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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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## **"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.

We note the important resource maintained by the ICRC, an online version of the its study on customary international humanitarian law (IHL), originally published by Cambridge University Press in 2005.

The [International Humanitarian Law Databases](#) are structured in three parts:

#### [Rules](#)

This part of the database contains the 161 rules of customary IHL identified in the 2005 study.

#### [Practice](#)

This part of the database contains the practice underlying the rules identified in 2005. It is updated on a regular basis. Materials for updates are collected by ICRC delegations, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other partners around the world...

#### [Sources](#)

This part of the database contains the list of sources quoted in the Practice part of the database. It is updated on a regular basis together with the Practice part.

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### **Joint statement by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on humanitarian supplies crossing into Gaza**

NEW YORK/GENEVA/ROME 21 October 2023 – "A first, but limited, shipment of life-saving humanitarian supplies from the United Nations and the Egyptian Red Crescent entered Gaza today on 20 trucks, passing through the Rafah Crossing.

"It will provide an urgently needed lifeline to some of the hundreds of thousands of civilians, mostly women and children, who have been cut off from water, food, medicine, and other essentials for 13 days. But it is only a small beginning and far from enough. More than 1.6 million people in Gaza are in critical need of humanitarian aid. Children, pregnant women and the elderly remain the most vulnerable. Nearly half of Gaza's population are children.

"With so much civilian infrastructure in Gaza damaged or destroyed in nearly two weeks of consistent bombings, including shelters, health facilities, water, sanitation, and electrical systems, time is running out before mortality rates could skyrocket due to disease outbreaks and lack of healthcare capacity.

"Hospitals are overwhelmed with casualties. Civilians face mounting challenges in accessing essential food supplies. Health facilities no longer have fuel and are running on small amounts they have secured locally. These are expected to run out in the next day or so. Water production capacity is at 5 per cent of normal levels. Pre-positioned humanitarian supplies have already been depleted. Vulnerable

people are at greatest risk and children are dying at an alarming rate and being denied their right to protection, food, water and health care.

Nearly one-third of the population of Palestine was food insecure before this conflict in Gaza. Today stocks in shops are nearly exhausted and bakeries are closing, while tens of thousands of people are displaced and unable to cook or safely purchase food.

- "We call for a humanitarian ceasefire, along with immediate, unrestricted humanitarian access throughout Gaza to allow humanitarian actors to reach civilians in need, save lives and prevent further human suffering. Flows of humanitarian aid must be at scale and sustained, and allow all Gazans to preserve their dignity.
- "We call for safe and sustained access to water, food, health - including sexual and reproductive health, and fuel, which is necessary to enable essential services.
- "We call for the protection of all civilians and civilian infrastructure in Gaza, including healthcare facilities.
- "We call for the protection of humanitarian workers in Gaza who are risking their lives for the service of others.
- "And we call for the utmost respect of international humanitarian law by all parties.

"Gaza was a desperate humanitarian situation before the most recent hostilities. It is now catastrophic. The world must do more."

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### **WFP Calls for Sustained Access to Gaza as Humanitarian Convoy Brings First Food Supplies Across Border**

21 October 2023

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomed today's opening of the border crossing between Egypt and Gaza, which enabled a first convoy of trucks to bring in urgently needed food, water and other supplies provided by the Egyptian Red Crescent and the United Nations for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who have been struggling amid desperate conditions.

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### **Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to Prevent a Humanitarian Catastrophe and Further Loss of Innocent Lives - NGOs**

18 October 2023 *[Text bolding from original]*

We have witnessed unfathomable death and destruction in the Gaza Strip and Israel. **Thousands of people have been killed, injured, displaced, and nearly two hundred remain held hostage, including children and elderly.**

In Gaza, the UN has said that water, food, fuel, medical supplies, and even body bags, are running out due to the siege. The UN warned that people – particularly young children – will soon start dying of severe dehydration. Neighbourhoods have been destroyed and turned into complete rubble. Palestinians in search of safety have nowhere to go. Many of those who relocated from northern Gaza to the south after the relocation order by the Israeli army were reportedly bombed as they attempted to flee or once they arrived in southern Gaza.

The events of the last week have led us to the precipice of a humanitarian catastrophe and the world can no longer wait to act. **It is our collective responsibility.**

On Sunday, October 15th, the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator to the Occupied Palestinian Territory appealed to all parties to the conflict, and to Member States with influence, **to urgently agree to a humanitarian ceasefire.**

Today, we put our voices together and call on all Heads of State, the UN Security Council, and actors on the ground, to prioritize the preservation of human life above all else. During this ceasefire, we call on all parties to unconditionally:

1. Facilitate the delivery of lifesaving assistance, including food, medical supplies, fuel, and the resumption of electricity and internet to Gaza, in addition to safe passage of humanitarian and medical staff
2. Free all civilian hostages, especially children and elderly
3. Allow humanitarian convoys to reach UN facilities, schools, hospitals, and health facilities in northern Gaza and commit to protecting them along with the civilians and staff inside them at all times
4. Rescind orders by the Government of Israel for civilians to depart northern Gaza
5. Allow patients in critical condition to be medically evacuated for urgent care

**The UN Security Council, the UN Secretary General and all world leaders with influence must take immediate action to ensure a ceasefire comes into effect.** It remains our only option to avert further loss of civilian life and humanitarian catastrophe. Anything less will forever be a stain on our collective conscience.

Civilians are not bargaining chips. Families need a chance to bury and mourn their dead. The cycle of violence against innocent civilians needs to stop.

*Signatories [70+ NGOs listed [here](#)]*

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**Final Communiqué of the extraordinary open-ended meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the level of Foreign Ministers on the brutal Israeli military aggression against the Palestinian people**

18/10/2023

The Executive Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in its extraordinary open-ended meeting held at the level of foreign ministers on Wednesday, 3 Rabi' al-Thani 1445, corresponding to 18 October 2023, upon the joint invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Chair of the current session of the Islamic Summit and Chair of the Executive Committee, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to discuss the ongoing Israeli military aggression against the Palestinian people,

Recalling the principles and objectives contained in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Emphasizing all resolutions issued by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation regarding the issue of Palestine and the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif,

Reaffirming its emphasis on the centrality of the Palestinian issue for the entire Islamic Ummah; Supporting the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, most notably their right to self-determination and the return of Palestinian refugees, their right to independence, and the embodiment of the independent and sovereign State of Palestine on the borders of June 4th, 1967, with its capital, Al-Quds Al-Sharif, As well as his legitimate right to self-defense to confront the Israeli aggression that targets their lives, their sanctities, and their properties.

In light of the blatant and unprecedented Israeli aggression in the occupied Palestinian territory and the heinous massacres perpetrated against civilians in Gaza Strip by the Israeli occupation forces, which led to hundreds of innocent civilian casualties, thousands of injuries, and the displacement of hundreds of thousands through the demolition of their homes,

1. Calls for the immediate cessation of the barbaric aggression of the Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian people and the immediate lifting of the siege imposed to the Gaza Strip; Reaffirms its strong condemnation of the unprecedented aggression against civilians in the besieged Gaza Strip and the entire occupied Palestinian territory by killing, bombing, deliberately destroying infrastructure, threatening to commit atrocities and to exterminate them, as well as the absolute rejection of targeting civilians under any pretext or displacing them from their homes, or starving and depriving them of safe access to humanitarian aid in contravention of all international norms and laws, and of the most basic humanitarian principles and values;

2. Calls upon all countries to quickly provide humanitarian, medical and relief aid, water and electricity, and to open humanitarian corridors immediately in order to safely deliver urgent aid to the Gaza Strip, including through the United Nations institutions particularly the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and support

its efforts in this regard; Warns of the danger of continuing the policy of deliberate targeting of civilians and collective punishment accompanied by policies of starvation, water deprivation, and the stopping of the only power generation station in Gaza Strip suspended due to the prevention of fuel access, portending a real disaster for all health and humanitarian services, in contravention of international humanitarian law and amounting to the commission of international crimes, including the crime against humanity.

3. Strongly condemns the blatant targeting by Israel's brutal occupation forces of Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza Strip, which killed and injured hundreds of innocent sick, injured and displaced innocent civilians, which represents a war crime, extermination and a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, ethics and international and humanitarian instruments, Calls upon the international community to act swiftly and to hold the Israeli occupation accountable for these heinous war crimes against the Palestinian people and humanity as at large, and calls for immediate intervention to halt this massacre;

4. Israel, the occupying power, bears full responsibility for the fate of civilians in the Gaza Strip and the real tragedy they are subjected to under bombardment, siege, and starvation, without electricity, food, or clean water, while being forced to abandon their homes, and for the policy of indiscriminate collective punishment that it applies in a flagrant violation of international law and international humanitarian law, as well as its legal responsibilities as the occupying power in accordance with the Geneva Conventions;

5. Stresses the importance of preserving the lives of all civilians, and not targeting them in any way being inconsistent with international law and international humanitarian law, as well as divine laws.

6. Rejects categorically calls to displace the population of Gaza Strip and affirms its support for the steadfastness of the Palestinian people on their land; Stresses the importance for the international community to play its role in preventing any attempt of forced displacement of the Palestinian population from their land, transferring the crisis to the neighboring countries and exacerbating issue of Palestinian refugees whom right to compensation and return must be met with in the framework of a comprehensive solution to the conflict that addresses the final status issues in conformity with the pertinent UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative; stopping the military escalation, lifting the siege on the Gaza Strip, and contributing urgently to the entry of relief and humanitarian aid for civilians;

7. Expresses its strong regret and condemnation of the failure of the United Nations Security Council and its inability to discharge its responsibilities by taking a decisive decision to halt the war crimes carried out by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people in Gaza Strip and all Palestinian territory, which negatively affect the Security Council's role in maintaining international peace and security and protecting unarmed civilians;

8. Calls upon the United Nations and the UN Security Council to assume its responsibilities, to take all urgent measures to ensure an end to the brutal and barbaric aggression against the Palestinian people, particularly in the Gaza Strip and the entire Palestinian territory, to allow the entry of humanitarian aid, to provide protection for defenseless Palestinian civilians, and to

stop the escalating humanitarian catastrophe carried out by the forces of the illegal Israeli occupation;

9. Warns of the escalation of attacks by the Israeli occupation army and settler terrorism weaponed and protected by the occupation forces in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the West Bank in their continuing aggression against the civilian population and their properties, including killing, destroying, displacing, building and expanding settlements, within the framework of its brutal colonial campaign aimed at annexing the occupied Palestinian territory and affirms the importance of preserving sanctity of holy sites in Al-Quds, and the full protection of Al-Aqsa Mosque as well as the prevention of the violation of the status and sanctity of sacred places in Al-Quds;

10. Stresses the support of the Government of the State of Palestine at all levels, including the political, economic and financial levels, as well as its international and legal endeavors, to halt the heinous crimes, including the crime of genocide against the Palestinian people; National Authority those perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities;

11. Deplores the international positions that back the brutal aggression against the Palestinian people, and grant Israel impunity, taking advantage of the double standards that provide cover for the occupying power and fuel the conflict, which will only lead to increased violence and destruction, and seek to punish the Palestinian people, including cutting off humanitarian aid to them;

12. Reaffirms that peace, security and stability in the region will not be achieved without putting an end to the Israeli colonial occupation and its oppressive practices against the Palestinian people and by empowering the Palestinian people with their inalienable rights, particularly their right to self-determination, independence and return, on the basis of the international law and the resolutions of international legitimacy;

13. Calls upon international actors to engage in sponsoring a serious political path to achieve peace based on ending the illegal Israeli occupation that had begun in 1967 and implementing the two-state solution, within a clear time frame, as stipulated in the rules of international law and United Nations resolutions, and referring to the Peace process and the Arab Peace Initiative;

14. Calls upon the missions of the member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in the capitals and international organizations to take immediate action to convey the OIC's position to the capitals of the countries and organizations to which they are accredited and to work with the necessary speed up their endeavours towards condemning and stopping the aggression, and ensuring the provision of the necessary humanitarian supplies to the Palestinian people;

15. Calls on Member states to apply all feasible and effective diplomatic, legal and deterrent measures, to stop the occupying power Israel's crimes against humanity.

16. Calls for an Extraordinary CFM meeting at the GS Headquarters to discuss the ongoing crimes of Israel against the Palestinian people.

17. Request the Secretary-General to identify the possible set of effective and concrete measures as soon as possible and present it to the next Extraordinary CFM meeting.

18. Stresses the need to provide international protection for the Palestinian people, in conformity with international humanitarian law standards as has been repeatedly advocated by the United Nations General Assembly, including in resolution ES-10/20 of 13 June 2018 and in line with the Final Communiqué of the 7th Extraordinary Islamic Summit, by dispatching an international protection force to protect innocent lives from ongoing attacks by the occupation forces and the extremist colonialist settlers ;

19. Assigns the Secretary General of the Organization to communicate with the five permanent members of the Security Council / the Secretary-General of the United Nations / the High Commissioner for Human Rights / the President of the European Union, and to continue coordination with regional and international organizations, including the League of Arab States, the Gulf Cooperation Council, the African Union and the Non-Aligned Movement in order to take the necessary steps aiming to compel Israel to stop all its violations, attacks and crimes and to work to provide international protection for the Palestinian people;

20. Mandates the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the present final communiqué and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Ukraine**

### **UN Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine finds continued war crimes and human rights violations gravely impacting civilians**

United Nations Human Rights Council

NEW YORK/VIENNA (20 October 2023) – The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine documented further evidence that Russian authorities have committed indiscriminate attacks and the war crimes of torture, rape and other sexual violence, and deportation of children to the Russian Federation, according to its report submitted to the UN General Assembly.

As the armed conflict in Ukraine continues in its second year, it has further contributed to suffering and hardships for thousands of affected civilians.

Additional indiscriminate attacks with explosive weapons committed by Russian armed forces, which the Commission investigated, have led to deaths and injuries of civilians and the destruction and damage of civilian objects. For example, as a result of an attack in April 2023 on a multistorey block of residential apartments in Uman, Cherkasy region, 24 civilians, mostly women and children, were killed, and part of the building became uninhabitable. The Commissioners spoke with its residents during their recent visit to Ukraine.

The investigations confirmed the Commission's previous finding that Russian authorities have used torture in a widespread and systematic way in various types of detention facilities. In addition to the Commission's previous findings of torture in Ukraine and detention facilities in the Russian Federation, the new evidence for this report, collected in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, shows the same pattern of torture in areas under Russian authorities' control. In the cases investigated, perpetrators

mainly tortured men suspected of passing information to the Ukrainian authorities, or of otherwise supporting the Ukrainian armed forces...

The Commission's recent investigations in the regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia show that rape and other sexual violence were often committed together with additional acts of violence against the victims, including severe beatings, strangling, suffocating, slashing, shooting next to the head of the victim and wilful killing...

The Commission investigated further accounts regarding transfers of unaccompanied children by Russian authorities to the Russian Federation or to areas they occupied in Ukraine. It documented the transfer of 31 children from Ukraine to Russia in May 2022, and concluded that it was an unlawful deportation, which is a war crime. The Commission is concerned about information regarding measures that have the apparent aim of allowing certain children to remain for prolonged periods in the Russian Federation.

The report contains three cases where the investigations showed that Ukrainian authorities committed violations of human rights against persons whom they have accused of collaboration with the Russian authorities.

The Commission reiterates the importance of accountability, in all its dimensions, with full respect and care for the rights of the victims. The full report as submitted to the UN General Assembly can be found [here](#).

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## **Polio – PHEIC**

### **Polio this week as of 18 Oct 2023 - GPEI**

#### *Headlines [Selected]*

:: Tuesday, 24 October is World Polio Day, a chance to raise awareness and resources to help deliver a polio-free world in the very near term. To mark the day, partners and stakeholders around the world are organizing events, bringing together public and civil society in a common goal. For all individual eradicators and stakeholders: thank you for everything you do to make the dream of a polio-free world a reality. If you would like to make a personal, voluntary donation towards the effort, we would invite you to contribute via Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign, a key partner alongside WHO and others in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Each donation made to Rotary's End Polio Now effort is matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to maximise its effect. As such, if you give US\$10 to the effort, as an example, the amount becomes US\$30, and with that, 60 children will be vaccinated in the remaining affected countries. Thank you for everything that you do! We wish you a very successful World Polio Day!

:: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to Professor Rose Leke for receiving the 2023 Virchow Prize for Global Health, for her outstanding contributions to advancing global health, including polio eradication. Professor Leke is the Chair of the Africa Regional Certification Commission and member of the Global Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC).

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

- Cameroon: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic: one cVDPV2 case

- Côte d'Ivoire: two cVDPV2 cases and four positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: three cVDPV1 and three cVDPV2 cases, two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Madagascar: three cVDPV1 positive environmental samples
- Mali: one cVDPV2 case
- Yemen: one cVDPV2 case

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## Coronavirus [COVID-19]

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

### Numbers at a glance

Last update: **18 Oct 2023**

**Confirmed cases ::** 771 407 825

**Confirmed deaths ::** 6 972 152

**Vaccine doses administered:** 13 516 282 548

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### Our World in Data

#### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations \[Accessed 21 Oct 2023\]](#)

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

:: [13.52 billion doses](#) have been administered globally, and [37,306](#) are now administered each day.

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

### Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered

7-day rolling average. All doses, including boosters, are counted individually.

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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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]*

20 October 2023 SC/14548

#### **As Geopolitical Tensions Escalate, United Nations, Regional Organizations Must Strengthen Cooperation, Preventive Diplomacy, Speakers Tell Security Council**

Against the backdrop of a raging conflict between Israel and Hamas and a nearly two-year war waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations must further strengthen their cooperation and promote among Member States full use of the diplomatic tools and mechanisms set forth in the UN Charter to peacefully resolve conflicts, and foremost prevent them, delegates told the Security Council today.

19 October 2023 SC/15455

#### **Security Council Renews Sanctions Regime, Targeted Arms Embargo on Haiti for One Year, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2700 (2023)**

The Security Council today authorized the renewal for one year of the sanctions regime on Haiti, continuing a targeted arms embargo, travel ban and asset freeze established in October 2022 to address the widespread violence, criminal activity and human rights abuses plaguing the country.

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17 October 2023 GA/EF/3593

**Delegates Condemn Hamas Terrorist Attacks, Israeli Strikes, as Second Committee Concludes Debate on Sovereignty of Palestinians over Their Natural Resources**

The Second Committee (Economic and Financial) today concluded its debate on "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources", with speakers disagreeing over the context of the current situation in Gaza.

17 October 2023 GA/PAL/1455

**Bureau of General Assembly's Palestinian Rights Committee Condemns Killing and Wounding of Civilians in Gaza, Calls for Immediate Ceasefire**

17 October 2023 SG/SM/21992

**Secretary-General Condemns Fatal Attacks on Al Ahli Anglican Episcopal Hospital, UNRWA School in Gaza, Stresses Premises Are Protected under International Law**

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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**UN expert calls for legal empowerment to democratise justice for all**

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**Environmental rights are key to all human rights, Türk says**

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**Gaza: UN experts decry bombing of hospitals and schools as crimes against humanity, call for prevention of genocide**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 21 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)

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**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

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**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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**[Wages should reflect contribution to society, not just ability to generate profit: UN poverty expert](#)**

**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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

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

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

[\*\*UNHCR commends the Republic of the Congo's commitment to end statelessness\*\*](#)

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**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News and Stories [Selected]*

*Featured*

[\*\*UN relief chief welcomes aid convoy to Gaza, says it must not be the last\*\*](#)

21 October 2023

*News*

[\*\*Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory\*\*](#)

20 October 2023

*News*

[\*\*We need immediate, safe humanitarian access across all of Gaza, UN relief chief tells Security Council\*\*](#)

18 October 2023

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements*

*Statement* 21 October 2023

[\*\*Joint statement by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on humanitarian supplies crossing into Gaza\*\*](#)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/joint-statement-undp-unfpa-unicef-wfp-and-who-humanitarian-supplies-crossing-gaza-0>

NEW YORK/GENEVA/ROME, 21 October 2023 – "A first, but limited, shipment of life-saving humanitarian supplies from the United Nations and the Egyptian Red Crescent entered Gaza today on 20 trucks, passing through the Rafah Crossing. "It will provide an urgently needed lifeline to some of the hundreds of thousands of civilians, mostly women and...

*Press release* 21 October 2023

**[First deliveries of life-saving supplies for children enter Gaza](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/first-deliveries-life-saving-supplies-children-enter-gaza)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/first-deliveries-life-saving-supplies-children-enter-gaza>

AMMAN / NEW YORK 21 October 2023 – Over 44,000 bottles of drinking water supplied by UNICEF – just enough for 22,000 people for 1 day – were driven through the Rafah Crossing today as part of a 20-truck convoy with the Egyptian Red Crescent, the World Health Organization and the World Food Programme. "With one million children in Gaza now facing a...

*Statement* 17 October 2023

**[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on the deaths and injuries of children at Al Ahli Hospital](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-deaths-and-injuries-children)**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-deaths-and-injuries-children>

New York, 17 October 2023 – "I am horrified by the reported deaths and injuries of children and women following an attack on the Al Ahli Hospital in the Gaza Strip this evening. While details are still emerging and bodies are still being counted, the scenes on the ground are devastating. "This underscores the deadly impact this ongoing war is...

*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-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...

**IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 21 Oct 2023]**

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

*Press Releases – Selected*

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**[IOM Appeals for USD 69 Million to Respond to Crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Urges Humanitarian Access](#)**

**UNAIDS [to 21 Oct 2023]**

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

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**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected News/Announcements/Statements*

21 October 2023 Statement

[Joint statement by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on humanitarian supplies crossing into Gaza](#)

20 October 2023 Departmental news

[WHO and ECHO discuss the way forward in strengthening their partnership and innovative ways of cooperation](#)

20 October 2023 Departmental news

[Türkiye regulatory system becomes fourteenth country to reach WHO Maturity Level 3](#)

19 October 2023 News release

[WHO releases new list of essential diagnostics; new recommendations for hepatitis E virus tests, personal use glucose meters](#)

19 October 2023 Departmental news

[13 critical interventions that support countries to address antimicrobial resistance in human health](#)

19 October 2023 News release

[WHO outlines considerations for regulation of artificial intelligence for health](#)

17 October 2023 Statement

[WHO statement on attack on Al Ahli Arab Hospital and reported large-scale casualties](#)

17 October 2023 Departmental news

[First meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on Genomics](#)

17 October 2023 Departmental news

[United Nations partners call for investments in self-care interventions to improve sexual and reproductive health](#)

17 October 2023 Statement

[Health leaders at the WHS support WHO commitment to build climate resilient, low carbon sustainable health systems \(ATACH\)](#)

16 October 2023 Departmental news

[WHO announces the elimination of lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem in the Lao People's Democratic Republic](#)

16 October 2023 Departmental news

[WHO announces the release of ScreenTB - a web-based tool to help countries prioritize action for TB screening and prevention](#)

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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**

:: 18 Oct 2023

[PAHO joins forces with Canada to reverse declining immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases in Haiti](#)

Washington, D.C., 18 October 2023 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Government of Canada announced today the launch of a joint initiative to support Haiti to expand vaccination against potentially lethal vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio, measles, diphtheria and tetanus. The partnership, which is part of...

:: 17 Oct 2023

[IARC and PAHO launch the 1st edition of the Latin America and the Caribbean Code Against Cancer](#)

Lyon, France / Washington DC, 17 October 2023 – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) today launched the first edition of the Latin America and the Caribbean Code Against Cancer. The new Code, which forms part of the World Code Against Cancer, aims to help reduce the burden of cancer...

:: 17 Oct 2023

[PAHO Director underscores transatlantic partnerships to address present and future health challenges](#)

Berlin, Germany, 17 October 2023 (PAHO) - At the 2023 World Health Summit in Berlin, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director, Jarbas Barbosa, highlighted the need for strong partnerships across regions to increase health access and equity, especially as countries work to increase preparedness and response to future health threats. "...

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

*No new digest content identified.*

## **WHO European Region EURO**

:: 21 October 2023 News release

[Unlocking the future of healthy ageing: The Lisbon Outcome Statement](#)

:: 20 October 2023 News release

[Addressing the growing needs of Kazakhstan's digital health workforce](#)

:: 18 October 2023 News release

[Despite progress, challenges persist in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in the WHO European Region](#)

## **WHO Western Pacific Region**

:: 20 October 2023 Media release

[Region's health leaders agree on actions to enhance communication for health, strengthen a...](#)

:: 19 October 2023 Media release

[Health leaders take steps to strengthen health security in Asia-Pacific](#)

:: 17 October 2023 News release

[Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala nominated to lead WHO Western Pacific Region](#)

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## **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

[Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report#29 – 20 October 2023](#)

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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.*

[18 October 2023 | Diphtheria - Guinea](#)

[16 October 2023 | Dengue - Chad](#)

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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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[Medication safety for look-alike, sound-alike medicines](#)

20 October 2023

[Medication safety for look-alike, sound-alike medicines](#)

19 October 2023

[People-centred approach to addressing antimicrobial resistance in human health](#)

17 October 2023

[The use of next-generation sequencing for the surveillance of drug-resistant tuberculosis: an implementation...](#)

17 October 2023

[Tuberculosis action plan for the WHO European Region, 2023–2030](#)

17 October 2023

[Self-care interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights to advance universal health coverage:...](#)

16 October 2023

[WHO Guidelines for malaria](#)

16 October 2023

[Joint external evaluation of IHR core capacities of the Kingdom of Thailand: mission report, 31 October-4...](#)

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**World Organisation for Animal Health** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*Statements*

**African swine fever: WOAHP warns Veterinary Authorities and pig industry of risk from use of sub-standard vaccines**

18 Oct 2023

In this context, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) stresses the importance of the use of only high-quality ASF vaccines with proven efficacy and safety, and which have been subject to regulatory evaluation and approval in accordance with WOAH international standards...

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**Joint statement by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on humanitarian supplies crossing into Gaza**

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**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages*

*Updates* 17 October 2023

### **Brazil poised to take on the leadership of the G20 Working Group for Disaster Risk Reduction**

Brazil's ambitious vision for G20 leadership, fully aligned with disaster risk reduction, has the potential to reshape the world's perception of the nation

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Articles - Selected*

19 Oct 2023 | DESA

### **Renewing the commitment to a world free of poverty**

19 October 2023 - "In our world of plenty, poverty has no place," UN Secretary-General António Guterres stressed in his message for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. John Wilmoth, Officer-in-Charge of UN DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development, echoed these words as he welcomed attendees to the official commemoration event taking place at UN Headquarters in New York on 17 October.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006)*

### **Portugal commits to address harassment and bullying in the maritime sector**

19 October 2023

*International Conference of Labour Statisticians*

### **Data: A common language for the world of work**

16 October 2023

**UNESCO** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Announcements*

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Food Programme** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected News Releases*

21 October 2023

**WFP Calls for Sustained Access to Gaza as Humanitarian Convoy Brings First Food Supplies Across Border**

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomed today's opening of the border crossing between Egypt and Gaza, which enabled a first convoy of trucks to bring in urgently needed food, water and other supplies provided by the Egyptian Red Crescent and the United Nations for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who have been struggling amid desperate conditions.

21 October 2023

**Joint statement by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on humanitarian supplies crossing into Gaza**

NEW YORK/GENEVA/ROME 21 October 2023 – "A first, but limited, shipment of life-saving humanitarian supplies from the United Nations and the Egyptian Red Crescent entered Gaza today on 20 trucks, passing through the Rafah Crossing.

18 October 2023

**WFP appeals for US\$19 million as earthquakes leave many hungry and homeless in Afghanistan**

KABUL– After a slew of massive earthquakes in Afghanistan that left tens of thousands of people in desperate need in Herat province, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is urgently appealing for US\$19 million to provide emergency food assistance to 100,000 people.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New*

20 October 2023

**Drafting national legislation to implement IMO instruments**

Insufficient training of lawyers and legislative drafters blocks the implementation of national legislation reflecting the provisions of IMO instruments. This is shown by the voluntary and mandatory IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS). To address the issue, a workshop on how to draft effective national legislation was held at IMO Headquarters (9-13 October).

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News*

**September smashes monthly temperature record by record margin**

Oct 17, 2023

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**Digitalization and intangible assets: brand's multi-dimensional impact unveiled at Brand Global Summit 2023**

19 October 2023

"Brands for impact" concluded by combining online and in-person participation of a diverse range of experts, policymakers and industry leaders.

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Announcements/Decisions/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

**[First Delivery of Humanitarian Assistance to Gaza](#)**

October 21, 2023

**[Administrator Samantha Power Speaks With Donor Governments On Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza](#)**

October 20, 2023

Today, Administrator Samantha Power convened a roundtable of humanitarian leaders from donor governments to discuss responding to the dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Participating in the conversation were representatives from Australia, Canada, Denmark, the EU, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

**[USAID Launches Donor Principles for Human Rights in the Digital Age](#)**

October 18, 2023

USAID and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, launched the Donor Principles for Human Rights in the Digital Age during the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum last week in Kyoto, Japan.

**[U.S. Mobilizes \\$100 Million in Life-Saving Humanitarian Assistance for Urgent Needs in Gaza and the West Bank](#)**

October 18, 2023

Today, President Joseph R. Biden traveled to Tel Aviv to express the United States' steadfast support for the people of Israel in the aftermath of Hamas' barbaric terrorist attack, and to help address the urgent humanitarian crisis in Gaza that has left Palestinian families without access to clean water, medical treatment, and safe shelter.

**[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.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.]** [nee DFID] [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

*Speech*

**Foreign Secretary statement at the Cairo Peace Summit**

The Foreign Secretary made a statement at the Cairo Peace Summit on the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Published 21 October 2023

**ECHO** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*News article* 18 October 2023

**Niger: EU launches Humanitarian Air Bridge operation to relieve medical supply shortages**

The essential medicines and medical supplies will be used to scale up the humanitarian response in the country, where stocks of life saving items are rapidly depleting and access is severely limited.

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**African Union** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

**Impacts and Lessons from Tropical Cyclone Freddy**

October 18, 2023

An assessment undertaken by the African Union Commission (AUC) jointly with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the impact of Tropical Cyclone Freddy in Madagascar, Mozambique and Malawi, identified important lessons for recovery.

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 21 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]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**OECD** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Release*

**EU and OAS to Discuss Multidimensional Poverty, Inequality and Social Inclusion to Strengthen Cooperation**

Oct 18, 2023

**OAS 2023 Cybersecurity Symposium to Feature 300 Experts from Private and Public Sector, Academia and International Organizations**

Oct 17, 2023

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**OIC Condemns the Israeli Occupation's Targeting of a Church in Gaza**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemns the Israeli occupation's deliberate targeting of the Greek Orthodox Church building in the Gaza Strip, which led to several civilian casualties, including women and children. It considers this a crime added to the record of daily war crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people and places of worship, all in flagrant violation of International law and international humanitarian law.<br...

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**Final Communiqué of the extraordinary open-ended meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the level of Foreign Ministers on the brutal Israeli military aggression against the Palestinian people**

The Executive Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in its extraordinary open-ended meeting held at the level of foreign ministers on Wednesday, 3 Rabi' al-Thani 1445, corresponding to 18 October 2023, upon the joint invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Chair of the current session of the Islamic Summit and Chair of the Executive Committee, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to discuss the ongoing Israeli military aggression against the Palestinian people,<br...

18/10/2023

**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

**Group of 77** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of the Republic of Cuba in the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly under agenda item 78, **"United Nations programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law" (New York, 19 October 2023)**

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**UNCTAD** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

20 Oct 2023 –

**[World Investment Forum Ends with Strong Call for Greater Private and Public Investment](#)**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2023/024

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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*All Regions General Assembly*

**[General Assembly Concludes With Clear Vision for UNWTO and Tourism](#)**

19 Oct 2023

Global tourism leaders have further advanced plans for a more ethical, diverse sector led by a growing UNWTO. The 25th session of the UNWTO General Assembly convened for a second day to examine, discuss and approve the Organization's work, with a focus on expanding its global presence, ethics and legal frameworks and the role of public-private partnerships

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press releases*

19/10/2023

**[Lawmakers are getting younger but not everywhere](#)**

The latest IPU report on Youth Participation in Parliament reveals that parliaments are getting slightly younger, with small increases in the number of parliamentarians under 45 years old. However, despite the progress, parliaments are still a long way from representing young people proportionately...

**International Court of Justice** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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

*News*

**Measures taken following the unprecedented cyber-attack on the ICC**

Press Release 20 October 2023

With the information currently available it is not presently possible for the Court to confirm who is responsible for the attack. The Dutch law enforcement authorities are currently conducting a criminal investigation.

**ICC proceedings in Mokom case terminated after the Office of the Prosecutor withdraws all charges**

Press Release 19 October 2023

**Symposium in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute**

Press Release 18 October 2023

On 12 and 13 October 2023, the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court ("the Assembly") commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute in Siracusa, Italy with a symposium entitled Strategic Vision for the Next Decade: How to Ensure Consistent and Sustainable Support for the International Criminal Court".

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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

**IMF** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

October 18, 2023

**Harm From 'De-Risking' Strategies Would Reverberate Beyond China**

The negative impact of 'de-risking' strategies by major economies would be felt beyond China, while comprehensive reforms in China could generate significant positive spillovers

**African Development Bank** [to 21 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*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Asian Development Bank** [to 21 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]*

19 Oct 2023

**[ADB Project to Promote Climate-Resilient, Inclusive Public Services in Shanxi, PRC](#)**

ADB has approved a \$160 million equivalent loan to improve inclusive, green, and sustainable urban-rural public services in Shanxi Province, the People's Republic of China.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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

News

Beijing, Oct. 19, 2023

**[AIIB Statement on Afghanistan Earthquake](#)**

We at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) express our deepest sympathies to Afghanistan for the devastation caused in recent earthquakes, with tragic loss of lives and livelihoods. During this moment of great sorrow and suffering, our thoughts and hearts are with the people of Afghanistan.

**IDB – Inter-American Development Bank** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

News

**[IsDB and Morocco Unite to Strengthen Vocational Education and South-South Cooperation](#)**

19 October 2023

**[IsDB President Calls for Global Collaboration in Crafting Resilient Development Solutions](#)**

18 October 2023

**[IsDB and Morocco Sign Agreements on Aquaculture, SMEs and Consolidating Strategic Partnerships](#)**

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## [IsDB 'Country Assistance' Evaluation in Cote d'Ivoire Unveils Impactful Achievements and Strategic Recommendations](#)

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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 21 Oct 2023]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Territoire Palestinien Occupé*

### **[LES RESTRICTIONS DE CIRCULATION EN CISJORDANIE AFFECTENT GRAVEMENT L'ACCÈS DES PERSONNES AUX SERVICES ET BIENS ESSENTIELS](#)**

*Communiqué de presse 20 octobre 2023*

### **Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Amref Health Africa** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Aravind Eye Care System** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*BS International News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*ECPAT News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

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

**[Appy now! EIFL Public Library Innovation Award](#)**

20 Oct 2023

The 2023 EIFL Public Library Innovation Award - for public and community libraries in developing and transition countries that address any of (...)

*Public Library Innovation Programme*

**[Copyright: EIFL calls for level playing field for Ukraine](#)**

19 Oct 2023

The European Commission and the Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations (IP office) meet today (19 October 2023) for (...)

*Copyright and Libraries Programme - Ukraine*

**Fountain House** [to 21 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 21 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](#) – Oct 2023

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

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**Gaza: Growing humanitarian needs**

*Emergency / Palestine* | PUBLISHED ON October 19th 2023

The attacks by Hamas and retaliation by Israel have a devastating impact on civilians. 1,400 people have lost their lives in Israel; more than 3,000 in Gaza.

Present in Palestine since 1996, HI is responding to the emergency. The organisation has started to distribute essential goods to families displaced by the violence and is ready to provide rehabilitation and psychosocial support.

**Heifer International** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*GENDER platform news*

**Greater focus on women's empowerment in agri programs and policies a must for achieving equality goals**

October 13, 2023

**HelpAge International** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**Frontline realities from Gaza**

20 October 2023

Staff from our Palestinian network member - Juzoor for Health and Social Development talks to us about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

**#CeasefireNow in the Gaza Strip and Israel**

19 October 2023

Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to Prevent a Humanitarian Catastrophe and Further Loss of Innocent Lives

**ICRC** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New [Selected]*

**Protecting Civilians Against Digital Threats During Armed Conflict**

Final report of the ICRC's Global Advisory Board on Digital Threats During Armed Conflicts.  
19-10-2023 | Report

**IFRC** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*Press release 21/10/2023*

**IFRC welcomes first aid into Gaza but says much more is needed**

*Press release 16/10/2023*

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

**International Medical Corps (IMC)**

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

*Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Media highlights*

*Press Release*

**IRC Responds to Nagorno-Karabakh Displacement**

October 19, 2023

**IRCT** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://irct.org/>

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*Occupied Palestinian Territory News*

**#CeasefireNow: Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire**

October 18, 2023

Islamic Relief has joined other dozens of major organisations around the world in signing this joint call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and Israel #CeasefireNow: Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to Prevent a Humanitarian Catastrophe and Further Loss of Innocent Lives We have witnessed unfathomable...

*Occupied Palestinian Territory News*

**"There is nowhere safe in Gaza" as death toll rises and time running out to get aid to people**

October 17, 2023

Islamic Relief staff in Gaza are warning that there is nowhere safe as civilians and aid workers continue to come under attack. Time is running out to get aid in to save lives and a ceasefire is urgently needed. Around 1 million people are now displaced within Gaza, with many fleeing their homes...

*Afghanistan News*

**Four earthquakes and a sandstorm leave traumatised Afghans in need of mental health support**

October 17, 2023

Four major earthquakes within one week have had a devastating toll on the mental health of people in western Afghanistan, Islamic Relief says, with the charity treating people who are so shocked they can barely speak. The earthquakes, of a magnitude between 4.7 and 6.3, have hit the Herat region since

**Landsea** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

October 21, 2023

**Mercy Corps Calls for Urgent Ramp-Up of Aid and Protection of Civilians in Gaza as Initial Delivery Trickles In**

Statement by Mercy Corps CEO Tjada D'Oyen McKenna "It is welcome news that an initial convoy of 20 trucks bringing food...

October 18, 2023

**Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to Prevent a Humanitarian Catastrophe and Further Loss of Innocent Lives**

We have witnessed unfathomable death and destruction in the Gaza Strip and Israel. Thousands of people have been killed...

October 18, 2023

**Afghanistan At Risk of Being Overlooked by International Community Following Unprecedented Week of Multiple Earthquakes**

Afghanistan remains in a critical situation as it grapples with an unprecedented week of multiple earthquakes that has...

October 17, 2023

**Mercy Corps Calls for Access, Cessation of Hostilities, as Humanitarian Crisis Deepens in Gaza**

Time is running out for 2 million people in Gaza amidst 11 days of escalating conflict that has killed more than 1,400...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Afghanistan*

**"What do we go back to?" Life after the earthquake in Herat**

Voices from the Field 20 Oct 2023

*Gaza-Israel war*

**In Gaza, "the wounded are in danger of dying in the next few hours"**

Interview 19 Oct 2023

*Conflict in Sudan*

**MSF suspends surgery in Khartoum hospital as supplies remain blocked**

Press Release 19 Oct 2023

*Gaza-Israel war*

**Unconditional humanity needs to be restored in Gaza**

Opinion 17 Oct 2023

... Despite the incredible needs, the widespread bombing and the impossibility to bring in supplies has forced us to suspend most of our activities. Our teams inside and outside of Gaza are doing the best they can to respond.

As a medical and humanitarian organisation, we want to do so much more. Today this is just impossible.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News*

**#CeasefireNow: Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel**

20. Oct 2023 - Israel|Palestine

**Re-committing to Increased Protection and Solutions for Rohingya Refugees**

16. Oct 2023 - Bangladesh|Myanmar

**OXFAM** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*"Stories"*

**Communities hit by climate change on the coast of Senegal**

Oct. 20, 2023

Partners working with Oxfam are helping seaside towns adapt, survive, and advocate for more support to overcome losses.

**Sitting with two truths in Israel and Gaza**

Oct. 19, 2023

Respect for the human rights of all people is at the crux of Oxfam's mission and our basic common humanity.

**Humanitarian aid to Gaza must happen now**

Oct. 18, 2023

As conditions in Gaza worsen, Oxfam calls for unimpeded access to food, water, and shelter.

### **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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Stories*

### **How Solar Panels Are Supporting Care In Indigenous Communities In Peru**

Partners In Health has installed over 200 solar panels nationwide  
October 19, 2023

**PATH** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

### **Join PATH at the 2023 American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting**

PATH will join partners from around the world to exchange the latest research at this annual gathering of tropical medicine and global health professionals. This year's meeting will be held in Chicago from October 18-22.

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

### **Open call for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza strip and Israel...**

20 October 2023

Thousands of people have been killed, injured, displaced, and nearly two hundred remain held hostage, including children and the elderly...

**Save The Children** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

20 October 2023 - occupied Palestinian territory

### **The lives of a million children in Gaza hang in the balance as public health catastrophe looms**

18 October 2023 - New York

### **Open Call for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to Prevent a Humanitarian Catastrophe and Further Loss of Innocent Lives**

18 October 2023 - South Sudan

**South Sudan: Save the Children reunites 7,000th child separated from family by conflict**

17 October 2023 - occupied Palestinian territory

**Save the Children says schools and hospitals cannot be a target as at least 500 people killed in Gaza**

17 October 2023 - occupied Palestinian territory

**Save the Children calls for a ceasefire in Gaza as casualties soar and water runs out**

**Tostan** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Article*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**Ongoing conflict in occupied Palestinian territory and Israel**

October 17th 2023

**Conflict is main cause of hunger globally: new survey highlights links between conflict an...**

October 15th 2023

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases & Statements*

**Freedom House Welcomes New Board Co-Chair Wendell L. Willkie, II**

October 19, 2023

**Human Rights Watch** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

October 19, 2023

## **Hamas, Islamic Jihad: Holding Hostages is a War Crime**

Hamas and Islamic Jihad are committing war crimes by holding scores of Israelis and others as hostages in Gaza. No grievance can justify holding anyone hostage. The groups should immediately and safely release all civilians detained.

:: [Israel: Unlawful Gaza Blockade Deadly for Children](#)

:: [Questions and Answers: October 2023 Hostilities between Israel and Palestinian Armed Groups](#)

*Africa*

October 20, 2023 News Release

## **Chad: A Year On, Victims Await Justice**

*Middle East/North Africa*

October 16, 2023 Commentary

## **Questions and Answers: The Humanitarian Catastrophe in Gaza**

**Sari Bashi**

Program Director

Published in: The New Yorker

*Israel/Palestine*

October 18, 2023 News Release

## **Israel/Palestine: Videos of Hamas-Led Attacks Verified**

**Transparency International** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press*

## **Whistleblower Protection Organisations Rally to Advocate for Accountability in Zambon's Case**

Transparency International, in cooperation with organisations dedicated to the defence of whistleblowers worldwide, submitted an amicus curiae brief to the International Labor Organisation...  
19 October 2023

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

## **Bursting the ODA inflation bubble: AidWatch 2023 Report Unveils the Gap Between Rhetoric and Reality**

Oct 18, 2023 |

While Official Development Aid (ODA) figures are reportedly at record highs, the AidWatch 2023 report shows how the EU and its Member States have managed once again to claim billions as aid that did not meet the most basic criteria to qualify as ODA.

**The Elders** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://theelders.org/news-insight>  
*News & Insight*  
*Media Releases*

**Ban Ki-moon "dismayed" at Russia's de-ratification of CTBT nuclear test ban treaty**  
18 October 2023

**Evidence Aid** [to 21 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 disaster communication and social media (research up to 2016)**  
Added October 19, 2023

**Population density and the transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses (search done in October 2020)**  
Added October 17, 2023

**Gavi** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://www.gavi.org/>  
*News Releases*  
19 October 2023

**Gavi welcomes appointment of global health leader Prof Helen Rees as Chair of Vaccine Investment Strategy Steering Committee**

16 October 2023  
**Action plan to drive equitable expansion of immunisation in Africa**

**Global Fund** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>  
*News & Stories*  
16 October 2023

**Global Fund and Siemens Healthineers to Accelerate Adoption of Artificial Intelligence for Tuberculosis Diagnosis**

Siemens Healthineers and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), announced a partnership at the World Health Summit today to accelerate the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in diagnosing tuberculosis (TB), a prev...

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://icvanetwork.org/>  
*Latest Resources/Upcoming Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<http://www.interaction.org/>

*Latest Updates*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*What's New/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CHS Alliance** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*Our Impact/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<http://devinit.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

(ALNAP) [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

20.10.2023

[Elrha joins 70+ INGOs in urgent call for a ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestinian Territories \(oPT\)](#)

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Weekly humanitarian blog posts selection*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://inee.org/>

*News/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Sphere** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Start Network** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Unitaid** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Research*

**The long reach of Taamneh: Carriage and removal requirements for internet platforms**

*Social Media*

Daphne Keller

October 19, 2023

**How inflation, falling stock prices, and energy prices affected external balances in 2022**

*Global Economy & Development*

Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti

October 19, 2023

**The relationship between teacher intentions, turnover behavior, and school conditions**

*Education*

Erica Harbatkin, Tuan D. Nguyen

October 19, 2023

**Investing in Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers to fulfill their promise**

*Health Access & Equity*

Richard G. Frank, Julia Paris

October 19, 2023

**How the federal government should build local governments' capacity for addressing disasters**

*Climate Disasters & Environment*

Carlos Martín, Carolyn Kousky, Karina French, Manann Donoghoe

October 18, 2023

**Understanding democratic decline in the United States**

*Democracy, Conflict, & Governance*

Vanessa Williamson

October 17, 2023

**Policies that reduce intergenerational poverty**

*Economic Security & Mobility*

Greg J. Duncan, Harry J. Holzer

October 17, 2023

**If you want peace, prepare for war — and diplomacy**

*Arms Control & Nonproliferation*

Robert Einhorn

October 16, 2023

**Are private equity investments financing the SDGs in sub-Saharan Africa?**

*Global Economy & Development*

Louise Fox, David Kritzberg, Michael Nicholson

October 16, 2023

**Center for Global Development** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://www.cgd-ev.org/>

*All Research [Selected]*

REPORTS

**[A Call to Action to End Childhood Lead Poisoning Worldwide: A Neglected, Top-Tier Development Challenge](#)**

*The Working Group on Understanding and Mitigating the Global Burden of Lead Poisoning*

October 17, 2023

Final Statement of the Working Group on Understanding and Mitigating the Global Burden of Lead Poisoning.

*WORKING PAPERS*

**[When the Data You Have Aren't the Data You Need: School-Related Violence Data Availability in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)**

David Evans et al.

October 16, 2023

School-related violence is a major challenge in many low- and middle-income countries yet most countries lack data to answer simple questions that policymakers might ask as precursors to taking action against school-related violence, to understand the consequences of violence, or to monitor progress...

**Chatham House** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**[Independent Thinking: Is Gaza on the brink of disaster?](#)**

Episode 44 of our weekly podcast discusses President Biden's visit to Israel and the prospects of an Israeli ground invasion of Gaza.

Audio

20 October 2023

*Expert comment*

**[President Biden's Middle East visit reveals the challenges for US diplomacy – and the cost of American withdrawal from the region](#)**

The war has raised questions about US diplomatic efficacy in the Middle East and its commitment to the region.

18 October 2023

*Expert comment*

**[Israel has the capacity to significantly damage Hamas with a ground offensive. But politics will restrain it throughout](#)**

17 October 2023

*Expert comment*

**[Poland's elections alter the balance of power in the EU](#)**

Poland will regain influence in EU affairs but the future government will not be an easy partner and face fierce opposition from PiS when reforming the rule of law.

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**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*New Releases [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**CSIS** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**Centering PEPFAR in U.S. Global Health Security Strategies**

The CSIS Working Group on Reinvigorating U.S. Leadership on HIV/AIDS offers recommendations for advancing progress on reaching the goal of eliminating HIV as a global public health threat by 2030 while maximizing the contributions to pandemic preparedness and response.

*Brief* by Katherine E. Bliss — October 19, 2023

**Paper Tiger or Pacing Threat?**

CSIS Americas Director Ryan C. Berg and Henry Ziemer evaluate China's advances in the security and defense sector across Latin America and the Caribbean, and discuss options for U.S. responses.

Report by Ryan C. Berg and Henry Ziemer — October 19, 2023

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Research*

**Global trade explorer**

October 18, 2023 – To navigate a more complex and challenging era requires deeper understanding of the full picture of the evolution of global trade flows and the interdependencies and networks created by them. Examining the diverse spectrum of global trade flows from various perspectives, it is clear that global connections are constantly evolving and reconfiguring. Enter our digital experience to explore how these relationships are changing in detail...

**ODI [Overseas Development Institute]** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Publications [Selected]*

**Enhancing access to climate finance for Small Island Developing States: Considerations for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board**

20 October 2023

*Briefing/policy papers*

**Pathways toward digitalization in Social Protection and Labor (SPL) service delivery**

18 October 2023

*Briefing/policy papers*

**Pew Research Center** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Publications [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rand** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Report*

**The Operational Risks of AI in Large-Scale Biological Attacks: A Red-Team Approach**

In this report, the authors address the emerging issue of identifying and mitigating the risks posed by the misuse of artificial intelligence—specifically, large language models—in the context of biological attacks and present preliminary findings.

Oct 16, 2023

Christopher A. Mouton, Caleb Lucas, Ella Guest

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

**New Research Publications - Selected**

*Brief*

**Research Within versus Outside Existing Systems: Framing and Studying the Effects of Structural Racism**

October 19, 2023

**The Wistar Institute** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*Press Release* Oct. 17, 2023

**Dean Stoios Joins The Wistar Institute as Chief Financial Officer**

PHILADELPHIA (October 17, 2023) – The Wistar Institute, a global leader in biomedical research in cancer, immunology and infectious diseases, announces the appointment of Dean Stoios as Chief Financial Officer.

**World Economic Forum** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Media*

**Global Experts Call for Interdisciplinary Approaches to Improve Decision-Making**

18.10.2023

:: A diverse network of more than 450 global experts at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of the Global Future Councils 2023 highlighted the value of interdisciplinary and multistakeholder

solutions to economic, technological, societal and environmental challenges in the face of geopolitical and economic uncertainty.

:: The cross-cutting programme in Dubai addressed harnessing artificial intelligence, accelerating the green transition, reviving productivity, addressing antimicrobial resistance and stabilizing trade.

:: 30 councils developed proposals for collaboration that can create transformative change in the next three years in each of their topic areas.

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### **ISC / International Science Council** [to 21 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.*

*News*

**[Call for nominations of experts: negotiations of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution – deadline 16 November](#)**

*News* 20.10.2023

### **National Academy of Engineering** - USA [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News & Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **National Academy of Medicine** - USA [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News [Selected]*

**[Statement by NAM President Victor Dzau on Humanitarian Crisis in Israel and Gaza](#)**

October 19, 2023

### **National Academy of Sciences** - USA [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

**[Antarctic Research Remains Critical to National Security and Economic Interests; U.S. Investment in New Icebreaker and Other Infrastructure Is Essential, Says Report](#)**

*News Release* | October 20, 2023

WASHINGTON — A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine outlines the importance of access to the Southern Ocean and Antarctic coast for research on critical aspects of global ocean and climate systems, especially related to climate change

### **[How AI Can Help Predict Human Behavior and Accelerate Solutions to Societal Challenges](#)**

*Feature Story* | October 17, 2023

Alex “Sandy” Pentland is a pioneer in harnessing network science to understand and change real-world human behaviors. The director of the MIT Connection Science Research Initiative, and creator and previous director of the MIT Media Lab and the Media Lab Asia in India, Pentland recently delivered the Special Lecture at the National Academy of Engineering’s annual meeting — in which he discussed how tools like artificial intelligence and large language models could help integrate human behavior into predictive models to improve our responses to vexing societal challenges such as climate change, pandemics, and income inequality.

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Hastings Center** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**INSERM** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICH** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 21 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](#)**

We have published a paper identifying where key ethical issues are arising in efforts to respond to the health impacts of climate change, and proposing a set of principles that can assist in considering these within policy making decisions

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

**The World Medical Association stands firmly for the principles of medical neutrality as defined by the Geneva Convention, and calls on all parties to respect International Law and the integrity of unrelated civilian populations**

15.10/2023

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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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases and Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 21 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.*

*EMCF's View | Blue Meridian Partners | October 14, 2020*

**Continued commitment to emergency response efforts**

*Learn how Blue Meridian Partners is pursuing an equitable recovery through new investments, and welcoming new leaders to the organization.*

**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Press*

*No new digest content identified.*

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

**[RWJF Statement Against Antisemitism and Islamophobia](#)**

Statement Oct-19-2023 |

Statement from RWJF President and CEO Richard Besser, MD, denouncing the hateful and corrosive rhetoric and violence aimed at Jewish people and Muslim people—particularly in light of the escalating war in the Middle East.

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

*Newsroom*

**[Benchmark Survey: Annual Family Premiums for Employer Coverage Rise 7% to Nearly \\$24,000 in 2023; Workers Contribute \\$6,575 on Average Now, But Potentially More Soon](#)**

October 18, 2023 News Release

Amid rising inflation, annual family premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance climbed 7% on average this year to reach \$23,968, a sharp departure from virtually no growth in premiums last year, the 2023 benchmark KFF Employer Health Benefits Survey finds. On average, workers this year contribute \$6,575 annually toward the cost...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News & Media*

**[Report documents impact of pandemic child care relief funds on four states](#)**

Oct. 20, 2023

CLASP, the Center for Law and Social Policy, recently released [an important report](#) about the impact pandemic child care relief funds have made for families with young children and childcare providers in Louisiana, Michigan, New York and Virginia. This resource is timely as in September 2023, states began facing deadlines for spending their funds. These deadlines will hit again in September 2024.

The research is based on in-depth interviews with more than two dozen state child care administrators, advocates, providers and parents...

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*News Releases*

17 October 2023

**Connecting continents at the 2023 Lisbon Forum**

NEWS RELEASE - The 29th Lisbon Forum, a two-day annual event organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and co-funded by the European Union, was held yesterday at the Ismaili Centre Lisbon. The theme of this year's forum was "Human Rights, Environment, and Economic Crimes: Youth at the Forefront."

16 October 2023

**Aga Khan Award for Architecture announces Steering Committee for 2025 Award**

NEWS RELEASE - The Aga Khan Award for Architecture has announced the members of the Steering Committee for the 2023-2025 cycle. Projects are now being accepted for submission.

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

<https://www.mellon.org/press>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Recent News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundations** [to 21 Oct 2023]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 21 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 21 Oct 2023]  
<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room>  
*News Room*

*Press Releases & Statements* October 18, 2023

**Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy Praises New Caledonia for Enhancing Marine Protections**

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>  
*Selected Reports/Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 21 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..."*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://sloan.org/about/press>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>  
*News. Opinion, Reports*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fceref=pg>  
*Press Releases/News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 21 Oct 2023]  
<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>  
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## :: **Journal Watch**

*The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.*

### **AJOB Empirical Bioethics**

Volume 14, 2023 Issue 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

October 2023 Volume 65 Issue 4 p551-762

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

November 2023 113(11)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **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**

October 2023 Volume 176, Issue 10

<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Issue 395 - October 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medicine**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>  
(Accessed 21 Oct 2023)

#### **[Understanding multilevel barriers to childhood vaccination uptake among Internally Displaced Populations \(IDPs\) in Mogadishu, Somalia: a qualitative study](#)**

*Disparities in vaccination coverage exist in Somalia with Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) being among the groups with the lowest coverage. We implemented an adapted Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) ...*

Authors: Mohamed Jelle, Andrew J Seal, Hodan Mohamed, Hani Mohamed, Mohamed Sheikh Omar, Sadik Mohamed, Amina Mohamed and Joanna Morrison

Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:2018

Content type: Research Published on: 17 October 2023

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 21 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>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

September 2023  
<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2023-09/Contents>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**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>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**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 21 Oct 2023]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 133 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/133/suppl/C>

*Research article Abstract only*

[\*\*Developing and testing a COVID-19 vaccination acceptance intervention: A pragmatic trial comparing vaccine acceptance intervention vs usual care – Rationale, methods, and implementation\*\*](#)

Jeffrey M. Pyne, Karen H. Seal, Jennifer K. Manuel, Beth DeRonne, ... A. Rani Elwy

Article 107325

### **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 10 2023

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>

*Review Article*

[\*\*Bioethics of somatic gene therapy: what do we know so far?\*\*](#)

Paola Buedo, Alahi Bianchini, Katarzyna Klas & Marcin Waligora

Pages: 1355-1365

Published online: 10 Oct 2023

### **Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258>

[Accessed 21 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

**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>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **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>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **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>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 21 Oct 2023]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Geoheritage**

Volume 15, issue 4, December 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/15-4>

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[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **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 21 Oct 2023]

[No new digest content identified]

## **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 21 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***

[Reviewed earlier]

**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 21 Oct 2023]

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[Accelerating into Immunization Agenda 2030 with momentum from China's successful COVID-19 vaccination campaign during dynamic COVID Zero](#)

*China's immunization programs conducted a unified, tightly coordinated COVID-19 vaccination campaign during the dynamic COVID Zero period that reached well over 90% of the population with vaccines having > 90%...*

Authors: Lance E. Rodewald

Citation: Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2023 12:96

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### **International Health**

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### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

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### **International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

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### **International Journal of Epidemiology**

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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

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*...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.*

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

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***Special Issue: Towards practice-led research agendas for World Heritage properties***

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### **Journal of Development Economics**

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Volume 18 Issue 4, October 2023

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***Ethical Issues in Research in Low and Middle-Income Countries***

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Volume 21, 2023 \_ Issue 3

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Volume 35, Issue 7 Pages: 1549-2249 October 2023

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*REVIEW ARTICLE*

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**[A review of machine learning and satellite imagery for poverty prediction: Implications for development research and applications](#)**

Ola Hall, Francis Dompae, Ibrahim Wahab, Fred Mawunyo Dzanku

Pages: 1753-1768

First Published: 01 February 2023

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**[A multidimensional approach to measuring vulnerability to poverty among refugee populations](#)**

Angela C. Lyons, Josephine Kass-Hanna, Alejandro Montoya Castano

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### **Journal of the Royal Society – Interface**

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### **Journal of Travel Medicine**

Volume 30, Issue 5, July 2023

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### **Journal on Education in Emergencies**

Volume 8, Number 2 - (June 2022)

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#### ***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 21, 2023 Volume 402 Number 10411 p1393-1498, e12

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

*Review*

#### **[Scientific advances and the end of tuberculosis: a report from the Lancet Commission on Tuberculosis](#)**

Michael Reid, et al.

The 2019 Lancet Commission on Tuberculosis laid out an optimistic vision for how to build a tuberculosis-free world through smart investments based on sound science and shared responsibility. <sup>1</sup> Since then, several major strides have been made towards ending tuberculosis, including substantive improvements in treatment outcomes for people with drug-resistant disease. <sup>2</sup> , <sup>3</sup> Although COVID-19

has undermined global progress, many African countries have sustained declines in tuberculosis mortality rates. With excellent short-course preventive regimens and several late-stage vaccine candidates, tuberculosis prevention is also on the cusp of a revolution. Still, much more can be done to fully implement the Commission's recommendations ([panel 1](#)) and realise the ambitious targets set out at the UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on tuberculosis in 2018. In the 5 years since the HLM, more than 7 million people have died of tuberculosis; their deaths are a profound tragedy and a reminder of the urgency of accelerating momentum.

## **The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

Nov 2023 Volume 7 Number 11 p747-814, e18-e20

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

*Editorial*

### **[Child poverty in 2023: inequity in times of crises](#)**

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

... While lifting children out of poverty remains a key priority, it is also important to prevent vulnerable households from tipping, or sliding back, into poverty. WHO estimates that out-of-pocket spending on health pushes 100 million people into extreme poverty each year, and universal health coverage is therefore an essential component of reducing child poverty. Ensuring access to high-quality health care, early child development programmes, education, and social protection is foundational to breaking the insidious cycle of poverty. Having witnessed how severely a global pandemic can compound vulnerability to poverty, it is necessary that these systems and programmes are resilient to severe shocks in the future.

Worldwide, paediatricians have a crucial role in supporting children and families in coping with the health burden of poverty and referring them to relevant services. But individual-level efforts are uphill battles when surrounding systems are inherently inequitable. When, for example, a fully vaccinated, breastfeeding child is malnourished because the family does not have enough food or secure housing, there is little that individual paediatricians can do. It is incumbent on all sectors of society to unify towards liberating resources for households and supporting children's social mobility out of poverty. This starts by governments placing children at the heart of all policies and investing in the programmes that will see child poverty, in all its dimensions, tackled.

*Review*

### **[The evolving treatment landscape for children with sickle cell disease](#)**

Seethal A Jacob, Ravi Talati, Julie Kanter

*Summary*

Sickle cell disease is the most common inherited pathological haemoglobinopathy. Over the past 30 years, disease-related morbidity and mortality have improved in high-income countries due to advances in preventive care and treatments. Established disease-modifying therapies, such as hydroxyurea (hydrocarbamide), are continuing to have an important role in the treatment of sickle cell disease, and newer agents also show promise. In the past 5 years, the US Food and Drug Administration approved three additional sickle cell disease-modifying medications, and new gene therapies have been developed as an alternative curative treatment to haematopoietic stem-cell transplantation. In this Review, we discuss the current treatment landscape for paediatric sickle cell disease and emerging innovations in care. We also review the need for close, long-term management for children receiving newer therapies and the importance of ongoing investment in people with sickle cell disease in low-income and middle-income countries.

## **Lancet Digital Health**

Oct 2023 Volume 5 Number 10 e632-e748

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

#### *Review*

### **FAIR, ethical, and coordinated data sharing for COVID-19 response: a scoping review and cross-sectional survey of COVID-19 data sharing platforms and registries**

Lauren Maxwell, et al.

#### *Summary*

Data sharing is central to the rapid translation of research into advances in clinical medicine and public health practice. In the context of COVID-19, there has been a rush to share data marked by an explosion of population-specific and discipline-specific resources for collecting, curating, and disseminating participant-level data. We conducted a scoping review and cross-sectional survey to identify and describe COVID-19-related platforms and registries that harmonise and share participant-level clinical, omics (eg, genomic and metabolomic data), imaging data, and metadata. We assess how these initiatives map to the best practices for the ethical and equitable management of data and the findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable (FAIR) principles for data resources. We review gaps and redundancies in COVID-19 data-sharing efforts and provide recommendations to build on existing synergies that align with frameworks for effective and equitable data reuse. We identified 44 COVID-19-related registries and 20 platforms from the scoping review. Data-sharing resources were concentrated in high-income countries and siloed by comorbidity, body system, and data type. Resources for harmonising and sharing clinical data were less likely to implement FAIR principles than those sharing omics or imaging data. Our findings are that more data sharing does not equate to better data sharing, and the semantic and technical interoperability of platforms and registries harmonising and sharing COVID-19-related participant-level data needs to improve to facilitate the global collaboration required to address the COVID-19 crisis.

#### *Health Policy*

### **Mapping and evaluating national data flows: transparency, privacy, and guiding infrastructural transformation**

Joe Zhang, et al.

#### *Summary*

The importance of big health data is recognised worldwide. Most UK National Health Service (NHS) care interactions are recorded in electronic health records, resulting in an unmatched potential for population-level datasets. However, policy reviews have highlighted challenges from a complex data-sharing landscape relating to transparency, privacy, and analysis capabilities. In response, we used public information sources to map all electronic patient data flows across England, from providers to more than 460 subsequent academic, commercial, and public data consumers. Although NHS data support a global research ecosystem, we found that multistage data flow chains limit transparency and risk public trust, most data interactions do not fulfil recommended best practices for safe data access, and existing infrastructure produces aggregation of duplicate data assets, thus limiting diversity of data and added value to end users. We provide recommendations to support data infrastructure transformation and have produced a website (<https://DataInsights.uk>) to promote transparency and showcase NHS data assets.

## **Lancet Global Health**

Nov 2023 Volume 11 Number 11 e1667-e1826

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

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### **Safety and immunogenicity of the two-dose heterologous Ad26.ZEBOV and MVA-BN-Filo Ebola vaccine regimen in infants: a phase 2, randomised, double-blind, active-controlled trial in Guinea and Sierra Leone**

Edward Man-Lik Choi, et al. for the EBOVAC-3/EBL2005 Study Team

*Review*

**The effect and control of malaria in pregnancy and lactating women in the Asia-Pacific region**

Holger W Unger, et al.

*Health Policy*

**Clinical and regulatory development strategies for Shigella vaccines intended for children younger than 5 years in low-income and middle-income countries**

Birgitte K Giersing, et al.

**Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Oct 2023 Volume 23 Number 10 p1095-1206, e390-e454

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

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**Can we control dengue?**

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

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Oct 2023 Volume 8 Number 10 e743-e826

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**Potential population-level effectiveness of one-dose HPV vaccination in low-income and middle-income countries: a mathematical modelling analysis**

Élodie Bénard, et al

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Oct 2023 Volume 11 Number 10 p851-944, e84-e88

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Volume 27, issue 9, September 2023

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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680009/current>

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## **Nature**

Volume 622 Issue 7983, 19 October 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/622/issues/7983>

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### **[How to share data — not just equally, but equitably](#)**

Just as with many natural resources, wealthy countries have been extracting scientific data from poorer nations for centuries. Researchers are changing that.

## **Nature Biotechnology**

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## **Nature Genetics**

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## **Nature Reviews Drug Discovery**

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## **Nature Reviews Genetics**

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### **Nature Reviews Immunology**

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### **New England Journal of Medicine**

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### **Pediatrics**

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### **PLoS Biology**

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#### **Open Science 2.0: Towards a truly collaborative research ecosystem**

Robert T. Thibault, Olavo B. Amaral, Felipe Argolo, Anita E. Bandrowski, Alexandra R. Davidson, Natascha I. Drude

*Essay* | published 19 Oct 2023 PLOS Biology

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#### ***Abstract***

Conversations about open science have reached the mainstream, yet many open science practices such as data sharing remain uncommon. Our efforts towards openness therefore need to increase in scale and aim for a more ambitious target. We need an ecosystem not only where research outputs are openly shared but also in which transparency permeates the research process from the start and lends itself to more rigorous and collaborative research. To support this vision, this Essay provides an overview of a selection of open science initiatives from the past 2 decades, focusing on methods transparency, scholarly communication, team science, and research culture, and speculates about what the future of open science could look like. It then draws on these examples to provide recommendations for how funders, institutions, journals, regulators, and other stakeholders can create an environment that is ripe for improvement.

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*Review*

### **[Global regulatory reforms to promote equitable vaccine access in the next pandemic](#)**

Richard Mahoney, Peter J. Hotez, Maria Elena Bottazzi

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*Abstract*

There is broad consensus that the global response to the Covid-19 pandemic was inadequate, leading to unacceptable levels of avoidable morbidity and mortality. Three strategic missteps led to the lack of equitable vaccine access: The heavy reliance on commercial vaccine manufacturers in high-income countries (HICs) versus low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); the emergence of vaccine nationalism restricting and delaying the supply of vaccines to LMICs; and an inadequate support or recognition for LMIC national regulatory authorities. To avoid these inequities in a future pandemic, we focus on three successful vaccine development and technology transfer case studies—the Hepatitis B vaccine produced in South Korea in the 1980s; the Meningitis A vaccine for Africa led by Program for Appropriate Technologies in Health (PATH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in the 2000s; and a recombinant SARS CoV-2 protein-based vaccine technology from the Texas Children’s Hospital transferred to India and to Indonesia. In addition to expanding support for academic or non-profit product development partnerships, our analysis finds that an essential step is the strengthening of selected LMIC regulatory systems to become Stringent Regulatory Authorities (SRAs), together with a re-prioritization of the WHO Prequalification (PQ) system to ensure early vaccine availability in LMICs especially during pandemics. Advancing LMIC National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) to Stringent Regulatory Authorities (SRAs) status will require substantial resources, but the benefits for future pandemic control and for health in LMIC would be immense. We call on the WHO, United Nation (UN) agencies and SRAs, to collaborate and implement a comprehensive roadmap to support LMIC regulators to achieve stringent status by 2030.

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### **[Post-epidemic health system recovery: A comparative case study analysis of routine immunization programs in the Republics of Haiti and Liberia](#)**

Sanjana J. Ravi, Christina M. Potter, Ligia Paina, Maria W. Merritt  
Research Article | published 17 Oct 2023 PLOS ONE  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0292793>

**Poor reporting quality of randomized controlled trials comparing treatments of COVID-19–  
A retrospective cross-sectional study on the first year of publications**

Linda Grüßer, Charlotte Eißing, Ana Kowark, András P. Keszei, Julia Wallqvist, Rolf Rossaint, Sebastian Ziemann  
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**Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

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**Proceedings of the Royal Society B**

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### **Public Health Ethics**

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### **Public Health Genomics**

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### **Public Health Reports**

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### **Qualitative Health Research**

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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

Volume 42, Issue 3, September 2023

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***Special Issue: The Influence of the Global Refugee Regime in Africa***

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### **Research Ethics**

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### **[Safeguard the world's worst pathogens](#)**

BY Piers Millett

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## **Science and Engineering Ethics**

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### ***Special issue: Zoonotic diseases***

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### **[What keeps me up at night](#)**

BY Anthony S. Fauci

18 Oct 2023

The lessons of COVID-19 must be heeded if the world is to be prepared for the next emergent pathogen with pandemic potential.

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### **[Drug discovery in Africa tackles zoonotic and related infections](#)**

BY Christabel N. Hikaambo, et al.

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African drug discovery scientists are making headway in addressing the burden of zoonotic and related infections on their continent.

### **[Many potential pathways to future pandemic influenza](#)**

BY David M. Morens, Jaekeun Park, Jeffery K. Taubenberger

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Influenza pandemics have emerged for centuries but still cannot be accurately predicted.

### **Zoonotic mosquito-borne arboviruses: Spillover, spillback, and realistic mitigation strategies**

BY Rafael K. Campos, Shannan L. Rossi, Robert B. Tesh, Scott C. Weaver

18 Oct 2023

Mosquito-borne viruses increasingly threaten human health, requiring enhanced surveillance, prevention, and treatment strategies to prevent outbreaks.

### **A ticking time bomb hidden in plain sight**

BY Sukanya Narasimhan, et al.

18 Oct 2023

It is time for a One Health approach to address the rising threat of tick-borne diseases.

### **Wastewater surveillance facilitates climate change–resilient pathogen monitoring**

BY Megan B. Diamond, et al.

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Wastewater surveillance data can inform how climate change impacts pathogen dynamics and guide stronger public health intervention strategies

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

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Read about how we can envision high tech to serve society, how health-care providers should adopt a more holistic approach to treating patients, how smarter real estate design can improve the well-being of residents, how nonprofits can garner the trust of communities in which they work, and other topics in the Fall 2023 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

### **Systematic Reviews**

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Volume 55 September–October 2023

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Volume 18, Issue 3, 2023

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## World Heritage Review

*World Heritage* n°103 – September 2023

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### **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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*Study Protocol* metrics AWAITING PEER REVIEW

**[The Brain Imaging for Global Health \(BRIGHT\) Project: Longitudinal cohort study protocol](#)**

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Sarah Lloyd-Fox, Sam McCann, Bosiljka Milosavljevic, Laura Katus, Anna Blasi, Chiara Bulgarelli, Maria Crespo-Llado, Giulia Ghillia, Tijan Fadera, Ebrima Mbye, Luke Mason, Fabakary Njai, Omar Njie, Marta Perapoch-Amado, Maria Rozhko, Fatima Sosseh, Mariama Saidykhan, Ebou Touray, Sophie Moore, Clare Elwell, The BRIGHT Project team

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### ***Abstract***

There is a scarcity of prospective longitudinal research targeted at early postnatal life which maps developmental pathways of early-stage processing and brain specialisation in the context of early adversity. Follow up from infancy into the one-five year age range is key, as it constitutes a critical gap between infant and early childhood studies. Availability of portable neuroimaging (functional near infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS) and electroencephalography (EEG)) has enabled access to rural settings increasing the diversity of our sampling and broadening developmental research to include previously underrepresented ethnic-racial and geographical groups in low- and middle- income countries (LMICs). The primary objective of the Brain Imaging for Global Health (BRIGHT) project was to establish brain function - using longitudinal data from mother - for-age reference curves infant dyads living in the UK and rural Gambia and investigate the association between context-associated moderators and developmental trajectories across the first two years of life in The Gambia. In total, 265 participating families were seen during pregnancy, at 7-14 days, 1-, 5-, 8-, 12-, 18- and 24-months post-partum. An

additional visit is now underway at 3–5 years to assess pre-school outcomes. The majority of our Gambian cohort live in poverty, but while resource-poor in many factors they commonly experience a rich and beneficial family and caregiving context with multigenerational care and a close-knit supportive community. Understanding the impact of different factors at play in such an environment (i.e., detrimental undernutrition versus beneficial multigenerational family support) will (i) improve the representativeness of models of general cognitive developmental pathways from birth, (ii) identify causal pathways of altered trajectories associated with early adversity at both individual and group level, and (iii) identify the context-associated moderators (i.e. social context) that protect development despite the presence of poverty-associated challenges. This will in turn contribute to the development of targeted interventions.

## **medRxiv**

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### **[COVID-19 cases associated with testing policies in 34 highly democratic countries, 2020-2022](#)**

Leon S. Robertson

medRxiv 2023.10.19.23297270; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.10.19.23297270>

#### *Abstract*

COVID-19 testing policies varied in time from testing only the symptomatic, testing the symptomatic and persons at higher risk of severe disease, on-demand testing for people who wanted one, and two periods of government-imposed mass testing in Slovakia. Using Poisson regression, this study examines the associations of COVID-19 cases during the times that the noted policies were in effect in 34 countries rated highest on democracy scores. Statistically corrected for other risk factors, increases in negative tests were associated with subsequent surges in cases when on-demand testing was promoted, particularly when coupled with poor contact tracing. Mass testing in Slovakia was associated with reduced spread of the virus for short periods but was deemed unsustainable. The data support the hypothesis that on-demand testing resulted in the unanticipated consequence of increased travel and increased exposure of travelers to the virus.

### **[Real-world data: A systematic literature review on the barriers, challenges, and opportunities associated with their inclusion in the health technology assessment process](#)**

Konstantinos Zisis, Elpida Pavi, Mary Geitona, Kostas Athanasakis

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### **[The Psychological Impact of Torture and State Repression in Türkiye between 2015 and 2018: Reports from Turkish Refugees Seeking Asylum in Germany](#)**

Estella Alejandra Tambini Stollwerck, Ilkem Sarikaya, Kathrin Yen, Hans-Christoph Friederich, Christoph Nikendei

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#### *Abstract*

Torture seeks to undermine not only the physical and emotional well-being of an individual but to damage the coherence of entire communities. Thus, torture and state repression are used to weaken entire subpopulations. After the failed coup d'état in Türkiye in 2016 and during the subsequently following state of emergency that lasted until 2018, allegations of torture and other degrading treatment in Türkiye spread widely. Since then, the number of asylum-seekers in Germany has risen considerably.

This paper analyses the reports of twenty Turkish citizens that fled to Germany to seek asylum in the aftermath of the events. In semi-structured interviews held in Turkish, we assessed the experiences of torture and state repression, psychological consequences, and the current well-being and living situation.

All interviewees described illicit experiences with violence from state authorities and government supporters, especially while under arrest. Though the methods varied, there was a constant pattern of imbalance of power. The psychological impact of these methods were present after relocation in Germany and included signs of PTSD, anxiety disorders, and major depression.

The reports of torture, state repression, and their psychological impact emphasise the importance for policy makers to address the prevention of human rights violations and support the needs of survivors.

### **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 Caterina Phiho Gomes, Tudor Groza, Sara Khalid, Tom Lumbers, Mevhibe Hocaoglu, Kamlesh Khunti, Rouven Priedon, Amitava Banerjee, Nikolas Pontikos, Chris Tomlinson, Ana Torralbo, Paul Taylor, Cathie Sudlow, Spiros Denaxas, Harry Hemingway, Honghan Wu  
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### **OSF Pre-prints**

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