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Editor's Note:

The Sentinel resumes publication with this 06 January 2024 edition following an end-of-year break.

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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Human Rights

The UN can no longer protect human rights by itself

Authoritarianism is on the march, and crucial entitlements are being rolled back

Mark Malloch-Brown, President of the Open Society Foundations, former UN deputy secretary-general
Financial Times, 27 December 2023

Opinion Human rights

[Excerpts; Full text access limited by paywall]

In 1948, 75 years ago this month, the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a historic act of international co-operation and a powerful assertion of our common humanity...

Today, however, human rights around the world are not in good fettle. Authoritarianism is on the march. Crucial individual rights are being rolled back, from the right to a girl's education in Afghanistan to a woman's right to choose in the US. Free speech is under attack on campuses. And as armed conflicts become more numerous and more deadly to civilians, old norms are giving way to a new age of impunity.

The UN — the cradle of the UDHR — still has a role to play. Its Human Rights Council is a deeply flawed but important monitor. Its peacekeepers help to prevent atrocities. And its voice is still raised, as we saw most recently on December 6 when secretary-general António Guterres invoked Article 99 of the UN charter to urge the Security Council to push for a new humanitarian ceasefire in the Israel-Palestine conflict.

But current events also expose an important truth: the UN is not enough. Often it finds itself on the back foot as the geopolitical tensions of a fragmenting international order stymie common action. Despite the service of the "blue helmets", its peacekeeping missions have a much smaller footprint today than they did in the late 1990s and 2000s. The UN's moral force remains, but is impaired...

The answer is not to dismiss the UN's role in the protection of human rights, but to acknowledge that in future it must be buttressed by new strategies and methods, rooted in the art of the possible, that go beyond it. Pragmatic approaches should govern these...

While a number of brave NGOs work to defend human rights globally, we also need a new generation of bottom-up initiatives led by local campaigners that draw on the demands of their communities rather than external finger-wagging...

It takes local knowledge and sensitivity. International allies must see themselves not as preachers imposing human rights from afar, but as enablers supporting the platforms on which local actors can enact change as they see fit....

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"Israel-Palestine Crisis"

Editor's Note

This week, we return to selected statements/actions by the UN system, member states, and INGO community around the continuing tragedy. This selection is indicative, certainly not exhaustive, as events are occurring at high velocity. Please scan through this full edition to find relevant announcements/ statements/actions from the broader global community. Finally, we recognize that we are not properly balancing here treatment of the many other conflicts and humanitarian emergencies that continue to rage across the globe.

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International Court of Justice

[Press release No. 2023/77](#)

29 December 2023

The Republic of **South Africa institutes proceedings against the State of Israel** and requests the Court to indicate provisional measures.

[Excerpts]

...According to the Application, "acts and omissions by Israel . . . are genocidal in character, as they are committed with the requisite specific intent . . . to destroy Palestinians in Gaza as a part of the broader Palestinian national, racial and ethnical group" and that "the conduct of Israel — through its State organs, State agents, and other persons and entities acting on its instructions or under its direction, control or influence — in relation to Palestinians in Gaza, is in violation of its obligations under the Genocide Convention".

The Applicant further states that "Israel, since 7 October 2023 in particular, has failed to prevent genocide and has failed to prosecute the direct and public incitement to genocide" and that "Israel has engaged in, is engaging in and risks further engaging in genocidal acts against the Palestinian people in Gaza".

South Africa seeks to found the Court's jurisdiction on Article 36, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court and on Article IX of the Genocide Convention, to which both South Africa and Israel are parties. The Application also contains a Request for the indication of provisional measures, pursuant to Article 41 of the Statute of the Court and Articles 73, 74 and 75 of the Rules of Court. The Applicant requests the Court to indicate provisional measures in order to "protect against further, severe and irreparable harm to the rights of the Palestinian people under the Genocide Convention" and "to ensure Israel's compliance with its obligations under the Genocide Convention not to engage in genocide, and to prevent and to punish genocide"...

[Press release No. 2024/1](#)

3 January 2024

Proceedings instituted by South Africa against the State of Israel on 29 December 2023 - Request for the indication of provisional measures - **Public hearings to be held on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 January 2024**

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UN relief chief: The war in Gaza must end

5 January 2024

Statement by Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Three months since the horrific 7 October attacks, Gaza has become a place of death and despair. Tens of thousands of people, mostly women and children, have been killed or injured. Families are sleeping in the open as temperatures plummet. Areas where civilians were told to relocate for their safety have come under bombardment. Medical facilities are under relentless attack. The few hospitals that are partially functional are overwhelmed with trauma cases, critically short of all supplies, and inundated by desperate people seeking safety.

A public health disaster is unfolding. Infectious diseases are spreading in overcrowded shelters as sewers spill over. Some 180 Palestinian women are giving birth daily amidst this chaos. People are facing the highest levels of food insecurity ever recorded. Famine is around the corner.

For children in particular, the past 12 weeks have been traumatic: No food. No water. No school. Nothing but the terrifying sounds of war, day in and day out.

Gaza has simply become uninhabitable. Its people are witnessing daily threats to their very existence – while the world watches on.

The humanitarian community has been left with the impossible mission of supporting more than 2 million people, even as its own staff are being killed and displaced, as communication blackouts continue, as roads are damaged and convoys are shot at, and as commercial supplies vital to survival are almost non-existent. Meanwhile, rocket attacks on Israel continue, more than 120 people are still held hostage in Gaza, tensions in the West Bank are boiling, and the specter of further regional spillover of the war is looming dangerously close.

Hope has never been more elusive. Gaza has shown us the worst of humanity, as well as moments of great heroism. We have seen how violence cannot resolve differences, but only inflame passions and build new generations of danger and insecurity.

We continue to demand an immediate end to the war, not just for the people of Gaza and its threatened neighbors, but for the generations to come who will never forget these 90 days of hell and of assaults on the most basic precepts of humanity.

It is time for the parties to meet all their obligations under international law, including to protect civilians and meet their essential needs, and to release all hostages immediately. It is time for the international community to use all its influence to make this happen. This war should never have started. But it's long past time for it to end.

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Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights

Flash report on the human rights situation in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, 7 October - 20 November 2023

Country reports - Palestine

GENEVA (28 December 2023) – A UN [report](#) released today details the rapidly deteriorating human rights situation in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, after 7 October 2023, and calls on Israel to end unlawful killings and settler violence against the Palestinian population.

The report calls for an immediate end to the use of military weapons and means during law enforcement operations, an end to arbitrary detention and ill-treatment of Palestinians, and the lifting of discriminatory movement restrictions.

The UN Human Rights Office has verified the deaths of 300 Palestinians from 7 October to 27 December 2023 - including 79 children - in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since the attacks by Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups in southern Israel. Of these, Israeli Security Forces killed at least 291 Palestinians, settlers killed eight, and one Palestinian was killed either by Israeli Security Forces or settlers. Prior to 7 October, 200 Palestinians had already been killed in the area in 2023 - the highest number in a ten-month-period since the UN began keeping records in 2005...

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UNICEF

Press release 05 January 2024

[Intensifying conflict, malnutrition and disease in the Gaza Strip creates a deadly cycle that threatens over 1.1 million children](#)

NEW YORK, 5 January 2024 – Children in the Gaza Strip face a deadly triple threat to their lives, as cases of diseases rise, nutrition plummets and the escalation in hostilities approaches its fourteenth week. Thousands of children have already died from the violence, while living conditions for children continue to rapidly deteriorate, with...

Statement 28 December 2023

[Number of children killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, reaches unprecedented levels](#)

AMMAN, 28 December 2023 – “This year has been the deadliest year on record for children in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, with conflict-related violence reaching unprecedented levels. “83 children have been killed in the past twelve weeks – more than double the number of children killed in all of 2022, amid increased military and law...



Gaza – Cultural, Archaeological Heritage

ICOMOS Press Release on the Situation in Gaza and Israel

International Council on Monuments and Sites

Written on 21 December 2023.

Following ICOMOS' appeal on 17 October, and in the face of the increasingly distressing developments over the last months, **ICOMOS again expresses its sadness and horror at the unacceptable and unconscionable price being paid by civilians, in particular children, and at the destruction of cultural, archaeological and living heritage, since the present round of this conflict began over two months ago.**

Cultural heritage not only plays a central role in the history of this ongoing conflict but also serves as a source of social cohesion and humanitarian values, and gives people a sense of place, belonging and identity.

The heritage of Gaza, with its over 3000-year history as a strategic crossroads of civilisations, whose traces – religious buildings, historic buildings, museums, archaeological sites, traditional neighbourhoods – can be found throughout the Strip but especially in and around the densely urbanised Gaza City in the northern part, **has suffered irreversible damages** – and every further day of fighting puts it at greater risk.

Among others, reports are available on the destruction of the 7th century Great Omari Mosque and airstrikes within the compound of the 5th century Church of St. Porphyrius. Furthermore, mass population displacement and destruction of homes and neighbourhoods will have an incalculable impact on the living culture and intangible heritage of the Palestinians.

ICOMOS again calls on all parties to do all in their power to protect cultural heritage and to respect to the letter and the spirit their obligations under international law, both treaty and customary – and in particular the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two protocols, the 1972 World Heritage Convention and the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. ICOMOS reminds and stresses that the intentional targeting of cultural and religious sites (that are not legitimate military objectives and have no imperative military necessity), as other civilian objects, is prohibited specifically, under any circumstances, in international humanitarian law and is considered a war crime.

ICOMOS is in constant contact with its colleagues in both Israel and Palestine. Our International Scientific Committee on Risk Preparedness (ICORP) and its Crisis Monitoring and Response Working Group are tracking developments, gathering information on impacts to cultural heritage and preparing strategic response and recovery activities.

ICOMOS welcomes the UN General Assembly resolution A/ES-10/L.27 adopted on 12 December 2023, demanding an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, as well as ensuring humanitarian access to Gaza. ICOMOS urges all parties involved to work toward a sustainable cessation of hostilities.

ICOMOS offers its scientific and technical assistance and cooperation to all those working to protect the heritage in the region and towards paths which embrace dialogue, mutual respect and

dignity for the people and their **shared cultural heritage – as an indispensable element to rebuilding peace**. As always, our thoughts remain foremost with our colleagues in both ICOMOS Israel and ICOMOS Palestine, and their families.

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Featured Journal Content

International Review of the Red Cross

No. 924 December 2023

<https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-924-environment>

Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflict

[27 articles]

In the context of the historical development of international humanitarian law (IHL), the specific protection of the environment is relatively recent. Still, in the almost fifty years since the first treaty rules emerged explicitly protecting the environment during armed conflict, modern understandings of the relationships among ecological and human health, on one hand, and the multi-layered and diverse threats that armed conflicts pose to the environment, on the other hand, have significantly advanced.

This issue of the International Review of the Red Cross delves into the many ways that conflict can adversely impact the environment. The articles within it develop thoughtful analysis regarding how the existing international legal framework protects the environment during armed conflict.

[Sample Article]

Chair's Summary Report of State Expert Meeting on International Humanitarian Law: Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflicts

PDF: Chair's Summary – English https://www.icrc.org/en/download/file/273769/chair_s-summary_en.pdf

Armed conflicts can have a devastating impact on the environment, and the environmental consequences of conflict in turn threaten people's health and livelihoods. International humanitarian law (IHL) contains a range of obligations that set legal limits on the damage that warring parties can inflict on the environment.

The “State Expert Meeting on International Humanitarian Law: Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflicts”, organized by Switzerland and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for States party to the Geneva Conventions, was held in early 2023. The meeting brought together nearly 400 experts from ministries of defence, the environment and foreign affairs from over 120 countries to share national experiences, challenges and good practices related to the protection of the environment in armed conflicts.

In addition, expert resource persons from the UN Environment Program, the UN International Law Commission and the International Union for Conservation of Nature supported the exchanges. The meeting's purpose was to progress on the national implementation of international humanitarian law relating to the protection of the natural environment in armed conflicts. The Chair's Summary prepared by Switzerland and the ICRC reviews the contents of the meeting, including the good practices shared, and can be drawn upon to enhance environmental protection in war...

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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 06 Jan 2024]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

3 January 2024 GA/12579

[Secretary-General Urges Statesmanship to End Geopolitical Deadlock, Warning Humanity 'Ever Closer to a Great Fracture', at Opening of Annual General Assembly Session](#)

The international community “seems incapable of coming together” to respond to intensifying crises, pushing the multilateral system into dysfunction and deadlock in a more fragmented world, the United Nations Secretary-General warned this September at the annual high-level General Assembly debate.

30 December 2023 SC/15551

[As Russian Federation's War on Ukraine Continues, Senior United Nations Official, Briefing Security Council, Reiterates Appeal to Stop Attacking Civilians](#)

A senior United Nations official today condemned all attacks on cities, towns, and villages in Ukraine and the Russian Federation during the second Security Council meeting in 24 hours on the subject, as aerial bombardments between the two countries escalate.

29 December 2023 SG/SM/22097

[Gravely Concern about Spillover of Israel, Hamas Conflict into Middle East Region, Secretary-General Urges All Parties to Exercise Restraint, De-escalate Tensions](#)

29 December 2023 SC/15549

[Risk of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Threatening Stability of Wider Region Remains High, Senior UN Political Official Warns Security Council](#)

The risk of regional spillover of the Israeli-Palestine conflict remains high, a top United Nations official told the Security Council today, as delegates underscored that a full-blown conflict between Israel and Hizbullah would be catastrophic for Lebanon and the wider region.

22 December 2023 SC/15546

[Security Council Requests UN Coordinator for Humanitarian Aid in Gaza, Adopting Resolution 2720 \(2023\) by Recorded Vote](#)

The Security Council today requested the Secretary-General to appoint a Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for the Gaza Strip as it demanded the parties to the conflict to allow,

facilitate and enable the immediate, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance at scale directly to Palestinian civilians throughout that territory.

22 December 2023 SC/15545

'Gaps, Inconsistencies and Discrepancies' Persist in Syria's Dossier on Dual-Use Chemical Agents, Security Council Told in Briefing

Consultations on Syria's chemical programme have taken place between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Government of Syria, but Damascus' further cooperation is needed to resolve outstanding issues as gaps and discrepancies persist, the Security Council heard today.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on rising hate speech and incitement in Democratic Republic of Congo

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United Nations Human Rights Council [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

Afghanistan: A dire situation for children due to a lack of access to basic services and increased vulnerabilities.

Friday, 22 December 2023

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict welcomes the adoption of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2720

Friday, 22 December 2023

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 06 Jan 2024]

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Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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United States: UN experts alarmed at prospect of first-ever untested execution by nitrogen hypoxia in Alabama

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements

Press release 05 January 2024

Intensifying conflict, malnutrition and disease in the Gaza Strip creates a deadly cycle that threatens over 1.1 million children

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/intensifying-conflict-malnutrition-and-disease-gaza-strip-creates-deadly-cycle>

NEW YORK, 5 January 2024 – Children in the Gaza Strip face a deadly triple threat to their lives, as cases of diseases rise, nutrition plummets and the escalation in hostilities approaches its fourteenth week. Thousands of children have already died from the violence, while living conditions for children continue to rapidly deteriorate, with...

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<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/number-children-killed-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem-reaches-unprecedented>

AMMAN, 28 December 2023 – “This year has been the deadliest year on record for children in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, with conflict-related violence reaching unprecedented levels. “83 children have been killed in the past twelve weeks – more than double the number of children killed in all of 2022, amid increased military and law...

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[Hundreds of vulnerable children evacuated for second time as Sudan war continues to put millions of children at risk](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/hundreds-vulnerable-children-evacuated-second-time-sudan-war-continues-put-millions)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/hundreds-vulnerable-children-evacuated-second-time-sudan-war-continues-put-millions>

PORT SUDAN/NEW YORK, 27 December 2023 – 253 babies and children have been safely evacuated from transit centres in Wad Madani, Sudan to a safer location in the country, after fighting in Al Jazirah state erupted this month. For many of the children, this is the second time they have been evacuated after they were evacuated from Mygoma orphanages...

22 December 2023

[Statement by UNICEF on the risk of famine in the Gaza Strip](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-risk-famine-gaza-strip)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-risk-famine-gaza-strip>

NEW YORK, 22 December 2023 – “Yesterday, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) warned the world of the very high risk of famine in the Gaza Strip, increasing every day if the situation persists. Specifically, the IPC report said at least 1 in 4 households in the Gaza Strip, or more than half a million people, are facing...

News note 22 December 2023

[First batch of humanitarian supplies for children provided by UNICEF starting to arrive in Jishishan, Gansu Province](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/first-batch-humanitarian-supplies-children-provided-unicef-starting-arrive-jishishan)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/first-batch-humanitarian-supplies-children-provided-unicef-starting-arrive-jishishan>

BEIJING, 22 December 2023 – The first batch of humanitarian supplies for children provided by UNICEF is starting to arrive in Jishishan, Gansu Province, which was impacted by the 6.2-magnitude earthquake that struck the area. The supplies contain 44,500 winter clothes, including coats, pants and sweatshirts for 30,000 young children and...

Press release 21 December 2023

[Almost 3 million children in Sudan’s Al Jazirah state at risk as violence escalates](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/almost-3-million-children-sudans-al-jazirah-state-risk-violence-escalates)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/almost-3-million-children-sudans-al-jazirah-state-risk-violence-escalates>

NEW YORK/AMMAN/PORT SUDAN, 21 December 2023 – The escalation in fighting in Sudan’s Al Jazirah state has reportedly forced at least 150,000 children from their homes in less than a week, UNICEF warned today. The eruption of fighting in Al Jazirah means that more than half of states in Sudan – 10 out of 18 – are experiencing active conflict. An...

Statement 19 December 2023

[COVID-19 vaccinations shift to regular immunisation as COVAX draws to a close](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/covid-19-vaccinations-shift-regular-immunisation-covax-draws-close)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/covid-19-vaccinations-shift-regular-immunisation-covax-draws-close>

COVAX will close 31 December 2023 having delivered nearly 2 billion doses of vaccines to 146 economies, and averted an estimated 2.7 million deaths in AMC lower-income participating economies. COVAX’s end-to-end efforts helped lower-income economies

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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News 07 Jan 2024

IOM Mourns Death of Former Director General James N. Purcell Jr.

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IOM Issues Migration Recommendations to the Belgian and Hungarian EU Presidencies

UNAIDS [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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[WHO teams deliver supplies to hospitals in Northern and Southern Gaza](#)

26 December 2023 Departmental news

[WHO to progress plans to develop a model for the medical \(care\) planning of mass gatherings](#)

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[Statement following the Thirty-seventh Meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee for Polio](#)

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[Public consultation on antimicrobial manufacturing effluent guidance](#)

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[Advancing the One Health Agenda with a focus on environment](#)

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[Lethal combination of hunger and disease to lead to more deaths in Gaza](#)

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[Message by the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - November/December 2023](#)

21 December 2023 News release

[WHO prequalifies a second malaria vaccine, a significant milestone in prevention of the disease](#)

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[WHO and UNICEF publish new psychological intervention to support adolescents and their caregivers](#)

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[COVID-19 vaccinations shift to regular immunization as COVAX draws to a close](#)

19 December 2023 Joint News Release

[New South-South health cooperation initiative launched linking Africa and the Caribbean](#)

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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[2023 Highlights - PAHO focuses on primary health care, communicable diseases, and pandemic preparedness](#)

Washington D.C. 27 December 2023 (PAHO) – As the year draws to a close, it is time to reflect upon some of highlights from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), as well as major advances towards health in the Region of the Americas: Dr. Barbosa begins his tenure as PAHO Director – On 31st January, Dr. Jarbas Barbosa was sworn in as new...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

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WHO European Region EURO

:: [Connecting maps, data and health: introducing the WHO European Geospatial Coordination Hub](#)
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WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [WHO builds health emergency response capacities](#) 25 December 2023

:: [WHO and Russian Federation collaborate to strengthen emergency response capacities in Islamic Republic of Iran](#) 24 December 2023

WHO Western Pacific Region

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[Affordable, accessible health care gets results: financial protection and people-centred care in Malaysia](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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[Situation Report: Greater Horn of Africa Food Insecurity and Health - Grade 3 Emergency – 1 September - 31 October 2023](#)

Overview

- Countries in the Horn are experiencing increased rainfall resulting in flooding and river overflows influenced by El-Niño and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole. This has resulted in the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people, cutting off road networks, damaging infrastructure and affecting human health.
- 49.3 million people in the region are food insecure (IPC3+) experiencing crisis levels of acute
- Food insecurity and above; 8.2 million people are in IPC phase 4 and 43,000 in IPC phase 5 (South Sudan).

- More than 11.1 million children under the age of five are suffering from acute malnutrition, of which 2.7 million will require treatment for severe acute malnutrition in 2023.
- Over 19.4 million people have been displaced due to conflict, drought, and flooding. Out of these 14.5 million are internally displaced, while 4.5 million are refugees and asylum seekers (as of 30 September 2023). Out of the total number of IDPs, 10.1 million were displaced due to conflict and 4.4 million due to natural disaster.
- Admission trends for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have shown a decrease in the majority of countries in the region which can likely be attributed to improved pasture, but also to a reduction of outreach activities (funding shortages) and flooding affecting the access to health services.
- Between January and October 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, there were over 43% (155,480) more SAM admissions in Somalia, and 38% (28,705) more in Kenya, 9% (over 19,000) more in South Sudan, and 11% (461) more admissions in Djibouti.
- The region is battling with multiple outbreaks of diseases including cholera in four countries, measles and malaria in all seven countries, and dengue fever in Ethiopia, Djibouti, Sudan and Somalia. In Sudan, a cholera outbreak was declared on 26th September 2023 in Gedaref state, and in South Kordofan and Khartoum state on 7th October 2023.
- WHO continues to provide support on leadership and coordination, surveillance and health information, outbreak prevention and control, essential nutrition actions and health services.

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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.

Dengue - Global situation

21 December 2023

Global Overview

Current situation

The global incidence of dengue has markedly increased over the past two decades, posing a substantial public health challenge. From 2000 to 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) documented a ten-fold surge in reported cases worldwide increasing from 500 000 to 5.2 million. The year 2019 marked an unprecedented peak, with reported instances spreading across 129 countries.

After a slight decline of cases between the year 2020-2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lower reporting rate, **in 2023, an upsurge in dengue cases have been observed globally, characterized by a significant increase in the number, scale, and simultaneous occurrence of multiple outbreaks, spreading into regions previously unaffected by dengue.**

Dengue transmission is cyclic and large outbreaks every 3-4 years can be expected. During the COVID-19 pandemic we saw moderate transmission of dengue in some regions and low transmission in others leading to an accumulation of people without immunity to certain dengue virus serotypes. However, the data on the circulating dengue serotypes is limited.

Since the beginning of 2023, ongoing transmission, combined with an unexpected spike in dengue cases have resulted in close to a historic high of over five million cases and more than 5000 dengue-related deaths reported in over 80 countries/territories and five WHO regions: Africa, Americas, South-East Asia, Western Pacific and Eastern Mediterranean Regions globally (Figure 1). Close to 80% of these cases, or 4.1 million, have been reported in the Region of the Americas. Dengue is the most widespread arbovirus and causes the highest number of arboviral disease cases in the Region of the Americas, with cyclic epidemics recurring every 3 to 5 years. In

addition, clusters of autochthonous dengue have been reported in the WHO European Region. However, these numbers are likely an underestimate of the true burden as most of the primary infections are asymptomatic and dengue reporting is not mandatory in many countries.

Several factors are associated with the increasing risk of spread of the dengue epidemic

including, the changing distribution of the vectors (chiefly *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*), especially in previously dengue naïve countries; the consequences of El Nino phenomena in 2023 and climate change leading to increasing temperatures and high rainfall, humidity among others; fragile health systems in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, political and financial instabilities in countries facing complex humanitarian crises and high population movements. These factors also challenge the response to the epidemic and the risk of further spread to other countries. Weakness in the surveillance systems in many affected countries may have led to delayed reporting and response and missed identification of symptoms, contributing to increased severe dengue outcomes.

WHO has assessed the risk to be high globally considering the increasing risk of transmission and the upsurge of cases and deaths.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

Vol. 98, No. 52, pp. 677–696 29 December 2023

<https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/375358/WER9852-eng-fre.pdf>

:: Implementation of preventive chemotherapy (PC) against neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in 2022 and status of donated medicines for NTDs in 2022–2023

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

29 December 2023

[Global update on implementation of preventive chemotherapy \(PC\) against neglected tropical diseases...](#)

22 December 2023

[Guiding principles for recovering, building resiliency, and strengthening of immunization in 2022 and...](#)

22 December 2023

[Schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthiasis: progress report, 2022](#)

22 December 2023

[Regional workshop on Invasive Bacterial Disease \(IBD\) surveillance, New Delhi, India, 20 December 2022](#)

22 December 2023

[Regional Workshop on lot release of COVID-19 vaccines Kasauli, India, 10–14 October 2022](#)

21 December 2023

[Infection prevention and control guideline for coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Executive summary,...](#)

21 December 2023

[Infection prevention and control in the context of COVID-19: a guideline, 21 December 2023](#)

19 December 2023

[Policy brief on person-centred monitoring to focus prevention and guide programmes](#)

19 December 2023

[Policy brief on digital health data](#)

19 December 2023

[Policy brief on integrating and strengthening monitoring of differentiated ART service delivery](#)

18 December 2023

[Operational guidance on the use of yellow fever assays in the context of surveillance](#)

18 December 2023

[Evaluation of WHO normative function at country level: report](#)

18 December 2023

[WHO fourth global infodemic management conference: advances in social listening for public health, May...](#)

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World Organisation for Animal Health [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases, Statements

Statements

[**Avian influenza vaccination: why it should not be a barrier to safe trade**](#)

Published on 28 December 2023

Since 2005, avian influenza has had a staggering toll, with over 500 million birds lost to the disease worldwide. Its devastating impact extends beyond domestic and wild birds, threatening livelihoods, food security and public health.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News Centre

No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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

Meetings, events, publications

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Resources

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases, Statements and messages

Updates

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Articles - Selected

05 Jan 2024 | DESA

Extended period of low economic growth looms large, undermining progress on sustainable development

5 January 2024 - The world economy in 2023 proved to be resilient, exceeding expectations with an estimated growth rate of 2.7 per cent, higher than the 2.3 per cent forecast last May. However, this better-than-expected performance masks underlying short-term risks and structural vulnerabilities.

04 Jan 2024 | DESA

Protracted period of low growth looms large, undermining progress on sustainable development, warns UN flagship economic report

4 January 2024 - Global economic growth is projected to slow from an estimated 2.7 per cent in 2023 to 2.4 per cent in 2024, trending below the pre-pandemic growth rate of 3.0 per cent, according to the United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2024, launched today.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Announcements

[ICOMOS Press Release on the Situation in Gaza and Israel](#)

Written on 21 December 2023.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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 06 Jan 2024]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.fao.org/home/en/>

News

[FAO expresses deep alarm over acute hunger in the Gaza Strip](#)

21/12/2023

UN agency issues call for urgent action in wake of Integrated Food Security Phase Classification report

World Food Programme [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Selected News Releases

1 January 2024

[WFP TO INCREASE FOOD VOUCHER VALUE FOR ALL ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN COX'S BAZAR](#)

DHAKA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is gearing up to restore its critical food assistance for the entire Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar. Starting 1 January 2024, WFP will increase the value of its monthly food voucher from US\$8 to US\$10 per person.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

IMO [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

IMO Secretary-General condemns attacks against international shipping

04 January 2024

IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez has strongly condemned attacks against international shipping in the Red Sea area, while reiterating the commitment of IMO to protect seafarers, ships and cargoes to ensure the safety and security of global supply chains.

Addressing the United Nations Security Council during its first open meeting on the continuing attacks against commercial shipping in the area, Mr. Dominguez underscored that ships must be allowed to trade worldwide unhindered and in accordance with international law.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News

Celeste Saulo of Argentina takes office as Secretary-General of WMO

News 04 January 2024

Geneva (WMO) – Prof. Celeste Saulo of Argentina has taken office as the first female and first South American Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

2023 Year In Review: USAID Drives Progress to Build a Freer, More Equitable, and Humane World

December 21, 2023

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press releases

Joint statement condemning Houthi attacks against commercial shipping in the Red Sea: 3 January 2024

7 January 2024 — Press release

Joint Statement by the Governments of Australia; Bahrain; Belgium; Canada; Denmark; Germany; Italy; Japan; Netherlands; New Zealand; Republic of Korea; Singapore; United Kingdom; and United States.

First UK maritime shipment of lifesaving aid for Gaza arrives in Egypt

2 January 2024 — Press release

Lifesaving UK aid shipment for Gaza including thermal blankets and essential items delivered from Cyprus by Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Lyme Bay.

ECHO [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

News article 3 January 2024

Japan earthquake: Statement by HR/VP Josep Borrell and Commissioner Janez Lenarcic

We are deeply saddened by the loss of life and destruction caused by the most recent earthquake that hit Japan and yesterday's related tragic plane collision. Our thoughts are with the victims, their families and all those affected by the earthquake.

News article 3 January 2024

EU mobilises flood assistance for Germany and France

After heavy rainfall the regions of Lower Saxony and Thuringia in Germany and Nord-Pas-de-Calais in France are facing floods and river overflows. In the past days, both countries have requested assistance via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism that has quickly mobilised emergency support.

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African Union [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Secretariat News

[ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Statement on Maintaining and Promoting Stability in the Maritime Sphere in Southeast Asia](#)

December 30, 2023

European Commission

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

Latest [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

OECD [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 06 Jan 2024]

https://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Selected Press Releases

[OIC General Secretariat Reiterates its call for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir](#)

As 5 January 2024 marks 75 years since the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) unanimously adopted a resolution espousing the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people through a free and impartial plebiscite under the auspices of the United Nations, the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) reiterates its call on the international community to honor the UNCIP decision, which is upheld by the United Nations Security Council in its subsequent resolutions.

07/01/2024

Group of 77 [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

03 January 2024

[World Customs Organization welcomes new Secretary General](#)

Today marks a milestone in the history of the World Customs Organization (WCO) as Mr. Ian Saunders officially takes office as the new Secretary General.

This change in WCO leadership was celebrated by a handover ceremony from Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, the outgoing Secretary General, at the WCO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, symbolizing both continuity and the opening of a new chapter for the organization...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

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No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

[Press release No. 2024/1](#)

3 January 2024

Proceedings instituted by South Africa against the State of Israel on 29 December 2023 - Request for the indication of provisional measures - Public hearings to be held on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 January 2024

[Press release No. 2023/77](#)

29 December 2023

The Republic of **South Africa institutes proceedings against the State of Israel** and requests the Court to indicate provisional measures.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 06 Jan 2024]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

All News [Selected]

Transforming the Lives of Women and Girls in Eastern and Southern Africa

KEY HIGHLIGHTSEastern and Southern Africa (AFE) has nearly achieved gender parity in primary education, with 25 million more girls enrolled in primary school in AFE today than in the early...

Date: January 04, 2024 Type: Result Brief Language: English

Enhancing Food and Nutrition Security in the Sahel and Horn of Africa

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 1.8 million beneficiaries of food rations and food vouchers in Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali. 8 million people provided with food and cash assistance in Ethiopia. 3.3 million...

Date: January 04, 2024 Type: Result Brief

The Pandemic Fund Announces Second Round of Funding with Half-a-Billion-Dollar Envelope

Eligible countries can submit proposals through May 17, 2024 WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 2023

— The Pandemic Fund's Governing Board approved a grant envelope of \$500 million for its...

Date: December 22, 2023 Type: Press Release

A One Health Approach to Boost Health Security in Western and Central Africa

WASHINGTON, December 19, 2023 - The World Bank Board today approved a Health Security Program for Western and Central Africa in a move to boost health security in the sub-region. During its first...

Date: December 19, 2023 Type: Press Release

Data-Driven Policies Are Critical to Improve the Lives of People Impacted by Forced Displacement

Currently around the world, more than 100 million people are forcibly displaced, either within or outside their country of origin. And this number is rising. With the majority of forcibly displaced people...

Date: December 18, 2023 Type: Opinion L

Remittance Flows Continue to Grow in 2023 Albeit at Slower Pace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 2023 — Remittances to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) grew an estimated 3.8% in 2023, a moderation from the high gains of the previous two years. Of concern is the risk of...

Date: December 18, 2023 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

December 27, 2023

Top 10 Blogs of 2023 Unpack Global Economy, Inflation, Debt, Trade and Asia

Prospects for growth, prices and interest rates enjoyed the greatest reader interest, followed by fossil fuel subsidies and the implications of geoeconomic fragmentation

African Development Bank [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Asian Development Bank [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

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Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.iadb.org/en/home/press-room>

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

04 JAN

[New multi-service platform provides access to improved financial services for Moroccan migrants and their families](#)

02 JAN

[Maximising the development potential of remittances in Southern Africa](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

Afghanistan

[Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund \(AHTF\) and UNHCR Sign Three Agreements to Improve Access to Education, Health Services and Livelihood Opportunities in Afghanistan](#)

27 December 2023

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

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

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. WE will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://alima.ngo/>

PRESS RELEASES

[**Burkina Faso: Train health workers to better respond to humanitarian disasters**](#)

12/26/2023

Amref Health Africa [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

BS International News
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 06 Jan 2024]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
Latest
No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 06 Jan 2024]
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
News/Events

[Announcing World Seminar 2024: Sept. 14-19, in Richmond, BC, Canada!](#)

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our next Clubhouse International World Seminar, co-hosted by Pathways Clubhouse, on September 14-19, 2024, in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada! We hope you will join us!

Danish Refugee Council [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://ecpat.org/news/>
ECPAT News
No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://www.eifl.net/news>
EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development
No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://www.fountainhouse.org/news>
News
[Fountain House Launches New National Network to Advance Mental Illness Support and Solutions](#)
January 5, 2024

News
[Fountain House Welcomes Three New Members to Its Board of Directors](#)
January 3, 2024

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements

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

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

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

:: *NEW* [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 24 Oct 2023 – Issue 09](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

[**Arrival of Sudanese refugees in Chad: a challenge for humanitarian logistics**](#)

Emergency / Chad | PUBLISHED ON January 3rd 2024

Thousands of refugees continue to arrive in eastern Chad after eight months of war in Sudan. This massive influx of people is presenting humanitarian workers with a host of logistical challenges.

Heifer International [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

What's New [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

Press release 03/01/2024

[**Red Cross swings into action immediately after Japan earthquake**](#)

International Medical Corps (IMC)

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

Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts

Press Release

[**International Medical Corps Deploys Field Hospital in Gaza to Help Citizens Affected by War**](#)

January 6, 2024

In response to the war and worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza, International Medical Corps has deployed a field hospital to provide lifesaving medical care to civilians affected by the conflict. The

Los Angeles-based global first responder is taking a multi-pronged approach to ensure continuity of care in Gaza, focusing on increasing access to health and ...

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Media highlights

Press Releases

[MAP and IRC Emergency Medical Team \(EMT\) forced to withdraw and cease activities at hospital in Gaza](#)

January 7, 2024

Press Release

[Intensified Attacks in Ukraine Cause Civilian Suffering, Puts Lives of Aid Workers at Risk](#)

January 5, 2024

Press Release

[Medical Aid for Palestinians and International Rescue Committee Emergency Medical Team report serious malnutrition and harrowing injuries in Gaza hospital](#)

January 4, 2024

IRCT [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://irct.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.//no apparent website areas for news or announcements except for X/twitter account

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

What's New

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Palestine

Palestinians in Hebron live in constant fear as violence surges

Project Update 3 Jan 2024

Palestine

Attacks on Palestinians soar in the West Bank

Voices from the Field 29 Dec 2023

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Norwegian Refugee Council [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

OXFAM [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases/Stories

Powering up small-scale producers

Jan. 4, 2024

A project in Vietnam creates new jobs for bamboo loggers and clam farmers while training participants in sustainable, inclusive business practices.

Pact [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

Statement: 3 months on, time is running out for children in Gaza

5 January 2024

With the 3 month mark of the horrific escalation of conflict in Gaza and Israel approaching, which has brought unconscionable suffering to children and all civilians, Plan International once again calls on all parties involved for a lasting ceasefire.

Save The Children [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>
News

7 January 2024 - *occupied Palestinian territory*

GAZA: More than 10 children a day lose a limb in three months of brutal conflict

4 January 2024 - *occupied Palestinian territory*

No safe place in Gaza: 14 killed, mostly children, by Israeli airstrikes near so-called "humanitarian zone" Al-Mawasi

Tostan [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Article

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Our Work

Press Release | January 5, 2024

EFF Urges Pennsylvania Supreme Court to Find Keyword Search Warrant Unconstitutional

SAN FRANCISCO—Keyword warrants that let police indiscriminately sift through search engine databases are unconstitutional dragnets that target free speech, lack particularity and probable cause, and violate the privacy of countless innocent people, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and other organizations argued in a brief filed today to the Supreme Court...

Freedom House [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

January 3, 2024

Israel: Gaza Workers Held Incommunicado for Weeks

Israeli authorities held thousands of workers from Gaza in incommunicado detention for several weeks following the October 7 attacks, subjecting at least some of them to inhumane and degrading conditions. Thousands more remain stranded in the occupied West Bank without valid legal status and vulnerable to arrest.

January 5, 2024

Commentary

The Algorithms Too Few People Are Talking About

Amos Toh

Senior Researcher, Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Technology and Human Rights

Published in: Lawfare

Gambia

January 5, 2024 News Release

Switzerland/Gambia: Jammeh-Era Crimes on Trial

Ethiopia

December 22, 2023 Interview

Human Rights Watch's Role in Conflict and Crisis

Tirana Hassan

Executive Director

Transparency International [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press

Transparency International denounces unfounded accusations and judicial harassment by Brazilian corporation J&F

Transparency International categorically rejects and condemns the unfounded accusations and judicial harassment by the Brazilian corporation J&F in its legal appeal adjudicated this week by...
22 December 2023

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ChildFund Alliance [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

One Year in CONCORD: reflecting on our achievements in 2023

Dec 22, 2023 | *News*

Before we get the ball rolling on our work for 2024, CONCORD is taking the opportunity to reflect on what we've achieved in 2023. We've reached considerable milestones and successes over the past year such as hosting our first Equality Day, shaping the Global Gateway CSO platform, and launching our annual AidWatch report, to name just a few.

The Elders [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://theelders.org/news-insight>
News & Insight

In 2024, we must see long-view leadership

Mary Robinson

2 January 2024

In our latest newsletter, Mary Robinson considers the importance of long-view leadership, rooted in truth, justice and human rights, as a new year begins.

Evidence Aid [to 06 Jan 2024]

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]

Mental health screening and assessment for children who are displaced forcibly

Added January 5, 2024

Interventions to improve vaccination delivery during protracted humanitarian crises

Added January 4, 2024

Wellbeing of migrant and refugee parents from the Middle East

Added January 3, 2024

Strategies to improve disaster risk management in hospitals

Added January 2, 2024

Respiratory pandemics and urban planning

Added December 29, 2023

Hospital infrastructure assessments for socio-natural disasters

Added December 28, 2023

The preparedness for disasters of hospital emergency departments in Iran

Added December 27, 2023

Barriers and facilitators for health among older adult immigrants in the United States

Added December 20, 2023

Preparedness, based on social-cognitive theory constructs, of households for earthquakes

Added December 19, 2023

Post-traumatic growth in people who have experienced earthquakes

Added December 18, 2023

Gavi [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News Releases

19 December 2023

COVID-19 vaccinations shift to regular immunisation as COVAX draws to a close

Global Fund [to 06 Jan 2024] No new digest content identified.

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources/Upcoming Events

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact/Events

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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 06 Jan 2024]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://inee.org/>

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

19 December 2023

Unitaid awards US\$24 million in funding to address intellectual property-related barriers to health technologies

With new grants issued to three organizations, Unitaid will continue to support work on the use of TRIPS flexibilities – internationally agreed legal mechanisms allowing countries to overcome or reduce the potential negative impact of patents in response to specific public health needs – to enable equitable access to critical health products in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). This work aims to ensure the products are affordable and available to everyone in LMICs who needs them.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic began, a World Health Organization publication estimated that as many as two billion people lacked access to essential medicines. Then the pandemic overloaded health systems and set back progress on diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and hepatitis C, among others. It also laid bare profound disparities in the way that health research is conducted and how access to innovation is determined.

Without intervention, inequitable access will only widen, and populations that are already vulnerable and marginalized will face increasing risk of disease, poverty, reduced quality of life and even death.

Working in partnership with the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC), Third World Network (TWN), and Wemos, Unitaid will contribute to equitable access to health products of public health importance by improving affordability, building capacity and improving supply of key tools for HIV, TB, hepatitis C, cervical cancer, and public health emergencies, in complementarity with other access strategies such as voluntary licenses.

18 December 2023

The Government of Korea triples its contribution to global health organization Unitaid in 2023

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Brookings [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Research

Immigration is driving the nation's modest post-pandemic population growth, new census data shows

Demographics & Population

William H. Frey

January 4, 2024

Tracking regulatory changes in the Biden era

Regulatory Policy

January 4, 2024

Detecting AI fingerprints: A guide to watermarking and beyond

Artificial Intelligence

Siddarth Srinivasan

January 4, 2024

The decline in global cross-border holdings in 2022: Declining asset prices, weak financial flows

Global Economy & Development

Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti
January 2, 2024

The external wealth of nations database

Global Economy & Development
Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti
January 2, 2024

What did the Fed do in response to the COVID-19 crisis?

U.S. Economy
Eric Milstein, David Wessel
January 2, 2024

Center for Global Development [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.cgdev.org/>
All Research [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Chatham House [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/>
Selected Analysis, Comment, Events
Expert comment

Arab states must act now and plan for 'the day after' the war in Gaza

Calls for a ceasefire have yet to yield results. Those in the region must prioritize a political settlement.
4 January 2024

Expert comment

Opposition and worker protests create an unstable setting for Bangladesh's general election

The country has enjoyed economic development and stability, but with opposition parties banned and protest continuing, a peaceful election is uncertain.
12 December 2023

Expert comment

The DRC's election was a halting step towards embedding democracy

But the system remains deeply flawed, with the country's enormous wealth controlled by a tiny elite.
4 January 2024

Council on Foreign Relations [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.cfr.org/media/news-releases>
New Releases [Selected]
Diamonstein-Spielvogel Project on the Future of Democracy

CFR Launches Next Phase of Diamonstein-Spielvogel Project on the Future of Democracy

News Releases January 5, 2024

Thanks to a generous new grant from the Diamonstein-Spielvogel Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) has extended the Diamonstein-Spielvogel Project on the Future of Democracy for an additional five years. Launched in January 2021, this multi-faceted project examines threats to

democratic governance, provides recommendations to strengthen democratic institutions, and promotes informed public debate through meetings, publications, and outreach.

Conflict Prevention

CFR Survey Identifies the Top Global Concerns for 2024

News Releases January 4, 2024

For the first time in its sixteen-year history, the Council on Foreign Relations' (CFR) annual Preventive Priorities Survey (PPS) found that the leading concern for foreign policy experts is the possibility of domestic terrorism and acts of political violence in the United States, particularly around the 2024 presidential election.

Experts are also concerned about an escalation of the Israel-Hamas war into a wider regional conflict, and a surge of migration to the southwest U.S. border caused by criminal violence, corruption, and economic hardship in Central America and Mexico.

Conducted by CFR's Center for Preventive Action (CPA) every November, the survey asks foreign policy experts to evaluate thirty ongoing or potential violent conflicts based on their likelihood of occurring or escalating this year, as well as their possible impact on U.S. interests.

CSIS [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Reports [Selected]

Why the Washington Summit Should Focus on Europe

Europe cannot defend itself without the United States. But next year's 75th anniversary NATO summit in Washington provides an opportunity to put Europe on a new course, demonstrate U.S. leadership, and address burden-sharing concerns.

Report by Max Bergmann Sean Monaghan and Mathieu Droin — December 20, 2023

Investing in Quality Education for Economic Development, Peace, and Stability

In a time of rapid social, technological, and economic change, investing in education is important for building country resilience, and needs to be embedded in policy discussions and decisions related to peacebuilding, inclusion of women and girls, and state fragility.

Report by Daniel F. Runde Romina Bandura and Madeleine McLean — December 20, 2023

NATO's Role in Protecting Critical Undersea Infrastructure

NATO has not proven capable of preventing Russian interference with European critical undersea infrastructure. But a new NATO center can help the alliance prepare for, deter, and defend against Russia's increasingly prevalent use of hybrid tactics.

Brief by Sean Monaghan Otto Svendsen Michael Darrah and Ed Arnold — December 19, 2023

2023 DAPA-CSIS Executive Summary

The United States and the Republic of Korea are ready for the next step in their defense cooperation—industrial integration.

Report by Gregory Sanders and Nicholas Velazquez — December 19, 2023

Transatlantic Trade and Climate: Evaluating Differences and Commonalities in Mutual Approaches

In the latest CSIS Project on Trade and Technology paper, Emily Benson examines the differences and commonalities between U.S. and EU approaches to climate and trade policy.

Report by Emily Benson — December 18, 2023

Deep Blue Scars: Environmental Threats to the South China Sea

A hidden crisis is unfolding in the South China Sea. As claimants maneuver to strengthen their control over disputed waters, the marine environment has suffered untold damage from overfishing, dredging, and giant clam harvesting.

Digital Report by Monica Sato Harrison Prétat and Gregory B. Poling — December 18, 2023

McKinsey Global Institute [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Publications [Selected]

[Assessing the restrictiveness of rules of origin in the AfCFTA](#)

03 January 2024

Emerging analysis

[Communicating taxes: a review of the literature](#)

19 December 2023

Literature reviews

[Financing Adaptation in Developing Countries](#)

19 December 2023

Research reports

[The treatment of physical climate risks by central banks](#)

18 December 2023

Emerging analysis

Pew Research Center [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest Publications [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Report

[Plagues, Cyborgs, and Supersoldiers: The Human Domain of War](#)

Advancements in biotechnology have renewed questions about how biotechnologies might be used in battle. The authors of this report explore how these technologies can affect the human body, and how the human body can become a warfighting domain.

Jan 2, 2024

Luke J. Matthews, Mary Lee, Brandon De Bruhl, Daniel Elinoff, Christopher A. Eusebi

Tool

[RAND Methodological Guidance for Conducting and Critically Appraising Delphi Panels](#)

This manual provides methodological guidance and practical advice for what to consider when designing, implementing, and reporting Delphi panel results. It also includes a checklist that can be used to assess a Delphi study's quality.

Dec 29, 2023

Dmitry Khodyakov, Sean Grant, Jack Kroger, Melissa Bauman

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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

Media

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

[New Research Publications - Selected](#)

The Wistar Institute [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

Jan. 4, 2024

[The Wistar Institute Recruits Dr. Filippo Veglia to the Ellen and Ronald Caplan Cancer Center](#)

Brain cancer researcher joins faculty as assistant professor.

World Economic Forum [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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, Blogs

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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 06 Jan 2024]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

[**CIOMS December 2023 Newsletter**](#)

Hastings Center [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]

No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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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 06 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases and Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 06 Jan 2024]

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 06 Jan 2024]

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

News & Press

News 13 Dec. 2023

[**Our Support for Philanthropic Freedom**](#)

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

December 18, 2023

[**EMA Recommends Arpraziquantel for Treatment of Schistosomiasis in Preschool-Aged Children. GHIT has financed the Pediatric Praziquantel Consortium's development of arpraziquantel since 2013, investing 1.85 billion yen**](#)

Grameen Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

Grameen Foundation Statement on the Sentencing of Professor Yunus

In light of the recent Dhaka Labour Court sentencing of Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, Grameen Foundation reiterates our commitment to Professor Yunus and the work he inspired at Grameen to end poverty across the world...

Invoicemart partners with Grameen Foundation for Social Impact to empower Women-led MSMEs

December 28, 2023

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

Hewlett Foundation Names General Counsel Elizabeth Peters as Interim President

MENLO PARK, CALIF. — The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced today that it has named its longtime general counsel and corporate secretary, Elizabeth Peters, as interim president. Peters will take on the role in January and remain until the presidential search for a successor to departing president Larry Kramer is complete. The foundation announced...

December 21, 2023

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces Sonia Moldovan as Vice President, Strategy and Programs

December 19, 2023

IKEA Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Newsroom

Three Charts: Asian Immigrants' Experiences in the United States

January 4, 2024 News Release

Like other immigrants to the U.S., Asian immigrants overwhelmingly say they emigrated for the opportunity to build a better life for themselves and their children. They come from more than 30 countries, and their experiences – their economic circumstance, how safe they feel, and the discrimination they face – vary...

What 2024 Could Bring for Working-Age Adults with Disabilities

January 4, 2024 News Release

As the 25th anniversary of Olmstead nears, more than one-in-10 working age adults have a disability and most do not receive public disability income. Over one-in-10 working-age adults reported having a disability in 2022. A disability is defined as having difficulty with hearing, vision, cognition, ambulation, self-care, or independent living,...

Despite Declining Use, Medicaid Spending on Prescription Drugs Has Increased

December 19, 2023 News Release

Despite a lower number of prescriptions in recent years, Medicaid spending on prescription drugs has increased, according to a new KFF analysis. Medicaid outpatient prescriptions peaked in 2017, before starting to decline and remaining below 2017 levels through 2022 – even with historic levels of Medicaid enrollment growth. Both gross...

Lower-Income People with Employer Coverage are More Likely to Report Negative Outcomes Due to Insurance Problems Than Their Higher-Income Peers

December 19, 2023 News Release

Lower-income adults with employer coverage are more likely than their higher-income peers to report negative outcomes due to problems using their insurance, a new KFF analysis shows. Drawing on data from the KFF Survey of Consumer Experiences with Health Insurance, the analysis shows that similar shares of lower- and higher-income adults with...

Kellogg Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News & Media

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases/What We're Learning

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.mellon.org/press>
News
No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

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

[Promising approaches to strengthen and evaluate the outcomes and impact of person-centered awards](#)

January 5, 2024

Open Society Foundations [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://www.packard.org/news/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 06 Jan 2024]

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room>
News Room
No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>
News & Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 06 Jan 2024]

<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 06 Jan 2024]

<https://sloan.org/about/press>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 06 Jan 2024]

<https://wellcome.org/>
News. Opinion, Reports
No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fceref=pg>
Press Releases/News
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 06 Jan 2024]
<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>
Press Releases

Council on Foundations Welcomes Benjamin Chandler, Tia Hodges, Jenn Hoos Rothberg to 2024 Board of Directors

Thursday, January 4, 2024

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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 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 26, Number 1: E1-96 Jan 2024

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/health-and-loneliness>

Critical Pedagogies in Health Professions Education

Health professions training is mainly competency driven, with students' and trainees' learning and technical skill development regularly assessed, usually in terms of standardized outcomes. Yet, there are good ethical and clinical questions to ask about competency-based medical education, specifically about how schools' and academic health centers' curricula meaningfully motivate learning and skill development about social privilege, health equity, and structural determinants of patients' health and health outcomes. This theme issue considers whether and to what extent skill development about, for example, the affective features of, say, coming to terms with one's privilege is teachable and assessable in competency-based frameworks, especially when those frameworks have a history of excluding key perspectives. Critical pedagogies investigated herein suggest strategies for interrogating teaching and learning methods and curricular content that are socially, culturally, politically, and historically fraught.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Jan 04, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 1 p1-210

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

This Month in The Journal

Alyson B. Barnes, Kylee L. Spencer, Sara B. Cullinan

Biobanks are becoming increasingly common, and although each has its own goals, strengths, and challenges, the standard recipe is a focus on scientific discovery through genetic data linked to electronic health records (EHRs). In this issue, Wiley et al. describe the development of the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine Biobank (CCPM Biobank), which is not only designed to advance research but also to directly impact patient care. A few key elements were crucial to achieving these dual aims.

Perspective

Will variants of uncertain significance still exist in 2030?

Douglas M. Fowler, Heidi L. Rehm

The authors propose that many, if not most, variants of uncertain significance (VUSs) in coding regions will be resolved by 2030 and outline a confluence of changes making this possible. They note that achieving this goal will depend on the choices made now and in the next few years.

American Journal of Infection Control

January 2024 Volume 52 Issue 1 p1-140

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

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Most liked #monkeypox videos on TikTok: Implications for infection control

Corey H. Basch, Bhavya Yalamanchili, Joseph Fera, Sandhya Narayanan

Published online: July 06, 2023

Commentary

Category A waste processing and disposal is a critical weakness in the United States response plans for outbreaks of high consequence infectious diseases

Shawn G. Gibbs, et al.

Published online: September 04, 2023

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Volume 110 (2024): Issue 1 (Jan 2024)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/1/tpmd.110.issue-1.xml>

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Open access

[Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention](#)

Julie Thwing, et al.

Volume/Issue: [Volume 110: Issue 1](#)

Article Category: Review Article

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.23-0481>

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Annals of Internal Medicine

December 2023 Volume 176, Issue 12

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

Ideas and Opinions

[Communicating the Value of Influenza Vaccines to Patients: Translating Vaccine Effectiveness to Acceptance](#)

Mark W. Tenforde, MD, PhD, MPH, DTM&H, Fatimah S. Dawood, MD, Sascha R. Ellington, PhD, MSPH, ... et al.

Pages:1670–1671

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 396 - December 2023

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

Research, Method & Debate

[Pathways to the medieval hospital: collective osteobiographies of poverty and charity](#)

Sarah Inskip, Craig Cessford, Jenna Dittmar, Alice Rose, Bram Mulder, Tamsin O'Connell, Piers D. Mitchell, Christiana Scheib, Ruoyun Hui, Toomas Kivisild, Mary Price, Jay Stock and John Robb

Abstract

Medieval hospitals were founded to provide charity, but poverty and infirmity were broad and socially determined categories and little is known about the residents of these institutions and the pathways that led them there. Combining skeletal, isotopic and genetic data, the authors weave a collective biography of individuals buried at the Hospital of St John the Evangelist, Cambridge. By starting with the physical remains, rather than historical expectations, they demonstrate the varied life courses of those who were ultimately buried in the hospital's cemetery, illustrating the diverse faces of medieval poverty and institutional notions of charity. The findings highlight the value of collective osteobiography when reconstructing the social landscapes of the past.

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.

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Prevalence of HIV in slums area: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) remains a significant global health burden, particularly affecting vulnerable populations residing in slum areas which is characterized by overcrowding, poverty, and limited ...

Authors: Meysam Behzadifar, Seyed Jafar Ehsanzadeh, Banafshe Darvishi Teli, Samad Azari, Ahad Bakhtiari and Masoud Behzadifar

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

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Culturally appropriate consent processes for community-driven indigenous child health research: a scoping review

Current requirements for ethical research in Canada, specifically the standard of active or signed parental consent, can leave Indigenous children and youth with inequitable access to research opportunities or...

Authors: Cindy Peltier, Sarah Dickson, Viviane Grandpierre, Irina Oltean, Lorrilee McGregor, Emilie Hageltorn and Nancy L. Young

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2024 25:3

Content type: Research Published on: 3 January 2024

The challenges and potential solutions of achieving meaningful consent amongst research participants in northern Thailand: a qualitative study

Achieving meaningful consent can be challenging, particularly in contexts of diminished literacy, yet is a vital part of participant protection in global health research.

Authors: Rachel C Greer, Nipaphan Kanthawang, Jennifer Roest, Carlo Perrone, Tri Wangrangsimakul, Michael Parker, Maureen Kelley and Phaik Yeong Cheah

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2023 24:111

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Global, regional and national trends in tuberculosis incidence and main risk factors: a study using data from 2000 to 2021

Despite the significant progress over the years, Tuberculosis remains a major public health concern and a danger to global health. This study aimed to analyze the spatial and temporal characteristics of the in...

Authors: Wentao Bai and Edward Kwabena Ameyaw

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:12

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Global COVID-19 vaccine acceptance level and its determinants: an umbrella review

The COVID-19 vaccination is essential for reducing disease burden on a worldwide scale. The success of this strategy will largely depend on how well vaccines are received. Previous reviews had produced contrad...

Authors: Biruk Beletew Abate, Befkad Derese Tilahun and Berihun Mulu Yayeh

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:5

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[Lessons learnt from COVID-19 to reduce mortality and morbidity in the Global South: addressing global vaccine equity for future pandemics](#) (1 January, 2024)

Rebecca Martin, Allan Maleche, Jill Gay, Haram Fatima

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[Convergence of HIV and non-communicable disease epidemics: geospatial mapping of the unmet health needs in an HIV hyperendemic community in South Africa](#) (4 January, 2024)

Diego F Cuadros, Chayanika Devi, Urisha Singh, Stephen Olivier, Alison C Castle, Yumna Moosa, Johnathan A Edwards, Hae-Young Kim, Mark J Siedner, Emily B Wong, Frank Tanser

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[Mentorship as an overlooked dimension of research capacity strengthening: how to embed value-driven practices in global health](#) (4 January, 2024)

Candice Bonaconsa, Vrinda Nampoothiri, Oluchi Mbamalu, Sipho Dlamini, Surya Surendran, Sanjeev K Singh, Raheelah Ahmad, Alison Holmes, Muneera A Rasheed, Marc Mendelson, Esmita Charani

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Volume 102(1); 2024 Jan 1

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/451803/>

Editorial

[A digital transformation for primary health care](#)

Jarbas Barbosa da Silva, Marcos Espinal, Sebastian Garcia-Saiso, James Fitzgerald, Myrna Marti, Ernesto Bascolo, Ana Estela Haddad, Marcelo D'Agostino

Research

[Uptake of orphan drugs in the WHO essential medicines lists](#)

Enrico Costa, Lorenzo Moja, Veronika J Wirtz, Hendrika A van den Ham, Benedikt Huttner, Nicola Magrini, Hubert GM Leufkens

Bull World Health Organ. 2024 Jan 1; 102(1): 22–31. Published online 2023 Oct 31.
doi: 10.2471/BLT.23.289731
PMCID: PMC10753278

Spatiotemporal trends in COVID-19 vaccine sentiments on a social media platform and correlations with reported vaccine coverage

Xinyu Zhou, Xu Zhang, Heidi J Larson, Alexandre de Figueiredo, Mark Jit, Samah Fodeh, Sten H Vermund, Shujie Zang, Leesa Lin, Zhiyuan Hou
Bull World Health Organ. 2024 Jan 1; 102(1): 32–45. Published online 2023 Oct 31.
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PMCID: PMC10753281

Vaccinating humanitarian workers against COVID-19

Anne-Gaelle Selod, Jaclyn Perhati, Cedric Dumont, Baptiste Danjou, Daniel Cook
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Perspectives

Advancing the “sexual” in sexual and reproductive health and rights: a global health, gender equality and human rights imperative

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Pascale Allotey, Manjulaa Narasimhan
Bull World Health Organ. 2024 Jan 1; 102(1): 77–78. Published online 2023 Dec 14.
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PMCID: PMC10753275

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Volume 49, Issue 6 Pages: 941-1111 November 2023
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Volume 146 December 2023
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Volume 115, Issue 1 Pages: 1-157 January 2024
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Research

Articles

Practical and Statistical Considerations for the Long Term Follow-Up of Gene Therapy Trial Participants

Maximilian Rohde, Seoan Huh, Vanessa D'Souza, Steven Arkin, Erika Roberts, Avery McIntosh
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Pages: 139-146 First Published: 27 October 2023

Abstract

Study sponsors and market authorization holders are required by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and European Medicines Agency (EMA) to enroll patients administered a gene therapy product, whether in a trial setting or post-licensure, in a long term follow-up safety study to continue the safety assessments of their product. These follow-up studies range between 5 and 15 years after dosing. This unprecedented duration of engagement with patients and caregivers raises logistical challenges that will require innovation and collaboration across sponsors and regulators. In this paper we delineate some of the key considerations for designing long term follow-up protocols in the gene therapy setting, with an eye toward platform and master protocol approaches, and offer guidance for innovative operational and statistical methods that can help assess the safety profile and durability of response for these novel therapeutics.

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Conflict and Health

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[Impact of the armed conflict in Colombia: consequences in the health system, response and challenges](#)

In Colombia, research on health and conflict has focused on mental health, psychosocial care, displacement, morbidity, and mortality. Few scientific studies have assessed health system functioning during armed...

Authors: Oscar Bernal, Tatiana Garcia-Betancourt, Sebastián León-Giraldo, Lina Marcela Rodríguez and Catalina González-Urbe

Citation: Conflict and Health 2024 18:4

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[Health systems resilience in fragile and conflict-affected settings: a systematic scoping review](#)

Health systems resilience (HSR) research is a rapidly expanding field, in which key concepts are discussed and theoretical frameworks are emerging with vibrant debate. Fragile and conflict-affected settings (F...

Authors: Claudia Truppa, Sally Yaacoub, Martina Valente, Giulia Celentano, Luca Ragazzoni and Dell Saulnier

Citation: Conflict and Health 2024 18:2

Content type: Research Published on: 3 January 2024

[Post-migration stressors, mental health and well-being in resettled refugees from Syria: Do individuals' coping strategies matter?](#)

The evidence is mixed as to whether individuals' coping strategies may mitigate the adverse mental health effects of post-displacement stressors in refugee populations, with some indications that the buffering...

Authors: Øivind Solberg, Alexander Nissen and Fredrik Saboonchi

Citation: Conflict and Health 2023 17:60

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Volume 11, issue 1-2, June 2023

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Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 40, Issue 1 2024

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

Study Design

[Statistical recommendations for the Global Burden of Disease studies](#)

Michal Ordak

Pages: 123-124

Published online: 03 Jan 2024

Studies Global Burden of Disease (GBD) presents an all-encompassing portrayal of mortality and disability, considering various countries, time periods, age groups, and sex. This article presents statistical recommendations for GBD studies.

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[Rachel S. Robinson](#), [Jennifer N. Brass](#), [Andrew Shermeyer](#), [Nichole Grossman](#)

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[Girls' schooling is important but insufficient to promote equality for boys and girls in childhood and across the life course](#)

[Chris Desmond](#), [Kathryn Watt](#), [Sara Naicker](#), [Jere Behrman](#), [Linda Richter](#)

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[Shaddin Almasri](#)

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Volume 17 - 2024

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[The Promise of Disease Detection Dogs in Pandemic Response: Lessons Learned From COVID-19](#)

[Cynthia M. Otto](#), [Tara Kirk Sell](#), [Tener Goodwin Veenema](#), [Divya Hosangadi](#), [Rachel A. Vahey](#), [Nancy D. Connell](#), [Lois Privor-Dumm](#)

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Volume 152 - 2024

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Original Research

[Global, regional, and national disease burden and attributable risk factors of HIV/AIDS in older adults aged 70 years and above: a trend analysis based on the Global Burden of Disease study 2019](#)

Min Du, Min Liu, Jue Liu

Published online by Cambridge University Press:

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Ethics & Human Research

Volume 45, Issue 6 Pages: 1-50 November–December 2023

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Passing demands in autism research :: Women missing in phase I trials

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Volume 121 November 2023

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Volume 15, Issue 6 December 2023

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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

January/February 2024 Volume 103, Number 1

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[Systematic evidence review and meta-analysis of outcomes associated with cancer genetic counseling](#)

Julie O. Culver, Nicole L. Bertsch, Raluca N. Kurz, Linda L. Cheng, ... Ravi N. Sharaf

Article 100980

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[Ready or not, genomic screening of fetuses is already here](#)

Nina B. Gold, Allan Nadel, Robert C. Green

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Genome Medicine

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

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[Using multi-scale genomics to associate poorly annotated genes with rare diseases](#)

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) has significantly transformed the landscape of identifying disease-causing genes associated with genetic disorders. However, a substantial portion of sequenced patients remains...

Authors: Christina Canavati, Dana Sherill-Rofe, Lara Kamal, Idit Bloch, Fouad Zahdeh, Elad Sharon, Batel Terespolsky, Islam Abu Allan, Grace Rabie, Mariana Kawas, Hanin Kassem, Karen B. Avraham, Paul Renbaum, Ephrat Levy-Lahad, Moien Kanaan and Yuval Tabach

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Neema Kaseje, Meghna Ranganathan, Monica Magadi, Kevin Oria & Andy Haines

Article: 2292385

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

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COMMENTARIES

Open Access

[Advocacy for Better Integration and Use of Child Health Indicators for Global Monitoring](#)

Kathleen Strong, Jennifer Harris Requejo, Sk Masum Billah, Joanna Schellenberg, Melinda Munos, Marzia Lazzerini, Ambrose Agweyu, Cynthia Boschi-Pinto, Sayaka Horiuchi, Abdoulaye Maiga, Ralf Weigel, Zeina Jamaluddine, Maureen Black, Frances Aboud and Emma Sacks

Global Health: Science and Practice December 2023, 11(6):e2300181; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-23-00181>

Making better use of harmonized indicators to monitor child health and well-being at the global level will avoid duplicative monitoring and evaluation exercises, improve evidence-based programming, and preserve resources that can be used to improve the quality of national data collection platforms.

Global Legal Monitor & Legal Reports – Library of Congress/USA

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>
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Volume 19, Issue 1 (2024)

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Report

[A protocol for the safe recruitment of Indigenous and Black women experiencing intimate partner violence during the COVID-19 pandemic into a large mixed methods study: The Sisters by Choice Study](#)

Lucy Mkandawire-Valhmu, Jacqueline Callari-Robinson, Diane Schadewald, Hanan Abusbaitan, Anna Pirsch, Jeneile Luebke, Liz Marquardt, Erin Schubert, Jennifer Kibicho, Alexa Lopez, Kaboni Gondwe, Elizabeth Rice, Katie Bement, McKenzie Morgan, Rosalind McClain, Peninnah Kako, Faria Raghe, Cindy Figgins Hunter, Crystal Ayad & Anne Dressel

Article: 2290122

Published online: 29 Dec 2023

Comment

[Promotion of livelihood opportunities to address food insecurity in Rohingya refugee camps of Bangladesh](#)

Afsana Anwar, ARM. Mehrab Ali, Uday Narayan Yadav, Md. Nazmul Huda, Abu Ansar Md. Rizwan, Ateeb Ahmad Parray, Haribondhu Sarma, Oumma Halima, Nobonita Saha, Suvasish Das Shuvo, Probal Kumar Mondal, Abu Ahmed Shamim & Sabuj Kanti Mistry

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Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 18 - Special Issue 4 - October 2023

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SPECIAL ISSUE: On the roof top of health policy change

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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[Learning health systems and evidence ecosystems: a perspective on the future of evidence-based medicine and evidence-based guideline development](#)

Despite forming the cornerstone of modern clinical practice for decades, implementation of evidence-based medicine at scale remains a crucial challenge for health systems. As a result, there has been a growing...

Authors: D. Rajit, A. Johnson, E. Callander, H. Teede and J. Enticott

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2024 22:4

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[A scoping review of the globally available tools for assessing health research partnership outcomes and impacts](#)

Health research partnership approaches have grown in popularity over the past decade, but the systematic evaluation of their outcomes and impacts has not kept equal pace. Identifying partnership assessment too...

Authors: Kelly J. Mrklas, Jamie M. Boyd, Sumair Shergill, Sera Merali, Masood Khan, Cheryl Moser, Lorelli Nowell, Amelia Goertzen, Liam Swain, Lisa M. Pfadenhauer, Kathryn M. Sibley, Mathew Vis-Dunbar, Michael D. Hill, Shelley Raffin-Bouchal, Marcello Tonelli and Ian D. Graham

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 34, Issue 23-24 / December 2023

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/34/23-24>

Reviews

[The Lived Experience of Pediatric Gene Therapy: A Scoping Review](#)

[Laura Kimberly](#), [Cara Hunt](#), [Katherine Beaverson](#), [Emma James](#), [Alison Bateman-House](#), [Richard McGowan](#), and [Jennifer DeSante-Bertkau](#)

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

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 96 1 October 2023

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/96/suppl/C>

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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 52, Issue 6, December 2023

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

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Articles

[African refugees' access to higher education: Voices from Egypt](#)

Hagar El Sayed Younes, Ibrahim M. Karkouti

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[Learning to lead for transformation: An African perspective on educational leadership](#)

Sara Black

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International Review of the Red Cross

No. 924 December 2023

<https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-924-environment>

Protecting the Environment in Armed Conflict

[27 articles]

In the context of the historical development of international humanitarian law (IHL), the specific protection of the environment is relatively recent. Still, in the almost fifty years since the first treaty rules emerged explicitly protecting the environment during armed conflict, modern understandings of the relationships among ecological and human health, on one hand, and the multi-layered and diverse threats that armed conflicts pose to the environment, on the other hand, have significantly advanced. This issue of the International Review of the Red Cross delves into the many ways that conflict can

adversely impact the environment. The articles within it develop thoughtful analysis regarding how the existing international legal framework protects the environment during armed conflict.

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

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JAMA

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Special Communication

AI in Medicine

Will Generative Artificial Intelligence Deliver on Its Promise in Health Care?

Robert M. Wachter, MD; Erik Brynjolfsson, PhD

JAMA. 2024;331(1):65-69. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.25054

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) has been touted as a potential innovation for greater diagnostic accuracy and clinical efficiency in health care, but whether generative AI will deliver on this promise or fall to the “productivity paradox” is examined in this Special Communication.

December 26, 2023, Vol 330, No. 24, Pages 2321-2404

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Climate Change and Health

Clinical Research Risks, Climate Change, and Human Health

Jeff D'Souza, PhD; Gabrielle Samuel, PhD

JAMA. 2023;330(23):2247-2248. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.23724

This Viewpoint discusses ways in which clinical research directly and indirectly contributes to anthropogenic climate change, highlights the need for increased scientific soundness and value in research, and calls for the development of tools for calculating the environmental impact of studies and a strategy for ensuring that research does not compromise the rights and welfare of nonparticipants and future generations.

Editor's Note

Climate Change and Health—A New JAMA Series

Mary M. McDermott, MD; Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, PhD, MD, MAS

JAMA Health Forum

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JAMA Pediatrics

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Viewpoint

Ethically Advancing Pediatric Cardiac Xenotransplant

Daniel J. Hurst, PhD, ThM, MDiv, MSc; Luz Padilla, MD, MSPH

JAMA Pediatr. 2024;178(1):5-6. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2023.4681

This Viewpoint examines how pediatrics should prepare for the prospect of cardiac xenotransplant, including its ethical implications.

Editorial

What Health Systems Can Do Now to Improve Human Papillomavirus Vaccination

Mary Kate Kelly, MPH; Rachel A. Katzenellenbogen, MD; Alexander G. Fiks, MD, MSCE

JAMA Pediatr. 2024;178(1):13-14. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2023.5070

Original Investigation

Multilevel Implementation Strategies for Adolescent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine UptakeA Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial

Lila J. Finney Rutten, PhD; Joan M. Griffin, PhD; Jennifer L. St. Sauver, PhD; et al.

JAMA Pediatr. 2024;178(1):29-36. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2023.4932

This study evaluates the individual and combined impact of 2 evidence-based interventions on human papillomavirus vaccination rates among 11- and 12-year-old children.

JBI Evidence Synthesis

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Journal of Adolescent Health

January 2024 Volume 74 Issue 1 p1-212

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Review Articles

Engaging Adolescents in Contemporary Longitudinal Health Research: Strategies for Promoting Participation and Retention

Aja Louise Murray, Tong Xie

Published online: September 09, 2023

Adolescent Access to Clinicians' Notes: Adolescent, Parent, and Clinician Perspectives

Carley M. Sprackling, Madeline Q. Kieren, Carrie L. Nacht, Megan A. Moreno, Abigail Wooldridge, Michelle M. Kelly

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In 2021, federal guidelines mandated that health-care organizations share clinicians' notes with patients to increase information transparency. While findings indicate advantages for adult patients, less is known about note-sharing from the viewpoint of adolescents. This study aims to identify adolescent, parent, and clinician perspectives on the anticipated benefits and concerns of giving adolescents access to clinicians' notes and strategies to support note-sharing in this population.

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Research misconduct as a challenge for academic institutions and scientific journals (4

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Cristina Candal-Pedreira, Joseph S Ross, Ana Marušić, Alberto Ruano-Ravina

Research agenda

Children's right to the city and their independent mobility: why it matters for public health

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Katherine L Frohlich, Patricia A Collins

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Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

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Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>

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Pharmacist-led vaccination services in the Middle East

Successful Vaccine uptake relies heavily on the effectiveness of vaccination services. Expanding the scope of pharmacists' involvement in vaccination services can significantly improve vaccination coverage. Th...

Authors: Faten Naif Aldajani and Mohammed Aldosari

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Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

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Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 44, issue 4, December 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/volumes-and-issues/44-4>

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January 2024 Volume 21 Issue 210

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/current>

Life Sciences–Physics interface

Research articles

Temporal clustering of social interactions trades-off disease spreading and knowledge diffusion

Giulia Cencetti, Lorenzo Lucchini, Gabriele Santin, Federico Battiston, Esteban Moro, Alex Pentland and Bruno Lepri

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Abstract

Non-pharmaceutical measures such as preventive quarantines, remote working, school and workplace closures, lockdowns, etc. have shown effectiveness from an epidemic control perspective; however, they have also significant negative consequences on social life and relationships, work routines and community engagement. In particular, complex ideas, work and school collaborations, innovative discoveries and resilient norms formation and maintenance, which often require face-to-face interactions of two or more parties to be developed and synergically coordinated, are particularly affected. In this study, we propose an alternative hybrid solution that balances the slowdown of epidemic diffusion with the preservation of face-to-face interactions, that we test simulating a disease and a knowledge spreading simultaneously on a network of contacts. Our approach involves a two-step partitioning of the population. First, we tune the level of node clustering, creating 'social bubbles' with increased contacts within each bubble and fewer outside, while maintaining the average number of contacts in each network. Second, we tune the level of temporal clustering by pairing, for a certain time interval, nodes from specific social bubbles. Our results demonstrate that a hybrid approach can achieve better trade-offs between epidemic control and complex knowledge diffusion. The versatility of our model enables tuning and refining clustering levels to optimally achieve the desired trade-off, based on the potentially changing characteristics of a disease or knowledge diffusion process.

Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 30, Issue 8, December 2023

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

Editorials

Dengue severity in travellers: challenges and insights

Sarah L McGuinness and Karin Leder

Editor's Choice

R21/Matrix-M™ malaria vaccine: a new tool to achieve WHO's goal to eliminate malaria in 30 countries by 2030?

Blaise Genton

A potential breakthrough in the fight against malaria is the availability of a new promising tool, the R21/Matrix-M™ malaria vaccine that has shown an efficacy of 75% to protect young children against clinical malaria in different epidemiological settings. WHO recommends its deployment in addition to RTS,S/ASO1 and other effective interventions.

Journal on Education in Emergencies

Volume 9, Number 1 - (Dec 2023)

<https://inee.org/resources/journal-education-emergencies-volume-9-number-1>

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The Lancet

Jan 06, 2024 Volume 403 Number 10421 p1-116, e1

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Comment

Tackling health emergencies in complex settings: the role of national public health institutes in the Eastern Mediterranean region

Wasiq Khan...

Richard Brennan

The UN High-Level Meeting in September, 2023, concluded with the approval of a Declaration on pandemic prevention that received mixed reaction from the stakeholders. [1,2](#) The Declaration calls for an encompassing approach to emergency preparedness and response (EPR) and for empowering national systems and strengthening coordination and leadership. [3](#) In complex settings such as several countries in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean region, conflict, social and political instability, multiple disease outbreaks, insufficiently resourced health systems, and large-scale health and social inequities [4](#) further confirm the need to adopt holistic approaches towards health emergencies management.

The Lancet Commissions

Pathways to a healthy net-zero future: report of the Lancet Pathfinder Commission

Sarah Whitmee, et al.

Lecture

Success from the South: the rotavirus vaccine story and its lessons

Gagandeep Kang

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

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Lancet Infectious Diseases

Jan 2024 Volume 24 Number 1 p1-106, e1-e69
<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>
Editorial

[A blueprint for elimination of cervical cancer](#)

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

[Excerpt]

...Disadvantaged girls and women, especially those in LMICs and marginalised groups, are still disproportionately affected by cervical cancer. Although HPV vaccines have been available for almost two decades, access to the vaccines has not been equal and coverage of two doses has been low, in part due to vaccine hesitancy. Progress on screening and treatment is lagging. Many countries do not offer cervical cancer screening, and most countries with official recommendations for cervical cancer screening begin to screen women at age 30 years, repeating every 5 years, with the potential for delayed detection of early, treatable stages of cervical cancer. Tedros said that access to surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, and palliative care needs to be better in most countries.

There is hope that the situation will improve. Recommendations supporting single-dose strategies for HPV immunisation make incorporating HPV vaccines into routine immunisation programmes a more realistic option for many countries and mean that many more girls can be protected. Nigeria, for instance, is aiming to reach 7·7 million girls with a single dose of HPV vaccine after introducing the vaccine into its immunisation programme in October, 2023. Production of HPV vaccines in LMICs—perhaps leveraging new vaccine manufacturing capacity in these countries in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic—should ensure more equitable access to the vaccines. The Serum Institute of India, for example, is producing the country's first domestic HPV vaccine, Cervavax, after its approval on the basis of immunological data. This pathway to licensure, made possible by the established efficacy of existing vaccines, is less costly and time-consuming than the traditional route of demonstrating efficacy against disease in large trials and could expedite approval of other HPV vaccines in development...

Articles

[Safety and efficacy of inhaled IBIO123 for mild-to-moderate COVID-19: a randomised, double-blind, dose-ascending, placebo-controlled, phase 1/2 trial](#)

Bruno Maranda, et al on behalf of the IBIO-INH-001 Investigators

[Mpox in people with past infection or a complete vaccination course: a global case series](#)

Aniruddha Hazra, et al. on behalf of SHARE-NET writing group

Personal View

[Consensus position statement on advancing the standardised reporting of infection events in immunocompromised patients](#)

Benjamin W Teh, et al.

Lancet Public Health

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Lancet Respiratory Medicine

Jan 2024 Volume 12 Number 1 p1-88
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Editorial

[Patterns of respiratory infections after COVID-19](#)

The Lancet Respiratory Medicine

[Excerpt]

... Respiratory illnesses have re-emerged in unpredictable patterns after the pandemic, whereas COVID-19 cases seem to have reached a plateau in the USA. Scientists are unsure whether COVID-19 will become a winter virus since there appears to be no clear pattern yet, but capacities that were increased during COVID-19 need to be sustained for other infectious diseases. Population-level immunity following vaccination and infection wanes over time, and vaccine hesitancy remains a large problem that requires a targeted response. Better mathematical models to track the patterns of infectious disease and improved understanding of factors driving these changes could help to improve surveillance programmes and disease control efforts, as well as shape the response to future pandemic threats.

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 27, issue 12, December 2023

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The Milbank Quarterly

A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy

Volume 101, Issue 4 Pages: 999-1374 December 2023

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Perspectives

Open Access

[Moving Toward Inclusion: Access to Care Models for Uninsured Immigrant Children](#)

KATELYN GIRTAIN, SURAL SHAH, ANA C. MONTERREY, J. RAUL GUTIERREZ, MARK KUCZEWSKI, JULIE M. LINTON

Pages: 1009-1032

First Published: 26 July 2023

[Advancing Dialogue About Consent and Molecular HIV Surveillance in the United States: Four Proposals Following a Federal Advisory Panel's Call for Major Reforms](#)

STEPHEN MOLLIREM, ANTHONY K J SMITH, ALEXANDER McCLELLAND

Pages: 1033-1046

First Published: 28 June 2023

Nature

Volume 625 Issue 7993, 4 January 2024

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/622/issues/7993>

Editorial 03 Jan 2024

[A new class of antibiotics is cause for cautious celebration — but the economics must be fixed](#)

The threat of antimicrobial resistance means that new antibiotics need to be used sparingly. Governments must support their development with a long-term funding plan.

Perspective 13 Dec 2023

[Hold out the genome: a roadmap to solving the cis-regulatory code](#)

A roadmap towards solving the cis-regulatory code using a combination of machine learning and massively parallel assays of exogenous DNA is proposed.

Carl G. de Boer, Jussi Taipale

Analysis Open Access 13 Dec 2023

[A synthesis of evidence for policy from behavioural science during COVID-19](#)

Kai Ruggeri, Friederike Stock, Robb Willer

Abstract

Scientific evidence regularly guides policy decisions¹, with behavioural science increasingly part of this process². In April 2020, an influential paper³ proposed 19 policy recommendations ('claims') detailing how evidence from behavioural science could contribute to efforts to reduce impacts and end the COVID-19 pandemic. Here we assess 747 pandemic-related research articles that empirically investigated those claims. We report the scale of evidence and whether evidence supports them to indicate applicability for policymaking. Two independent teams, involving 72 reviewers, found evidence for 18 of 19 claims, with both teams finding evidence supporting 16 (89%) of those 18 claims. The strongest evidence supported claims that anticipated culture, polarization and misinformation would be associated with policy effectiveness. Claims suggesting trusted leaders and positive social norms increased adherence to behavioural interventions also had strong empirical support, as did appealing to social consensus or bipartisan agreement. Targeted language in messaging yielded mixed effects and there were no effects for highlighting individual benefits or protecting others. No available evidence existed to assess any distinct differences in effects between using the terms 'physical distancing' and 'social distancing'. Analysis of 463 papers containing data showed generally large samples; 418 involved human participants with a mean of 16,848 (median of 1,699). That statistical power underscored improved suitability of behavioural science research for informing policy decisions. Furthermore, by implementing a standardized approach to evidence selection and synthesis, we amplify broader implications for advancing scientific evidence in policy formulation and prioritization.

Volume 624 Issue 7992, 21 December 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/624/issues/7992>

Editorial 20 Dec 2023

[End the glaring inequity in international science collaborations](#)

The world's natural-science research ecosystem remains focused on the priorities of high-income countries. Funders, publishers and scholarly databases can do more to help to rebalance that.

Editorial 19 Dec 2023

[From Einstein to AI: how 100 years have shaped science](#)

Looking back a century reveals how much the research landscape has changed — and how unclear the consequences of scientific innovation can be.

Nature Biotechnology

Volume 41 Issue 12, December 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/41/issues/12>

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<https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/55/issues/12>

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Nature Human Behaviour

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<https://www.nature.com/nathumbehav/volumes/7/issues/12>

Moral reasoning in the brain

Moral foundations theory posits that there are five or six universal groups of moral intuitions (that is, 'foundations'), each of which is served by functionally specialized, dissociable cognitive mechanisms. Hopp et al. probe the neural (dis)unity of moral foundations theory and report that each moral foundation recruits domain-general mechanisms of social cognition, but also has a dissociable neural signature that is malleable by sociomoral experience.

Article 07 Sept 2023

Moral foundations elicit shared and dissociable cortical activation modulated by political ideology

Hopp et al. probe the neural (dis)unity of moral foundations theory and report that each moral foundation recruits domain-general mechanisms of social cognition but also has a dissociable neural signature malleable by sociomoral experience.

Frederic R. Hopp, Ori Amir, René Weber

Abstract

Moral foundations theory (MFT) holds that moral judgements are driven by modular and ideologically variable moral foundations but where and how these foundations are represented in the brain and shaped by political beliefs remains an open question. Using a moral vignette judgement task ($n = 64$), we probed the neural (dis)unity of moral foundations. Univariate analyses revealed that moral judgement of moral foundations, versus conventional norms, reliably recruits core areas implicated in theory of mind. Yet, multivariate pattern analysis demonstrated that each moral foundation elicits dissociable neural representations distributed throughout the cortex. As predicted by MFT, individuals' liberal or conservative orientation modulated neural responses to moral foundations. Our results confirm that each moral foundation recruits domain-general mechanisms of social cognition but also has a dissociable neural signature malleable by sociomoral experience. We discuss these findings in view of unified versus dissociable accounts of morality and their neurological support for MFT.

Nature Medicine

Volume 29 Issue 12, December 2023

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Nature Reviews Drug Discovery

Volume 22 Issue 11, November 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/22/issues/11>

Comment 23 Oct 2023

[IRDiRC Drug Repurposing Guidebook: making better use of existing drugs to tackle rare diseases](#)

The International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC) has developed a new guidebook to invigorate drug repurposing for rare diseases.

Anneliene Hechtelt Jonker, Simon Day, Anna Maria Gerdina Pasmooij

Nature Reviews Genetics

Volume 25 Issue 1, January 2024

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/25/issues/1>

Comment 22 Nov 2023

[Weaponized genomics: potential threats to international and human security](#)

Geopolitical instability has prompted renewed discussions on the risks of DNA technology being weaponized in international conflict. With today's changing security environment, the authors argue that risk assessments must be broadened from genetically targeted weapons to a series of new domains.

Subhayan Chattopadhyay, Tony Ingesson, David Gisselsson

Review Article 24 Aug 2023

[Principles and methods for transferring polygenic risk scores across global populations](#)

This Review summarizes the genetic and non-genetic factors that impact the transferability of polygenic risk scores (PRSs) across populations, highlighting the technical challenges of existing PRS construction methods for diverse ancestries and the emerging resources for more widespread use of PRSs.

Linda Kachuri, Nilanjan Chatterjee, Tian Ge

Review Article 04 Sept 2023

[Harnessing deep learning for population genetic inference](#)

Applying deep learning to large-scale genomic data of species or populations is providing new opportunities to understand the evolutionary forces that drive genetic diversity. This Review introduces common deep learning architectures and provides comprehensive guidelines to implement deep learning models for population genetic inference. The authors also discuss current opportunities and challenges for deep learning in population genetics.

Xin Huang, Aigerim Rymbekova, Martin Kuhlwilm

Nature Reviews Immunology

Volume 23 Issue 12, December 2023

<https://www.nature.com/nri/volumes/23/issues/12>

World View 16 Nov 2023

[Communicating science effectively in times of crisis: time for reflection](#)

Gary Koretzky, who was president of the American Association of Immunologists from 2021 to 2022, shares his thoughts on the responsibility of scientists to make science more accessible to a broad public, and reflects on lessons learned during the pandemic.

Gary Koretzky

New England Journal of Medicine

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<https://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

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[Interactive Perspective: Health Care on the Edge — Challenges of Refugee Medicine](#) P.

Calderon Vargas and Others

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Perspective

[Fundamentals of Medical Ethics: Deciding for Patients Who Have Lost Decision-Making Capacity — Finding Common Ground in Medical Ethics](#)

B. Lo

Editorials

[Fundamentals of Medical Ethics — A New Perspective Series](#)

B. Lo, D. Malina, G. Pittman, and S. Morrissey

Pediatrics

Volume 153, Issue 1 January 2024

<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/issue/152/4>

Articles

[Invasive Pneumococcal Disease After 2 Decades of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Use](#)

Inci Yildirim, MD, PhD; Rotem Lapidot, MD; Yazdani Basha Shaik-Dasthagirisahab, BA; Sarah Hinderstein, BA; Hanna Lee, MD

PharmacoEconomics

Volume 41, Issue 12 December 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/volumes-and-issues/41-12>

Scoping Review

[Are We Capturing the Socioeconomic Burden of Rare Genetic Disease? A Scoping Review of Economic Evaluations and Cost-of-Illness Studies](#)

Deborah A. Marshall, Brittany Gerber, Gillian R. Currie

18 August 2023 Pages: 1563 - 1588

Rare diseases have a significant impact on patients, families, the health system, and society. Measuring the socioeconomic burden is crucial to valuing interventions for rare diseases. Healthcare system costs are significant, but so are costs to other government sectors, patients, families, and society. To understand the breadth of costs captured in rare disease studies, we examined the cost categories and elements of socioeconomic burden captured in published studies.

Conclusions

Contrary to cost-of-illness analyses, most of the included economic evaluations did not account for the hidden burden of rare diseases, that is, costs borne by patients, families, and societies. Including these types of costs in future studies would provide a more comprehensive picture of the burden of disease,

providing empirical data to inform how we value and make decisions regarding rare disease interventions, health policy, and resource allocation.

PLoS Biology

<https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/>

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PLoS Genetics

<https://journals.plos.org/plosgenetics/>

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PLoS Global Public Health

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(Accessed 06 Jan 2024)

[Mechanism design for a fair and equitable approach to global vaccine distribution: The case of COVID-19](#)

Khaled Abedrabbah, Lolwa Al-Majid, Zaid Al-Fagih, Luluwah Al-Fagih

Research Article | published 28 Dec 2023 PLOS Global Public Health

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[Developing a diversity, equity and inclusion compass to guide scientific capacity strengthening efforts in Africa](#)

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[Advancing health through artificial intelligence/machine learning: The critical importance of multidisciplinary collaboration](#)

Monica M Bertagnolli

Achieving the promise of artificial intelligence in health and medicine: Building a foundation for the future

Victor J Dzau and others

... As Monica Bertagnolli, newly confirmed director of the National Institutes of Health, points out in this issue of PNAS Nexus (1)—“While the potential for AI/ML applications to improve human health research is vast, there are key challenges that must be overcome in order to optimize the outcome for the patient.” At the federal level, there is increasing recognition of the need to ensure AI/ML implementation is responsible, ethical, and equitable, maximizing benefits while minimizing the potential for harm to society. President Biden’s recent Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence (2) establishes first-of-its-kind standards in the United States for safety, privacy, and civil rights, while still emphasizing the need for scientific innovation and advancement. As Bertagnolli rightfully points out, a multidisciplinary perspective is required to achieve these important goals—one that is inclusive of not only researchers and clinicians but also patients and community organizations, social scientists and equity researchers, and policy and legal experts.

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

Volume 38 - Issue 6 - December 2023

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Original Research

The 2023 Model Core Content of Disaster Medicine

Bryan J. Wexler, Carl Schultz, Paul D. Biddinger, Gregory Ciottone, Angela Cornelius, Robert Fuller, Roxanna Lefort, Andrew Milsten, James Phillips, Ira Nemeth

Published online by Cambridge University Press:

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...Disaster Medicine (DM) is the clinical specialty whose expertise includes the care and management of patients and populations outside conventional care protocols. While traditional standards of care assume the availability of adequate resources, DM practitioners operate in situations where resources are not adequate, necessitating a modification in practice. While prior academic efforts have succeeded in developing a list of core disaster competencies for emergency medicine residency programs, international fellowships, and affiliated health care providers, no official standardized curriculum or consensus has yet been published to date for DM fellowship programs based in the United States.

Study Objective:

The objective of this work is to define the core curriculum for DM physician fellowships in the United States, drawing consensus among existing DM fellowship directors.

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Use of Simulation in Full-Scale Exercises for Response to Disasters and Mass-Casualty Incidents: A Scoping Review

Jen Heng Pek, Li Juan Joy Quah, Martina Valente, Luca Ragazzoni, Francesco Della Corte

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Evaluating the cost-effectiveness of HPV vaccination for adolescent girls in Japan: A comparison of 2-valent, 4-valent, and 9-valent HPV vaccines with consideration of cross-protection

Wongyeong Choi, Eunha Shim
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The state of integrated disease surveillance in seven countries: a synthesis report

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Rachel Marcus MSc. Nidhi Monga Nakra MPH, Keshia M. Pollack Porter PhD, MPH

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Yang R, Sun S

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Biodiversity monitoring for a just planetary future

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A landmark environmental law looks ahead

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Peter Hangoma, Kusum Hachhethu, Silvia Passeri, Ole Frithjof Norheim, ... Ottar Mæstad
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[Experimental pneumococcal carriage in people living with HIV in Malawi: the first controlled human infection model in a key at-risk population](#) [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Klara Doherty, et al.

Abstract

Background: As well as suffering a high burden of pneumococcal disease people living with HIV (PLHIV) may contribute to community transmission in sub-Saharan African (sSA) settings. Pneumococcal vaccination is not currently offered to PLHIV in sSA but may prevent disease and reduce transmission. More evidence of vaccine effectiveness against carriage in PLHIV is needed. An Experimental Human Pneumococcal Carriage model (EHPC) has been safely and acceptably used in healthy adults in Malawi to evaluate pneumococcal vaccines against carriage and to identify immune correlates of protection from carriage. This study will establish the same model in PLHIV and will be the first controlled human infection model (CHIM) in this key population.

Systematic Review Open Access

[Ethics, equity, climate change, and infectious disease research: a scoping](#) review [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Hannah Markle, et al.

Abstract

Objectives

This scoping review aimed to summarise ethical issues related to climate-sensitive infectious diseases identified in the scientific literature.

Methods

We conducted a scoping review of PubMed to assess the level of engagement by scientists in the ethical and broader equity issues intersecting with climate-sensitive infectious diseases. Articles were included if they covered at least two out of three subjects – infectious disease, climate change, and ethics; and were published in English since 1995.

Results

The majority of scientific work in this field has focused on the relationship between climate change and vector-borne diseases (e.g., malaria and dengue fever) or water-borne diseases (e.g., cholera). Many studies identify the role of climate change in exacerbating inequities caused by the convergence of social and environmental determinants of health and show that the world's most vulnerable populations are disproportionately impacted. However, few studies included explicitly normative ethical analysis of these trends, and there was limited discussion of the ethical responsibilities arising in infectious disease research including in relationships between researchers and communities.

Conclusions

This review provides a foundation for renewed and ethically-informed research on climate-sensitive diseases in low-and middle-income countries. It also highlights critical knowledge gaps and reveals where more work is needed to understand and respond to the ethical implications of these relationships and thereby inform more ethically conscious infectious disease research.

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