitarian Law**

October 11, 2023

*Press Release*

**The IRC ramps up early action in Kenya and Somalia to respond to El Nino, calls for urgent support**

October 11, 2023

*Press Release*

**The IRC Launches the Catalyzing Resilience in Emergencies Fund for Mental Health Awareness and Improved Access to Care**

October 10, 2023

*Press Release*

**IRC with civil society calls for radical change in humanitarian response in Central Africa**

October 10, 2023

*Press Release*

**New IRC report reveals extreme poverty increased by 80% in least developed conflict-impacted countries, calls for World Bank finance and reforms to serve conflict-affected communities**

October 9, 2023

**IRCT** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*Occupied Palestinian Territory News*

**People fleeing northern Gaza trapped, bombed and struggling for food and water**

October 14, 2023

People fleeing to southern Gaza after the Israeli order to leave the north are facing increasingly desperate conditions in overcrowded shelters without access to food or safe water. Tens of thousands of people have fled south since Israel ordered civilians to leave northern Gaza yesterday. Many fear that fleeing south is still not...

*Occupied Palestinian Territory News*

**Civilians in Gaza must not be forced to move**

October 13, 2023

The Israeli government's order for 1.1 million people to leave northern Gaza is a shocking development that will put more lives at risk and will have devastating humanitarian consequences, Islamic Relief says. People in Gaza must not be forced to relocate and the order should be rescinded. Civilians in Gaza are terrified about...

*Occupied Palestinian Territory News*

**Islamic Relief calls for ceasefire and urgent humanitarian aid as Gaza-Israel crisis grows**

October 12, 2023

Islamic Relief strongly condemns the appalling violence against civilians in Israel and Gaza in recent days, and is calling for an immediate ceasefire. With the humanitarian crisis spiralling out of control, it is vital that aid is allowed to reach all civilians in need. More than 2,600 people have been killed and thousands...

**Landsea** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

October 13, 2023

**Six Months In - Is the World Turning a Blind Eye to Sudan?**

October 15 marks six months of escalating and devastating conflict that has engulfed Sudan in a toxic mix of fighting...

October 11, 2023

**Afghanistan Hit by Second Major Earthquake in Days; Humanitarian Needs Soar**

A second, large earthquake struck Herat, Afghanistan this morning measuring 6.3-magnitude, just days after more than 2...

October 10, 2023

**[Mercy Corps Urges Humanitarian Corridor into Gaza Amid Looming Water Shortage](#)**

Mercy Corps is deeply concerned about the alarming escalation of violence in Israel and Gaza, which has caused hundreds...

October 09, 2023

**[Aid to Afghanistan After Herat Earthquake Must Prioritize Women and Girls](#)**

KABUL - Mercy Corps is deeply concerned at the deadly impacts of the 6.3 magnitude earthquake that struck Herat...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Palestine*

**[MSF calls on the Israeli authorities to show humanity](#)**

Crisis Update 14 Oct 2023

*Palestine*

**[Indiscriminate violence and the collective punishment of Gaza must cease](#)**

Press Release 12 Oct 2023

*Conflict in Sudan*

**[Six months of war and neglect in Sudan is a "catastrophic failure of humanity"](#)**

Press Release 12 Oct 2023

*Palestine*

**[Hospitals are overwhelmed in 'catastrophic situation' in Gaza](#)**

Voices from the Field 10 Oct 2023

*Myanmar*

**[Following Cyclone Mocha, mental health counsellors in Myanmar are more important than ever](#)**

Project Update 10 Oct 2023

*Afghanistan*

**[Three things to know about the situation in Herat following the earthquake](#)**

Interview 10 Oct 2023

*Conflict in Sudan*

**[MSF-supported Al Nao hospital in Omdurman hit by shelling](#)**

Statement 10 Oct 2023

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News*

**[Re-committing to Increased Protection and Solutions for Rohingya Refugees](#)**

16. Oct 2023 - Bangladesh|Myanmar

**[Urgent plea to avert unprecedented humanitarian crisis amid looming Israeli land incursion into Gaza](#)**

13. Oct 2023 - Israel|Palestine

**[Israeli ultimatum to Gaza must be reversed](#)**

13. Oct 2023 - Middle East|Israel|Palestine

**[Israel-Gaza: NRC calls for humanitarian corridors to save lives](#)**

12. Oct 2023 - Middle East|Israel|Palestine

**[Devastating earthquake is another shock for Afghanistan](#)**

11. Oct 2023 - Afghanistan

**OXFAM** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Story*

**[Urgent humanitarian crisis in Gaza](#)**

Oct. 17, 2023

Oxfam is calling for humanitarian access for Palestinians in Gaza, who are suffering from massive displacement and shortages of fuel, electricity, and food.

**Pact** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Stories*

**[Q&A: Dr. Leonid Lecca On The Ongoing Fight Against Tuberculosis In Peru](#)**

Executive director of Socios En Salud reflects on tuberculosis challenges, progress after United Nations meeting

October 13, 2023

**PATH** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

17 October 2023 - *occupied Palestinian territory*

**[Save the Children calls for a ceasefire in Gaza as casualties soar and water runs out](#)**

16 October 2023 - *Afghanistan*

**[Afghanistan: Four earthquakes in a week leave thousands living in the open and in tents](#)**

14 October 2023 - *occupied Palestinian territory*

**[Save the Children staff member in Gaza who is on the move with three children all aged under 10.](#)**

13 October 2023 - *Israel, occupied Palestinian territory*

**[Urgent plea to avert unprecedented humanitarian crisis amid looming Israeli land incursion into Gaza](#)**

12 October 2023 - *Israel, occupied Palestinian territory*

**[STATEMENT - Save the Children CEO calls for the protection of children in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory](#)**

**Tostan** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News & Stories*

**[Webinar: How can partnerships elevate evidence-based approaches for community-led development?](#)**

Oct 13, 2023

On Thursday 5th October, 2023, Tostan hosted a globally reaching webinar in partnership to ask: How can partnerships elevate evidence-based approaches for community-led development?

**Women for Women International** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Article*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release)

*Our Work*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases & Statements*

**Freedom House Condemns Heinous Attack on Israel**

October 9, 2023

**Human Rights Watch** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

October 16, 2023

**Why Israel's Gaza Evacuation Order is So Alarming**

On Friday, the Israeli army ordered more than 1 million people — half the population — to leave northern Gaza within 24 hours, in advance of an imminent military ground operation. Though that initial deadline passed, the order raises serious legal and humanitarian red flags — and fears for the safety of civilians.

:: Questions and Answers: October 2023 Hostilities between Israel and Palestinian Armed Groups

:: Israel: White Phosphorus Used in Gaza, Lebanon

*Asia*

October 17, 2023 News Release

**Myanmar: Airstrike on Village an Apparent War Crime**

*Middle East/North Africa*

October 10, 2023 Dispatches

**Hamas-Led Attack in Southern Israel Kills Hundreds**

Sari Bashi

Program Director

*Africa*

October 13, 2023 News Release

**Cameroon: Video Shows Killing by Armed Separatists**

**Transparency International** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press*

**Transparency International expresses concerns over the release of Kazakhstan's "foreign agents" list**

Transparency International is deeply concerned about the recent publication of a list by the Kazakh Ministry of Finance, which discloses civil society organisations (CSOs) receiving international...

10 October 2023

**IMF-World Bank meetings in Marrakesh: Increase attention to illicit financial flows undermining sustainable development in Africa**

As the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank prepare to galvanise multilateral action to address pressing global problems, Transparency International is calling for more ambition in...

09 October 2023

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Insight*

*Media Releases*

**[The Elders mourn the loss of President Martti Ahtisaari](#)**

16 October 2023

The Elders are deeply saddened at the passing of their dear friend and colleague Martti Ahtisaari, who was a hugely admired and respected member of the group since its early days.

*Guest Blogs*

**[The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change: a legal campaign for climate justice](#)**

16 October 2023

The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change: a legal campaign for climate justice

*Media Releases*

**[Ban Ki-moon urges compliance with the laws of war in Gaza](#)**

Ban Ki-moon Mary Robinson

13 Oct 2023

The Elders' Deputy Chair, Ban Ki-moon, follows Mary Robinson in addressing the crisis in Israel and Palestine.

*Media Releases*

**[The Elders unequivocally condemn the terrorist attacks launched by Hamas against Israel](#)**

Mary Robinson

09 Oct 2023

The Elders unequivocally condemn the terrorist attacks launched by Hamas against Israel

**Evidence Aid** [to 17 Oct 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]*

**[Health-related rehabilitation after the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake](#)**

Added October 12, 2023

**[Resilience of health systems to infectious disease outbreaks and natural hazards](#)**

Added October 12, 2023

### **Brief psychological interventions to reduce distress**

Added October 11, 2023

### **Healthcare Policies for Stateless Populations in ASEAN Countries**

Added October 10, 2023

### **Green infrastructure for stormwater and flood management**

Added October 9, 2023

#### **Gavi** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified*

#### **Global Fund** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified*

#### **ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest Resources/Upcoming Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **InterAction** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Updates*

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

#### **InterAction's Statement on Escalating Violence in Israel and Gaza**

October 12, 2023

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#### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New/Events*

*Website not responding at inquiry.*

#### **CHS Alliance** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Development Initiatives** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<http://devinit.org/>

*News*

*Briefing* 10 October 2023

**[An uncertain road: Examining the World Bank's climate change poverty projections](#)**

DI explores World Bank climate change poverty forecasts, discusses the uncertainty around climate change's potential impact on extreme poverty and highlights the need for timely, high-quality data.

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**Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action**

(ALNAP) [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News, Events*

*Event* 26 Oct

**[Shaping new guidance for the evaluation of humanitarian action together | Asia Pacific consultation](#)**

Thursday 26 October 2023

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

17.10.2023

**[5 Things We Learned from Evaluating the Impact of Research](#)**

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News*

**[Celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies](#)**

We are looking forward to the gathering of our cherished community, built over the last 25 years. It is with great excitement that we extend an invitation to celebrate the anniversary of the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies and take stock of the history, evolution, and future of humanitarian studies through a series of keynote speeches and panel discussions.

Date and venue: the 28th of November at 6:30 pm, at Uni-Dufour, hall U600.

**Groupe URD** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*Organisational support*

**[Co-Creating Knowledge: Groupe URD Strategy and Experiences, September 2022](#)**

13/10/2022

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection*

*No new digest content identified.*

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://inee.org/>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**Indigenous communities in Argentina participate in disaster risk management**

17 October 2023 | Sphere

By Fundación delALTO, Sphere's new focal point in Argentina (originally in Spanish) Through active participation, indigenous communities of the Argentine Gran Chaco are exercising their rights and contributing their ancestral...

**Sphere calls for an end to attacks on civilians and those assisting them**

12 October 2023 | Sphere

Sphere is shocked at the horrific attacks in the last week on civilian populations in Ukraine and the Middle East, including children and vulnerable adults, in Hroza - Kharkiv Province, Israel and Gaza. Sphere condemns the...

**Start Network** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Research*

**Unlocking new federal infrastructure funding to drive green workforce development**

### *Infrastructure*

Joseph W. Kane, Adie Tomer, Anna Singer

October 12, 2023

### **The Fed staff forecast vs. the median FOMC forecast: Not much difference**

#### *Federal Reserve*

David Wessel, Elijah Asdourian

October 12, 2023

### **Declining school enrollment since the pandemic**

#### *K-12 Education*

Eloise Burtis, Sofoklis Goulas

October 12, 2023

### **Governing the ascendancy of automated valuation models**

#### *Housing*

Alex Engler, Sylvia Brown

October 12, 2023

### **Post-pandemic poverty is rising in America's suburbs**

#### *Cities & Communities*

Elizabeth Kneebone, Alan Berube

October 11, 2023

### **Educational opportunity and access to pediatric care are more intertwined than you might think**

#### *Early Childhood Education*

Jessica Drescher

October 10, 2023

### **Moms for Liberty: Where are they, and are they winning?**

#### *Education*

Sana Sinha, Nicolas Zerbino, Jon Valant, Rachel M. Perera

October 10, 2023

### **Center for Global Development** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*All Research [Selected]*

*CGD NOTES*

### **The Triple Agenda: A Roadmap for Better, Bolder and Bigger MDBs**

G20 Independent Experts Group

October 13, 2023

#### *WORKING PAPERS*

### **Increasing Disclosure of School-Related Gender-Based Violence: Lessons from a Systematic Review of Data Collection Methods and Existing Survey Research**

Clare Tanton et al.

October 13, 2023

School-related gender-based violence (SRGBV) includes sexual, physical, or psychological violence occurring in and around schools often perpetrated by teachers or peers. This systematic review focuses

on studies from high-, middle-, and low-income countries comparing how data collection methodologies...

*POLICY PAPERS*

**MIGA: The Little Engine That Should**

Karen Mathiasen and Rakan Aboneaaj

October 12, 2023

The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), which offers investors and bankers political risk insurance and guarantees against non-payment by governments and state-owned enterprises, should feature heavily in the private sector reform agenda. We offer recommendations that would enable MIGA ...

*WORKING PAPERS*

**Country Transition Projections up to 2040: Gavi, the Global Fund, and the World Bank's IDA**

Adrian Gheorghe and Peter Baker

October 11, 2023

Many countries are facing a much harsher budgetary prospect than a few years ago. For low- and middle-income countries in particular, domestic health expenditure is expected to plateau or contract (in real terms) for many until 2027, development assistance for health has already plateaued, and a deb...

**Chatham House** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**Independent Thinking: Will the war between Israel and Hamas escalate?**

Episode 43 of our weekly podcast discusses the attacks by Hamas on Israel and the Israeli military response now underway in Gaza.

Audio

13 October 2023

*Expert comment*

**MENA countries should lead the way de-escalating the Israel–Hamas war**

Regional players have spent the last five years finding pragmatic solutions to end conflict and forge connections. Now they must address the issue they have sought to avoid.

11 October 2023

**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*New Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CSIS** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**Seizing the Initiative in Ukraine: Waging War in a Defense Dominant World**

Ukraine retains the initiative in the war but advanced an average of only 90 meters per day, based on new CSIS analysis of the summer offensive and a comparative review of cases since World War I.

Brief by Seth G. Jones , Riley McCabe , and Alexander Palmer — October 12, 2023

### **The Role of Industrial Clusters in Reshoring Semiconductor Manufacturing**

The CHIPS and Science Act initiated a drive to revitalize U.S. manufacturing and innovation. This white paper models how industrial clusters can boost the U.S. semiconductor industry, a key driver of economic success, with global and domestic examples.

Report by Sujai Shivakumar , Charles Wessner , and Thomas Howell — October 10, 2023

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI [Overseas Development Institute]** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Publications [Selected]*

### **Germany's rise as a humanitarian donor: the interplay of narratives, new foreign policy ambition and domestic interests**

11 October 2023

Case/country studies

### **Building resilience in African countries: six emerging debates in the context of the Russia–Ukraine War**

10 October 2023

Emerging analysis

### **The Russia–Ukraine war: selected economic impacts on African women**

10 October 2023

Working papers

**Pew Research Center** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Publications [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rand** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Report*

### **Assessing and Suing an Algorithm: Perceptions of Algorithmic Decisionmaking**

As use of artificial intelligence algorithms in decisionmaking spreads, public perceptions will have many implications — including for jury judgments and support for regulation. This report describes a survey experiment that explored such perceptions.

Oct 12, 2023

Elina Treyger, Jirka Taylor, Daniel Kim, Maynard A. Holliday

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 17 Oct 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*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

**New Research Publications - Selected**

*Brief*

**Using Race and Ethnicity Data to Advance Health Equity**

October 13, 2023

**The Wistar Institute** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Media*

**World Economic Forum Statement on Israel and Gaza**

Geneva, Switzerland, 13 October 2023 - The World Economic Forum today issued the following statement:

"The World Economic Forum deeply mourns the tragic loss of life of so many civilians in Israel and Gaza.

To those who have lost loved ones, to colleagues and partners from the region, and those worried about family and friends, you are in our thoughts. We hope that peace and stability prevail."

**World Economic Forum Launches Global Initiative to Invest in Urban Innovation Ecosystems**

News 11 Oct 2023

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**ISC / International Science Council** [to 17 Oct 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.*

Blogs

On this International Day, we take a closer look at the link between inequality, disaster resilience, and the urgent need for equitable solutions. Join our discussion with H  l  ne Jacot des Combes, the new Project Manager at the International Science Council, as we discuss the complex dynamics at play between inequality and disasters.

## Blogs

Water sustainability, electricity, and resource savings, along with improved urban management – through its commitment to fostering transdisciplinary research on sustainability issues, the LIRA 2030 program has cultivated a community of researchers dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in urban Africa. These impacts extend far beyond the project's lifespan.

## Blogs

As the new call for nominations for the ISC Fellowship closes, the International Science Council holds a discussion with Dr. Eliane Ubalijoro, CEO for the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) and ISC Fellow since 2022. Her work focuses on the interaction between planetary biodiversity and human health.

News Press releases

The new Advisory Council for the Regional Focal Point for Asia and the Pacific is ready to engage with Members and the community after a successful Global Knowledge Dialogue in Kuala Lumpur on 6 October.

Blogs

The 2023 SDG Summit was a hopeful and essential response to the significant delays in achieving the SDGs. The International Science Council (ISC) stood as one of the drivers in the call for transformative action by mobilizing experts from the scientific community and advocating for a change in how we currently do and fund science for sustainability.

**National Academy of Engineering** - USA [to 17 Oct 2023]

## Latest News & Press Releases

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 17 Oct 2023]

*News [Selected]*

## **National Academy of Medicine Elects 100 New Members**

October 9, 2023

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) today announced the election of 90 regular members and 10 international members during its annual meeting. Election to the Academy is considered one of [...]

## **National Academy of Sciences - USA** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom?>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news\\_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom\\_content\\_type%3Anews](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 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases*

### **Study reveals how young children's immune systems tame SARS-CoV-2**

October 13, 2023 — NIH-supported research finds key differences between children & adults with COVID-19.

### **NIH researchers work to preserve fertility for people undergoing gene therapy**

October 12, 2023 — Novel conditioning agent shows promise in animal models of sickle cell disease.

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## **CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Hastings Center** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **INSERM** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **ICH** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]*

### **Public Consultation: ICH E6(R3) Principles, Annex 1 and Annex 2**

The E6(R3) EWG is working on the revision of the E6(R2) Guideline "Good Clinical Practice" (GCP) with a view to addressing the application of GCP principles to the increasingly diverse trial types and data sources being employed to support regulatory and healthcare related decision-making on drugs, and provide flexibility whenever appropriate to facilitate the use of technological innovations in clinical trials. Additional information may also be found in ICH Reflection Paper on "GCP Renovation" on the [ICH Reflection Paper page](#). When complete, E6(R3) will be composed of an overarching principles and objectives document, Annex 1 and Annex 2.

E6(R3) Draft Guideline

*Status: Step 3*

*Remaining public consultation dates:*

Health Canada, Canada - Deadline for comments by 20 October 2023

### **Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

12 Oct 2023

### **New paper proposes ethical principles to guide future policy decisions on tackling the health impacts of climate change**

### **World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

### **World Physicians Stress The Need of Ethical Use of Medical Technology**

11th October 2023

The World Medical Association is taking a leading role in addressing the ethical implications brought by the rapid advancements in medical technology. Today, WMA announces a revised version of its Declaration on Medical Ethics and Advanced Medical Technology, a landmark initiative underscoring the organization's dedication to ensuring that medical technology serves humanity with the highest ethical standards.

"In light of the ever-evolving medical technology landscape, our ethical guidelines must evolve in tandem. We must ensure the well-being of patients remains at the center of our actions, and the integrity of the medical profession remains reliable. Our unwavering commitment to principles such as human dignity, patient autonomy, confidentiality, privacy, and fairness must serve as our guiding principles in the development and application of medical technology." said Dr. Jung Yul Park, Chair of the World Medical Association.

The Declaration further underscores the importance of upholding professional and clinical independence among physicians, necessitating ongoing professional development to ensure proficiency in the use of medical technology, active involvement in research and development, and maintaining their role as experts in shared decision-making processes.

The WMA urges the medical community to maintain stringent standards when developing and implementing innovative practices and technologies. This entails the conscientious and responsible utilization of medical technology.

### **Declaration on Medical Ethics and Advanced Medical Technology**

*Adopted by the 53rd WMA General Assembly, Washington, DC, USA, October 2002, and revised by the 63rd WMA General Assembly, Bangkok, Thailand, October 2012 and by the 74th WMA General Assembly, Kigali, Rwanda, October 2023*

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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 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*Featured*

[What makes us human? Detailed cellular maps of the entire human brain reveal clues](#)

10.12.2023

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases and Statements*

*Press release Oct 11, 2023*

[New Funding, to Protect 370 Million Children from Polio Every Year, Puts World on Verge of Eradicating Polio Once and for All](#)

*Press release Oct 10, 2023*

[Gates Foundation Celebrates 20 Years of "Grand Challenges" With New Investments and a Call to Make R&D Breakthroughs Available More Quickly and Equitably](#)

*Press release Oct 09, 2023*

[Gates Foundation to Accelerate mRNA Vaccine Innovation and Manufacturing in Africa and Globally](#)

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 17 Oct 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 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 17 Oct 2023]

[www.co-impact.io](http://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 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Press*

*News 10 Oct. 2023*

**Ford Foundation launches first Global South network to strengthen the digital resilience of civil society**

With \$15 million in seed funding, the Global Network for Social Justice and Digital Resilience supports 10 Global South-led organizations that provide technical support to civil society in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*October 12, 2023*

**Global Health Innovative Technology Fund and Institut Pasteur de Dakar Announce New Partnership to Advance Research and Development for New Diagnostics and Vaccines in LMICs**

... Building on their respective expertise and resources, GHIT Fund and IPD will collaborate to foster the development of cutting-edge solutions to combat infectious diseases in Africa and beyond. Through this new partnership, the two institutions will accelerate product development for neglected diseases in LMICs in the areas of therapeutics, vaccine and diagnostic research and development and strengthen

collaboration to support low-cost vaccine and diagnostics manufacturing in LMICs through technology transfer and know-how sharing from/with Japanese pharmaceutical companies and academia. This will not only improve access to essential health technologies, but also contribute to the development of a sustainable local health infrastructure...

**Grameen Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 14 Oct 2023]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Media*

*Education*

**[Hope Starts Here marks progress in Detroit](#)**

By Faye Alexander Nelson and Wendy Lewis Jackson

October 16, 2023

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

<https://www.mellon.org/press>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Recent News*

**[Perspective: Fire can be a nature-based solution](#)**

October 12, 2023

Previously unimaginable wildfires, now painfully believable, and more often experienced, are why the Moore Foundation launched its new Wildfire Resilience Initiative...

**Open Society Foundations** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Newsroom*

*Fact sheet* October 12, 2023

**[The Open Society Foundations and George Soros](#)**

The Open Society Foundations were founded by George Soros, one of the world's foremost philanthropists, who since 1984 has given away \$32 billion of a personal fortune made in the financial markets.

*Press release* October 11, 2023

**[Message from the Open Society Foundations](#)**

Open Society will continue to work in all the areas where we already operate, and uphold its commitments to justice, equity, and human rights.

*Fact sheet* October 9, 2023

**[Open Society Barometer Poll: Debt and Development](#)**

A selection of key data on development, debt, and climate issues from Open Society's 2023 polling of 36,000 people in 30 countries around the world.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**[The David and Lucile Packard Foundation Announces the 2023 Class of Packard Fellows for Science and Engineering](#)**

October 16, 2023

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation announced today the 2023 class of Packard Fellows for Science and Engineering. The 35th Anniversary class features 20 innovative early-career scientists and engineers, who will each receive \$875,000 over five years to pursue their research...

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Reports/Press Releases*

*Press Releases*

**[Innovative Insurance Program Bolsters Climate Resilience for Himalayan Communities](#)**

10.09.23

The Rockefeller Foundation and Nepal Economic Forum collaborate to drive thought leadership and product innovation for climate insurance in Asia to mitigate the financial disruption that is brought by climate change

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 17 Oct 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..."*

October 12, 2023

**[Alliance President Congratulates Nobel Prize Winners](#)**

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*News. Opinion, Reports*

*News*

**[Wellcome appoints Dr John-Arne Røttingen as Chief Executive Officer](#)**

11 October 2023

John-Arne, a medical scientist, public health official, diplomat and research administrator, will take up the post in January 2024. Currently Ambassador for Global Health at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in his native Norway, he succeeds Sir Jeremy Farrar as head of Wellcome.

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases/News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 17 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

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:: [Journal Watch](#) - Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals

## :: **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 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 25, Number 10: E719-790

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/geriatric-psychiatry>

### ***Geriatric Psychiatry***

Twenty percent of the US population is expected to be 65 years of age or older by 2030. Ageism's pervasiveness in US culture means it is also pervasive in health care and a cause of inequity that

profoundly undermines older adults' quality of life. Independence and autonomy losses tend to accompany aging for all of us. Older adults are vulnerable to exploitation and are exposed to late-life stressors that affect their mental health, accompany compromise or loss of independence and autonomy, and tend to track declines in general health and cognitive function. This theme issue investigates reasons why diminishing numbers of geriatric mental health clinicians should draw clinical, ethical, and legal attention to whether and how well US health care and its workforce is prepared to deliver the volume and quality of care older adults deserve.

### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Oct 05, 2023 Volume 110 Issue 10 p1607-1826

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

October 2023 Volume 51 Issue 10 p1083-1200

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

*Major Articles*

#### **Coverage and methods of surveillance of healthcare-associated infections in Middle Eastern and North African countries**

Aiman El-Saed, et al.

Published online: March 15, 2023

p1151-1156

*State of the Science Review*

#### **The use of smart environments and robots for infection prevention control: A systematic literature review**

Davide Piaggio, et al.

Published online: March 14, 2023

p1175-1181

Open Access

### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

October 2023 Volume 65 Issue 4 p551-762

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

November 2023 113(11)

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 109 (2023): Issue 3 (Sep 2023)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/109/2/tpmd.109.issue-3.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Annals of Internal Medicine**

September 2023 Volume 176, Issue 9

<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Issue 394 - August 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Anti-Trafficking Review**

No. 20 (2023)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/31>

*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 – Home and Homelessness**

This special issue of Anti-Trafficking Review examines the links between housing, homelessness, migration, and exploitation. With contributions from New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, the United States, and Ecuador, it critiques immigration, criminal justice, and social welfare systems that are failing migrants, survivors of trafficking, and other marginalised groups. It demonstrates how these systems create conditions for exploitation and uplifts the voices of people struggling to find not just a roof over their head but a home.

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 323 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/323/suppl/C>

### **Learning reward machines: A study in partially observable reinforcement learning**

Rodrigo Toro Icarte, Toryn Q. Klassen, Richard Valenzano, Margarita P. Castro, ... Sheila A. McIlraith  
Article 103989

#### *Abstract*

Reinforcement Learning (RL) is a machine learning paradigm wherein an artificial agent interacts with an environment with the purpose of learning behaviour that maximizes the expected cumulative reward it receives from the environment. Reward machines (RMs) provide a structured, automata-based representation of a reward function that enables an RL agent to decompose an RL problem into structured subproblems that can be efficiently learned via off-policy learning. Here we show that RMs can be learned from experience, instead of being specified by the user, and that the resulting problem decomposition can be used to effectively solve partially observable RL problems. We pose the task of learning RMs as a discrete optimization problem where the objective is to find an RM that decomposes the problem into a set of subproblems such that the combination of their optimal memoryless policies is an optimal policy for the original problem. We show the effectiveness of this approach on three partially observable domains, where it significantly outperforms A3C, PPO, and ACER, and discuss its advantages, limitations, and broader potential.<sup>1</sup>

## **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>  
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### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)  
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### **BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)  
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### **BMC Medicine**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)

#### **[The one-dose schedule opens the door to rapid scale-up of HPV vaccination](#)**

Authors: Zhuoru Zou and Lei Zhang

Citation: BMC Medicine 2023 21:387

Content type: Commentary Published on: 9 October 2023

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)  
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### **BMC Public Health**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Research Notes**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>  
(Accessed 14 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

October 2023 - Volume 28 - 5  
<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/28/5>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **BMJ Global Health**

October 2023 - Volume 8 - 10  
<https://gh.bmj.com/content/8/10>  
*Analysis*

**Implementing Joint External Evaluations of the International Health Regulations (2005) capacities in all countries in the WHO African region: process challenges, lessons learnt and perspectives for the future** (6 October, 2023)

Ibrahima-Soce Fall, Roland Kimbi Wango, Ali Ahmed Yahaya, Mary Stephen, Allan Mpairwe, Miriam Nanyunja, Belinda Louise Herring, Anderson Latt, Janneth Mghamba, Viviane Fossouo Ndoungue, Daniel Yota, Christian Massidi, Amadou Bailo Diallo, Sally-Ann Ohene, Charles Njuguna, Antonio Oke, Georges Alfred Kizerbo, Dick Chamla, Zabulon Yoti, Ambrose Talisuna

*Original research*

**Immunogenicity, safety, usability and acceptability of microarray patches for vaccination: a systematic review and meta-analysis** (12 October, 2023)

Matthew N Berger, Ellen S Mowbray, Marian W A Farag, Erin Mathieu, Cristyn Davies, Claire Thomas, Robert Booy, Angus H Forster, S Rachel Skinner

**Performance of predictive algorithms in estimating the risk of being a zero-dose child in India, Mali and Nigeria** (11 October, 2023)

Arpita Biswas, John Tucker, Sebastian Bauhoff

**Trends in public health emergencies in the WHO African Region: an analysis of the past two decades public health events from 2001 to 2022** (9 October, 2023)

Etien Luc Koua, Jobert Richie Nansseu Njingang, Jean Paul Kimenyi, George Sie Williams, Joseph Okeibunor, Sakuya Oka, Abdou Salam Gueye

**A critical analysis of COVAX alliance and corresponding global health governance and policy issues: a scoping review** (4 October, 2023)

Anjali Pushkaran, Vijay Kumar Chattu, Prakash Narayanan

## **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

September 2023  
<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2023-09/>  
*Contents*  
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## **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 101(9); 2023 Sep 1  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/444008/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 49, Issue 6 Pages: 941-1111 November 2023  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 143 September 2023  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/143/suppl/C>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 114, Issue 4 Pages: 723-932 October 2023  
<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>  
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### **Clinical Therapeutics**

September 2023 Volume 45 Issue 9 p807-924  
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 20 Issue 5, October 2023  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/20/5>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>  
[Accessed 14 Oct 2023]  
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### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 132 September 2023  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/132/suppl/C>  
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### **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 6, Issue 5 / October 2023  
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/5>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 10, issue 3, September 2022  
<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/10-3>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Medical Research and Opinion**

Volume 39, Issue 9 2023

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258>

[Accessed 14 Oct 2023]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 23, Issue 3 Pages: 197-292 September 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 33, Issue 7, 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 41, Issue 5 September 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 3 Pages: 543-846 July 2023

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2023/47/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 24 Issue 10 9 October 2023

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

*Editorial* 21 September 2023 Free Access

[Constructive correction](#)

Bernd Pulverer

A fundamental tenet of the scientific process is that science is self-correcting. Efficient correction of the scientific literature requires a more nuanced set of policies and tools that lower the bar to author self-correction. The community has to embrace correction as a signal of scholarly quality.

*Science & Society* 19 September 2023

**Striking the right balance between youth and experience: An ageing scientific workforce could have unanticipated implications for innovation, creativity, and productivity**

Philip Hunter

Should more research funding be directed towards scientists' peak years of creativity and productivity?

**Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 29, Number 10—October 2023

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemics**

Volume 44 September 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/44/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 151 - 2023

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

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**Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 45, Issue 5 Pages: 1-47 September–October 2023

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

***Adaptive clinical trials :: Deprioritizing ongoing clinical trials***

[Reviewed earlier]

**Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 37 - Issue 2 - Summer 2023

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 30 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/30/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2023

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/33/5>

*Vaccination*

**Association between Covid-19 sources of information, beliefs, and vaccination rates: an EU-wide survey**

Ernesto De la Cruz-Sánchez and others

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2023, Pages 897–904,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckad115>

**Countering vaccine hesitancy: a systematic review of interventions to strengthen healthcare professionals' action**

Giuseppina Lo Moro and others

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2023, Pages 905–915,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckad134>

**Food Policy**

Volume 118 July 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/118/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Food Security**

Volume 15, issue 4, August 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/15-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

September 2023

<https://www.fmreview.org/ukraine>

***Ukraine: Insights and implications***

The war on Ukraine has caused forced displacement on a scale and at a speed not witnessed in Europe since World War II. This issue seeks to address questions that have arisen out of the crisis, reflecting on the lessons learned from the immediate response and the implications for the international refugee and asylum system.

This issue is available in English, Ukrainian and Russian. We encourage you to share it with your networks.

**Foreign Affairs**

September/October 2023 Volume 102, Number 5

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/102/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 50, 2023 - Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Genetics in Medicines**

Volume 25, Issue 10 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/25/issue/10>

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## **Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 14 Oct 2023]

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## **Geoheritage**

Volume 15, issue 2, June 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/15-2>

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## **Global Health Action**

Volume 16, Issue 1 (2023)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 11, No. 4 August 28, 2023

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Global Legal Monitor – Library of Congress/USA**

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>

[Accessed 14 Oct 2023]

*Article*

### **[European Union: Istanbul Convention Enters into Force](#)**

On October 1, 2023, the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) entered into force for the European Union (EU). The instrument of accession had been deposited with the secretary general of the Council of Europe on June 28, 2023. The Istanbul Convention is the first ... Continue reading "European Union: Istanbul Convention Enters into..."

Contributor: Gesley, Jenny

Date: 2023-10-10

## **Global Public Health**

Volume 18, Issue 1 (2023)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 14 Oct 2023]

### **Global priority for the care of orphans and other vulnerable children: transcending problem definition challenges**

Authors: Yusra Ribhi Shawar and Jeremy Shiffman

Content type: Research 10 October 2023

Tens of millions of children lack adequate care, many having been separated from or lost one or both parents. Despite the problem's severity and its impact on a child's lifelong health and wellbeing, the care of vulnerable children—which includes strengthening the care of children within families, preventing unnecessary family separation, and ensuring quality care alternatives when reunification with the biological parents is not possible or appropriate—is a low global priority. This analysis investigates factors shaping the inadequate global prioritization of the care of vulnerable children. Specifically, the analysis focuses on factors internal to the global policy community addressing children's care, including how they understand, govern, and communicate the problem.

## Health and Human Rights

Volume 25, Issue 1, June 2023,

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/special-section-global-voices-for-global-equity-expanding-right-to-health-frameworks/>

### ***Special Section: Global Voices for Global Justice: Expanding Right to Health Frameworks***

...The papers in this special section work together to move toward a global social medicine for the 22nd century. They envision a global social medicine that confronts and moves beyond the traditionally colonial, xenophobic, heteronormative, patriarchal, gender-binary-bound, capitalist, and racist histories of the fields of global health and human rights. They seek to instantiate a global social medicine that centers knowledge and experiences from the Global South and works toward social justice and health equity at scale. In this special section, the authors are particularly interested in understanding, challenging, and expanding our perspectives and enactments of the right to health. Unlike neoliberal perspectives on health that often limit their explanatory capacity to how individuals behave in the world, the papers here move beyond the focus on lifestyles and on the phantasmagoria of a sovereign subject with supposedly free agency. Instead, authors work toward critical consciousness that accounts for structural processes—with their inequities and disruptions, as well as their effects on individuals—and how this consciousness can open new horizons for collective transformation and social emancipation in health...

## Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 18 - Special Issue 4 - October 2023

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

### ***SPECIAL ISSUE: On the roof top of health policy change***

Article

### **Promoting the systematic use of real-world data and real-world evidence for digital health technologies across Europe: a consensus framework**

Divya Srivastava, Cornelia Henschke, Lotta Virtanen, Eno-Martin Lotman, Rocco Friebe, Vittoria Ardito, Francesco Petracca

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 14 September 2023, pp. 395-410

## Health Policy and Planning

Volume 38, Issue 8, October 2023

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/38/8>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Research Policy and Systems**

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>  
[Accessed 14 Oct 2023]

#### **[An evidence-informed policymaking \(EIPM\) competency profile for the Brazilian Health System developed through consensus: process and outcomes](#)**

*Evidence-informed policymaking (EIPM) requires a set of individual and organizational knowledge, skills and attitudes that should be articulated with background factors and needs. In this regard, the developme...*

Authors: Jorge Otávio Maia Barreto, Davi Mamblona Marques Romão, Cecilia Setti, Maria Lúcia Teixeira Machado, Rachel Riera, Romeu Gomes, Daienne Amaral Machado, João Abreu, Keitty Regina Cordeiro de Andrade, Laura dos Santos Boeira, Letícia Pozza, Nathan Mendes Souza, Patrícia Logullo, Roberta Borges Silva, Sandra Maria do Valle Leone de Oliveira, Sara Emanuela de Carvalho Mota...

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Content type: Research Published on: 12 October 2023

### **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 34, Issue 17-18 / September 2023  
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/34/17-18>  
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### **Human Rights Quarterly**

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**[Mutual aid in Sudan: the future of aid?](#)**  
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### **Implementation Research and Practice**

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### **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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**Acceptance of human papillomavirus vaccination and parents' willingness to vaccinate their adolescents in Ethiopia: a systematic review and meta-analysis**

*Despite the global vaccination campaign to prevent HPV-related morbidity, HPV vaccination uptake remains unacceptably low in the developing world, like Ethiopia. For strong interventional measures, compiled da...*

Authors: Awoke Derbie, Daniel Mekonnen, Eyaya Misgan, Melanie Maier, Yimtubezinash Woldeamanuel and Tamrat Abebe

Citation: Infectious Agents and Cancer 2023 18:59

Content type: Review Published on: 11 October 2023

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Volume 96 1 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/96/suppl/C>

*Research article Abstract only*

**A novel framework to assess multidimensional disaster resilience of children: From conceptualization to quantification**

Irfan Ahmad Rana, Ihtisham Ul Haq Khan Niazi, Zainab Khalid, Adnan Nawaz, Fawad Ahmed Najam

Article 103914

*Research article Open access*

**End user perspectives on design and conduct of health-related disaster research**

Duncan Sinclair, Alyce Heap, Kimberley Norris, Rebecca Carey, ... Emma Lea

Article 103919

*Research article Open access*

**Where does scientific uncertainty come from, and from whom? Mapping perspectives of natural hazards science advice**

Emma E.H. Doyle, Jessica Thompson, Stephen Hill, Matt Williams, ... Julia Becker

Article 103948

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Volume 52, Issue 4, August 2023

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**International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 29, 2023 Issue 11

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**International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 16 Issue 3 2023

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Volume 57 Issue 3, September 2023

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**International Review of the Red Cross**

No. 923 June 2023

<https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-923-organized-crime>

***Organized Crime* [31 articles]**

Organized criminal actors generate trillions of dollars in earnings every year – while deeply undermining peace and security. Organized crime generates and contributes to armed violence all around the world, in the context of both armed conflict and other situations of violence. The human and humanitarian costs are astronomical: countless lives lost and disappeared, not to mention lost livelihoods, restricted access to essential services, and corrosion of institutions. This edition of the Review examines the intersections among organized crime, armed conflict and other situations of violence, looking at the vexing legal, ethical and operational questions this nexus raises.

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

January-June 2023 Volume 21 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-85

<https://journals.lww.com/invn/pages/default.aspx>

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## **JAMA**

October 10, 2023, Vol 330, No. 14, Pages 1309-1398

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

*AI in Medicine*

### **[Google Health's Chief Clinical Officer Talks About Incorporating AI in Health Care](#)**

Rebecca Voelker, MSJ

free access has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2023;330(14):1315-1317. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.19137

This Medical News article is an interview with Michael Howell, MD, MPH, about applications of large language models in medicine.

## **JAMA Health Forum**

October 2023, Vol 4, No. 10

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October 2023, Vol 177, No. 10, Pages 989-1112

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## **JBIM Evidence Synthesis**

September 2023 - Volume 21 - Issue 9

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## **Journal of Adolescent Health**

October 2023 Volume 73 Issue 4 p611-796

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

*Editorials*

### **[Privacy, Parental Consent, and Relational Autonomy](#)**

Rosemary Claire Roden, Sheryl Ryan

Published in issue: October 2023

p616-617

... The clinical practice of adolescent medicine hinges on balancing adolescent confidentiality and autonomy with the need to support an adolescent's relational autonomy, which occurs within the family context and the social structures in which they reside [\[\[7\]\[11\]\]](#). Even as we strive to ensure the agency of every adolescent and young adult as their own primary decision-maker, we also know that adolescent autonomy exists within a broader social context. The families that do not allow confidential care may be those where we worry about the autonomy and safety of the patient, even as we also

need to acknowledge the reliance of teens on their families and communities to help them make decisions [[11]]. The finding that the overwhelming majority of parents in a conservative state that has passed laws that do not support adolescents as autonomous health-care decision-makers [[1],[10]] provides a bright spot in the otherwise bleak landscape of legislation surrounding adolescent health care. State legislatures and governing bodies may be seeking to curtail an adolescent's right to privacy, but this does not mean that parents agree with these laws or judicial decisions....

### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

Vol. 77 (2023)

<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 48, issue 5, October 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/volumes-and-issues/48-5>

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### **Journal of Current Medical Research and Opinion**

*...a peer-reviewed, international journal for the rapid publication of original research on new and existing drugs and therapies, and post-marketing investigations. Equivalence, safety and efficacy/effectiveness studies are especially encouraged.*

June 18, 2023 Vol 6, No 06 (2023)

<https://www.cmro.in/index.php/jcmro/issue/view/68>

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 62 Pages 1-500 (July–August 2023)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/62/suppl/C>

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

Volume 13 Issue 3

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/13/iss/3>

***Special Issue: Towards practice-led research agendas for World Heritage properties***

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### **Journal of Development Economics**

Volume 165 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/165/suppl/C>

*Research article Open access*

**[On track or not? Projecting the global Multidimensional Poverty Index](#)**

Sabina Alkire, Ricardo Nogales, Natalie Nairi Quinn, Nicolai Suppa

Article 103150

**Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**  
Volume 18 Issue 4, October 2023  
<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jre/current>  
***Ethical Issues in Research in Low and Middle-Income Countries***  
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September 2023 - Volume 77 - 9  
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Volume 16, Issue 3 Pages: 259-413 September 2023  
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Volume 25, issue 5, October 2023  
<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/volumes-and-issues/25-5>  
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Volume 228, Issue 5, 1 September 2023  
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Volume 10, Issue 3 (2023)  
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Volume 261, October 2023  
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**Journal of Public Health Policy**

Volume 44, issue 3, September 2023  
<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/volumes-and-issues/44-3>

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### **Journal of Travel Medicine**

Volume 30, Issue 5, July 2023

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

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### **Journal on Education in Emergencies**

Volume 8, Number 2 - (June 2022)

<https://archive.nyu.edu/handle/2451/63908>

#### ***Special Issue on Gender***

This issue of the *Journal on Education in Emergencies (JEiE)* offers an in-depth analysis of the unique gendered effects humanitarian emergencies have on boys and girls. It adds to more than two decades of EiE research that demonstrates how conflict and crisis exacerbate existing political, economic, and cultural barriers to education access and widen the gender gap in educational attainment.

### **The Lancet**

Oct 14, 2023 Volume 402 Number 10410 p1299-1392

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### **The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

Sep 2023 Volume 7 Number 9 p599-670, e17

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### **Maternal and Child Health Journal**

Volume 27, issue 9, September 2023  
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### **Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

Volume 43 Issue 6, August 2023  
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### **The Milbank Quarterly**

*A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy*  
Volume 101, Issue 3 Pages: 637-998 September 2023  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680009/current>  
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### **Nature**

Volume 622 Issue 7982, 12 October 2023  
<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/621/issues/7982>  
*Editorial* 10 Oct 2023

#### **[AI's potential to accelerate drug discovery needs a reality check](#)**

Companies say the technology will contribute to faster drug development. Independent verification and clinical trials will determine whether this claim holds up.

*Editorial* 11 Oct 2023

#### **[Half a million children die of malaria every year. Finally we can change that](#)**

With two vaccines available, this killer disease could now be eliminated — but will the world pull together to make it happen?

### **Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 41 Issue 10, October 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/41/issues/10>

*Editorial* 02 Oct 2023

### **The community of the DAO**

...The decentralized science movement hopes to become an alternative funding and knowledge-sharing model for scientists. This movement began to gain traction in 2021 with the emergence of several biotech-focused decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs) that use blockchain technology to orchestrate and log their activities. They employ tokens for fundraising purposes, amassing a treasury that is directly used for research funding. The tokens also serve as a voting mechanism, allowing community members to determine to which projects the accumulated treasury will be allocated. At the core of this community are research scientists, clinicians, entrepreneurs, patients and members of the public who are interested in advancing a scientific field...

### **Nature Communications**

<https://www.nature.com/subjects/health-sciences/ncomms>

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### **Nature Genetics**

Volume 55 Issue 10, October 2023

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### **Nature Human Behaviour**

Volume 7 Issue 9, September 2023

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### **Nature Medicine**

Volume 29 Issue 9, September 2023

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Volume 22 Issue 9, September 2023

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### **Nature Reviews Genetics**

Volume 24 Issue 10, October 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/24/issues/10>

*Comment* 29 Aug 2023

### **Enhancing sustainable development through plant genetics**

In April 2023, leading experts met with members of US Congress to discuss strategies to ensure global food security. Following on from this, Pamela Ronald emphasizes the role that plant genetics has in achieving these goals.

Pamela C. Ronald

*Review Article* 03 Feb 2023

**[Human-specific genetics: new tools to explore the molecular and cellular basis of human evolution](#)**

In this Review, the authors discuss our latest understanding of evolutionary genetic changes that are specific to humans, which might endow uniquely human traits and capabilities. They describe how new cellular and molecular approaches are helping to decipher the functional implications of these human-specific changes.

Alex A. Pollen, Umut Kilik, J. Gray Camp

**Nature Reviews Immunology**

Volume 23 Issue 9, September 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nri/volumes/23/issues/9>

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October 12, 2023 Vol. 389 No. 15

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Volume 152, Issue 4 October 2023

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**PharmacoEconomics**

Volume 41, issue 10, October 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/volumes-and-issues/41-10>

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**PLoS Biology**

<https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/>

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**[Authorship practices must evolve to support collaboration and open science](#)**

Veronique Kiermer

Perspective | published 13 Oct 2023 PLOS Biology

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3002364>

**PLoS Genetics**

<https://journals.plos.org/plosgenetics/>

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## **PLoS Global Public Health**

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### **Indigenous Peoples: Traditional knowledges, climate change, and health**

Nicole Redvers, Paula Aubrey, Yuria Celidwen, Kyle Hill

Review | published 13 Oct 2023 PLOS Global Public Health

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0002474>

## **PLoS Medicine**

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

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### **Towards mental health as a human right: The key role of lived experience**

Louise Gaynor-Brook, on behalf of the PLOS Medicine Editors

Editorial | published 10 Oct 2023 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1004307>

## **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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

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## **PLoS One**

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## **PLoS Pathogens**

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## **PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States**

October 10, 2023 | vol. 120 | no. 41

<https://www.pnas.org/toc/pnas/120/41>

*Special Feature*

*Science, Evidence, Law, and Justice*

Introduction October 2, 2023 From the Cover

### **Science, evidence, law, and justice**

For nearly 25 y, the Committee on Science, Technology, and Law (CSTL), of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, has brought together distinguished members of the science and law communities to stimulate discussions that would lead ...

[Thomas D. Albright](#), [David Baltimore](#),[...] [David S. Tatel](#)

Research Article October 3, 2023

## **Leveraging AI for democratic discourse: Chat interventions can improve online political conversations at scale**

Political discourse is the soul of democracy, but misunderstanding and conflict can fester in divisive conversations. The widespread shift to online discourse exacerbates many of these problems and corrodes the capacity of diverse societies to cooperate ...

Lisa P. Argyle, Christopher A. Bail, [...]David Wingate

### **PNAS Nexus**

Volume 2, Issue 9, September 2023

<https://academic.oup.com/pnasnexus/issue/2/9>

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### **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

Volume 38 - Issue 5 - October 2023

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/prehospital-and-disaster-medicine/latest-issue>

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### **Preventive Medicine**

Volume 174 September 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/preventive-medicine/vol/174/suppl/C>

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### **Proceedings of the Royal Society B**

11 October 2023 Volume 290 Issue 2008

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### **Public Health**

Volume 223 Pages e1-e16, 1-256 (October 2023)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/public-health/vol/223/suppl/C>

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### **Public Health Ethics**

Volume 16, Issue 2, July 2023

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### **Public Health Genomics**

2023, Vol. 26, No. 1

<https://karger.com/phg/issue/26/1>

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### **Public Health Reports**

Volume 138 Issue 5, September/October 2023  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/phrg/138/5>  
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### **Qualitative Health Research**

Volume 33 Issue 12, October 2023  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/QHR/current>  
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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

Volume 42, Issue 3, September 2023  
<http://rsq.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

#### ***Special Issue: The Influence of the Global Refugee Regime in Africa***

Introduction

#### **[The Influence of the Global Refugee Regime in Africa: Still "Akin to a Distant Weather Pattern"?](#)**

Nicholas Maple and others

Refugee Survey Quarterly, Volume 42, Issue 3, September 2023, Pages 247–258,  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/rsq/hdad010>

We are honoured to present this special issue of the Refugee Survey Quarterly on the contemporary role of the global refugee regime in Africa. The five articles offer diverse and distinctive perspectives on the impact of the global regime on the lives of forced migrants on the African continent. We are particularly thrilled to have collaborated with authors working in and on Africa to publish these new analytical contributions.

### **Research Ethics**

Volume 19 Issue 4, October 2023  
<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/reab/current>

*Open Access Research article* First published June 12, 2023 pp. 466–473

#### **[Reshaping consent so we might improve participant choice \(II\) – helping people decide](#)**

Hugh Davies, et al.

#### *Original Articles*

*Open Access Research article* First published June 14, 2023 pp. 474–493

#### **[Who owns your consent? How REBs give away participants' agency](#)**

Janice Aurini, Vanessa Iafolla

*Open Access Research article* First published June 12, 2023 pp. 494–518

#### **[Research ethics committee members' perspectives on paediatric research: a qualitative interview study](#)**

Kajsa Norberg Wieslander, et al.

### **Reproductive Health**

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>

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**Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)**

<https://www.paho.org/journal/en>

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**[Health expenditure and health outcomes in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

Original research | Spanish |

11 Oct 2023

**[Core competencies for public health teaching: regional framework for the Americas](#)**

Special report | Spanish |

**Risk Analysis**

Volume 43, Issue 10 Pages: 1917-2146 October 2023

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<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

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**Science**

Volume 382| Issue 6667| 13 Oct 2023

<https://www.science.org/toc/science/current>

*Introduction to Special Issue: Brain Cell Census*

**[A quest into the human brain](#)**

BY Mattia Maroso

12 Oct 2023: 166-167

*Introduction to Special Issue*

**[Diversity of primate brain cells unraveled](#)**

BY Takaki Komiyama

*Perspectives*

**[A family portrait of human brain cells](#)**

BY Alyssa Weninger, Paola Arlotta

12 Oct 2023: 168-169

A cell census provides information on the source of human brain specialization

**Science and Engineering Ethics**

Volume 29, issue 5, October 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/11948/volumes-and-issues/29-5>

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Volume 15| Issue 717| 11 Oct 2023  
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### **Scientific Reports**

<https://www.nature.com/srep/articles?type=article>  
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### **Social Science & Medicine**

Volume 332 September 2023  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/332/suppl/C>  
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### **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>  
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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Spring 2023 Volume 21, Number 2  
[https://ssir.org/issue/spring\\_2023#](https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2023#)

Read about how America can craft a new narrative to fully realize its multiracial democracy, how civil society is innovating new ways to reinvigorate democratic politics, how nonprofits can better manage their capacity by delving into their true assets and liabilities, how carbon-offset programs further greenwashing and threaten Indigenous people's rights, and other topics in the Spring 2023 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

### **Systematic Reviews**

<https://systematicreviewsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles>  
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### **Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics**

Volume 44, issue 4, August 2023  
<https://link.springer.com/journal/11017/volumes-and-issues/44-4>  
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### **Torture Journal**

2021 Volume 31 - No.2  
<https://irct.org/torture-journal/>  
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## **Trauma, Violence, & Abuse**

Volume 24 Issue 4, October 2023

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[Reviewed earlier]

## **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

Volume 55 September–October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/travel-medicine-and-infectious-disease/vol/55/suppl/C>

*Editorial Open access*

### **[Avian influenza spillover to humans: Are we prepared to deal with another potential pandemic?](#)**

Faraz Ahmad, Shafiul Haque, Samah Tawil, Rola Husni, ... Alfonso J. Rodriguez-Morales

Article 102634

## **Tropical Medicine & International Health**

Volume 28, Issue 10 Pages: i-iv, 797-838 October 2023

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13653156/current>

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## **UN Chronicle**

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

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*water action*

### **[Water Scarcity, the Climate Crisis and Global Food Security: A Call for Collaborative Action](#)**

Lifeng Li

Integrated natural resources management through the coordinated development and management of water, soils and land at all levels will maximize human well-being while safeguarding the integrity and sustainability of vital ecosystems.

## **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

Volume 18, Issue 3, 2023

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

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## **World Development**

Volume 170 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/world-development/vol/170/suppl/C>

*Research article Open access*

### **[Social networks, empowerment, and wellbeing among Syrian refugee and Jordanian women: Implications for development and social inclusion](#)**

Jannik J. Egger

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### **[Regime legitimization strategies and competition laws in autocracies](#)**

Nam Kyu Kim

Article 106341

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**Stakeholder engagement in the co-production of knowledge for environmental decision-making**

Andrea K. Gerlak, Zack Guido, Gigi Owen, Mariana Sofia Rodriguez McGoffin, ... Nupur Joshi

Article 106336

**World Heritage Review**

*World Heritage* n°103 – September 2023

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/review>

***World Heritage***

... This issue of *World Heritage* magazine features African heritage leaders who are empowering peers and creating positive ripple effects from Egypt to Mozambique. A report on climate change details the critical benefits provided by World Heritage forests notably through carbon absorption, with one caveat – their capacity will continue to decline unless we act now. A compelling story comes from Havana, Cuba, where a major UNESCO programme Transcultura is blending tangible heritage, intangible practices and contemporary creativity, true to the way culture intersects in the local communities...

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*Selected Research*

**A nationwide study of 331 rare diseases among 58 million individuals: prevalence, demographics, and COVID-19 outcomes**

Johan H Thygesen, HUAYU ZHANG, Hanane Issa, Jinge Wu, Tuankasfee Hama, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes, Tudor Groza, Sara Khalid, Richard Lumbers, Mevhibe Hocaoglu, Kamlesh Khunti, Rouven Priedon, Amitava Banerjee, Nikolas Pontikos, Christopher Tomlinson, Ana Torralbo, Paul Taylor, Cathie Sudlow, Spiros Denaxas, Harry Hemingway, Honghan Wu

medRxiv 2023.10.12.23296948; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.10.12.23296948>

**Embedding community and public voices in co-created solutions to mitigate antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Thailand using the 'Responsive Dialogues' public engagement framework**

Tassawan Poomchaichote, Niyada Kiatying-Angsulee, Kanpong Boonthaworn, Bhensri Naemiratch, Supanat Ruangakajorn, Ravikanya Praparsavath, Chaiwat Thirapantu, Karnjariya Sukrung, Direk Limmathurotsakul, Anne Osterrieder, Phaik Yeong Cheah

## OSF Pre-prints

<https://osf.io/preprints/discover?provider=OSF&subject=bepress%7CLife%20Sciences>

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***We observe increasing levels of "posting pollution" by individuals, sometimes posting 10+ items of no value. We will resume selective monitoring beginning in September.***

## Wellcome Open Research

<https://wellcomeopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

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*Selected Research*

*Study Protocol Open Access*

**[REVISED Improving access to general practice for people with severe and multiple disadvantage: a realist review protocol \(The Connection Study\)](#)** [version 2; peer review: 2 approved with reservations]

Lucy Potter, et al.

Introduction: Despite having high unmet health need, people with severe and multiple disadvantage (SMD, including combinations of homelessness, substance misuse, poor mental health and domestic violence and abuse) have poor access to general practice. This realist review will examine the existing evidence on interventions or aspects of routine care in general practice that are likely to increase or decrease access to general practice for people with SMD.

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