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Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Development, Heritage Stewardship, Peace-Conflict. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard.



Freedom of Religion

Globally, Government Restrictions on Religion Reached Peak Levels in 2021, While Social Hostilities Went Down

14th annual report includes a look at countries that restrict religious practices and grant benefits to religious groups at the same time

Pew Research Center

Report March 5, 2024 By [Samirah Majumdar](#) and [Sarah Crawford](#)

In 2021, government restrictions on religion – laws, policies and actions by state officials that limit religious beliefs and practices – reached a new peak globally, according to Pew Research Center’s latest analysis of government restrictions and social hostilities involving religion in **198 countries and territories around the world.**

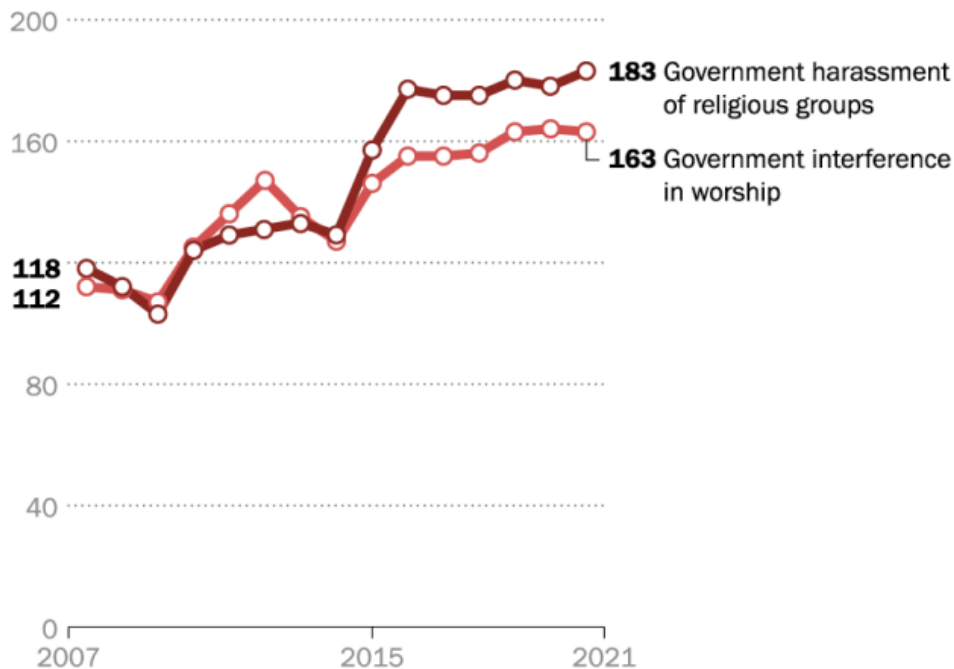
Harassment of religious groups and interference in worship were two of the most common forms of government restrictions worldwide in 2021.

Among the study’s key findings:

- The global median level of government restrictions on religion ticked up to 3.0 in 2021 from 2.8 in 2020 on the Government Restrictions Index, a 10-point scale of 20 indicators. This was the highest global median score since we began tracking restrictions in 2007.
- **55 countries (28% of the total) had “high” or “very high” levels of government restrictions in 2021**, down slightly from 57 countries (29%), a level reached in 2020, 2019 and 2012. (The median index score for all countries rose anyway, partially because there were slightly more increases in index scores than decreases among the 198 countries and territories analyzed.)
- **Religious groups faced harassment by governments in 183 countries in 2021, the largest number since the study began.** Governments interfered in worship in 163 countries, down slightly from 164 in 2020 but still close to the all-time high.
- The global median level of social hostilities involving religion – including violence and harassment by private individuals, organizations or groups – fell from 1.8 in 2020 to 1.6 in 2021 on the Social Hostilities Index, a 10-point scale composed of 13 indicators.
- **43 countries (22% of all studied) had “high” or “very high” levels of social hostilities in 2021**, up from 40 countries (20%) in 2020 but still closer to the low point (18%) than to the high point (33%) previously recorded over the course of the study.

Since 2007, number of countries where governments have harassed religious groups or interfered in worship has increased

Number of countries and territories where there was ____ in 2021



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of external data. Refer to the Methodology for details.

"Globally, Government Restrictions on Religion Reached Peak Levels in 2021, While Social Hostilities Went Down"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Some background on the study

Each year since 2007, Pew Research Center has tracked government restrictions and social hostilities on two 10-point indexes:

- **The Government Restrictions Index (GRI):** Government restrictions on religion include laws, policies and actions that regulate and limit religious beliefs and practices. They also include policies that single out certain religious groups or ban certain practices; the granting of benefits to some religious groups but not others; and bureaucratic rules that require religious groups to register to receive benefits.
- **The Social Hostilities Index (SHI):** Social hostilities include actions by private individuals or groups that target religious groups; they also include actions by groups or individuals who use religion to restrict others. The SHI captures events such as religion-related harassment, mob violence, terrorism/militant activity, and hostilities over religious conversions or the wearing of religious symbols and clothing.

Government restrictions have increased gradually over time since 2007, when the global median level on the GRI was 1.8.

Social hostilities – which capture incidents that are more likely to vary from year to year – have seen more fluctuations. On the SHI, the global median score started at 1.0 in 2007, reached a peak of 2.1 in 2017, and fell to 1.6 in 2021.



Science

[Science must be inclusive and not exclusive says UN expert](#)

Press releases Special Procedures

ENEVA (7 March 2024) – The right to participate in science must be recognised for everyone, and not restricted to a few, a UN expert said today.

“The right of everyone to share in scientific advancement and its benefits has been recognised for decades in international instruments. Yet, it is not implemented across the board as a human right. Science may only have transformative positive effects, if conducted within a human rights framework,” said Alexandra Xanthaki, the Special Rapporteur on cultural rights.

In her [report](#) to the Human Rights Council, Xanthaki regretted **the many ways in which the right to science was being undermined. They include attacks against academic and scientific researchers, limits to public funding, the acceleration of the commodification of science, and the instrumentalisation of science through misinformation and disinformation to manipulate public opinion, often also to serve private interests.**

“The right to participate in science does not mean that everyone should be recognised as a high-level scientific researcher. But people might do research in their own fields of expertise or interest, in relation to their own concerns and aspirations, using knowledge and refining it for their own personal development,” the expert said. Xanthaki explained that there were many ways in which people can participate in science without undermining the expertise of scientific professionals, complementing it in many ways and demanding that science respond to their needs and those of wider society.

“The meaning of science must be inclusive and not exclusive, giving full consideration to scientific diversity,” the expert said, calling for a decolonised understanding of science. She said this meant understanding sciences in the plural form, from various traditions and cultural backgrounds, in various languages and following diverse ways of researching and conducted by a variety of scientific or epistemic communities, from local ones to cross-cultural ones.

“States must ensure that everyone has different opportunities to participate and depart from the rigid distinction between the scientist who produces science and the general population, entitled only to enjoy the benefits derived from research conducted by scientists,” she said.



[Right to participate in science – Report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights,](#)

Alexandra Xanthaki*

A/HRC/55/44

Human Rights Council Fifty -fifth session

26 February–5 April 2024

Agenda item 3

Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights,

including the right to development

[Excerpt]

VII. Conclusions and recommendations

87. There is a pressing need for States, international organizations and private actors to adopt a human rights approach in all matters relating to science.

88. States and other stakeholders should fully recognize, respect, protect and promote the right of everyone, not only professionals, to participate in science as a human right to varying modalities, without discrimination.

89. A wide, inclusive and decolonized understanding of science is an important way to fulfil the right to participate in science. States must revisit their policies to eradicate any exclusionary processes in defining and applying science.

90. Participation in science requires education in science for all. Special measures must be taken to improve the educational opportunities for vulnerable and marginalized groups.

91. The participation of multiple scientific societies adds to the scientific matrix of society and ensures representation and the advancement of comprehensive solutions to current challenges.

92. States must:

- (a) Devise public science programmes that involve individuals of all sectors of the population, not only in the collection of information, but in all aspects of research, including design, development, the analysis of results and the preparation of reports;
- (b) Remove the specific obstacles that prevent women from participating effectively in science, including stereotypes and biases;
- (c) Take specific and special measures to ensure the effective participation of marginalized and vulnerable sectors of the population, including minorities, migrants, individuals in rural and remote areas and those living in poverty and socioeconomically deprived situations;
- (d) Ensure the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples in all matters relating to science that concern them. Their sciences and traditional knowledge must be recognized and used, including in matters that affect them, to the degree that they so decide. Their participation in the benefits of scientific endeavours must also be guaranteed;
- (e) Ensure that alternative science models and their contributions are included in education and discussed in public spaces.

93. States should establish and support multiple science-policy interfaces, engaging all relevant stakeholders, including affected communities and scientific researchers from all relevant disciplines, with due respect for scientific diversity, to participate in decision-making on science matters. Such interfaces should also provide opportunities for the informed participation of the public. They should ensure that policies are developed based on the best scientific evidence available and in accordance with the precautionary and due diligence principles and the obligation to prevent harm.

94. States and other stakeholders, particularly private research institutions and business enterprises, should fully respect, protect and promote the right to academic and scientific freedom, in accordance with articles 13 and 15 (3) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, with due attention paid to general comments No. 13 (1999) and No. 25 (2020) of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers.

95. Particular attention should be paid:
- (a) To protecting scientists from attacks;
 - (b) To refraining from instrumentalizing scientists;
 - (c) To identifying and avoid conflicts of interest by scientists and ensuring whistle-blower protections;
 - (d) To effectively addressing the disinformation economy, in particular in the science-policy interface.

96. States and other stakeholders should consider science as a public and common good.

97. The United Nations must:

- (a) Request all United Nations bodies and satellite agencies to review their regulatory frameworks in line with a human rights approach to science and the right to participation in science, including the sharing of the benefits of scientific progress and emerging technology;
- (b) Strengthen, through its monitoring processes, the implementation of the right to participate in science, including through core indicators and guiding questions.

98. Explore a proposal for a new special rapporteur on the right to science and technology, fully understood as a cultural right.

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Gaza

ICRC – [A statement on Gaza and Israel from the president of the ICRC](#)

09 March 2024 Geneva (ICRC) –

Five months into the escalation of hostilities, which began with the horrific events in Israel on 7 October, the situation in the Gaza Strip degenerates by the hour. There is nowhere safe for people to go. The civilian death toll and the ongoing captivity of hostages are shocking and unacceptable.

This brutal war has ruptured any sense of a shared humanity. In the face of such deep suffering, we are making three urgent calls:

:: A cessation of hostilities to allow for meaningful assistance to reach the people in need.

:: That hostages held by Hamas are released unconditionally and their dignity, safety and medical needs cared for. The ICRC reiterates its call to be allowed to visit the hostages.

:: That Palestinian detainees are treated humanely and permitted to communicate with family. The ICRC must be notified of and allowed to visit Palestinians in Israeli detention.

A steady, robust flow of humanitarian aid to match the needs is only part of the solution. Alleviating the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza starts with a clear will and measures that safeguard civilian life and human dignity, meaning both sides must conduct their military operations in a way that spares the civilians who are caught in the middle.

The only way to achieve this is that the parties strictly adhere to international humanitarian law, which means preserving the life, dignity and humanity of all people affected by armed conflict, regardless of which side they are on. It is the line between humanity and barbarity. The principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution must be applied in practice to achieve their very purpose: that preserving civilian life and health is the rule, not the exception.

As an occupying power, Israel must provide for the basic needs of the population or facilitate the safe and unimpeded delivery of humanitarian relief.

International humanitarian law provides a way out of the downward spiral we currently see. All states - indeed all of humanity - have a stake in this. Respect for international humanitarian law not only preserves the humanity of the enemy, it preserves our own humanity, both today and in the future. In this conflict, as in all others, the international community must make respect for IHL and its implementation a political priority.

The ICRC is standing by to serve as a neutral intermediary – a trusted and experienced third party – facilitating the humanitarian aspects of any political agreement reached by the parties, contingent upon the provision of necessary access and security guarantees.

If there is a cessation of hostilities that will allow for meaningful assistance to reach people in need, then the ICRC can significantly expand food, shelter, and hygiene assistance. The ICRC's longstanding work in Gaza's health, electricity and water sectors would enable us to swiftly support these vital services.

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[Joint Statement endorsing the activation of a maritime corridor to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza](#)

8 March 2024

The European Commission, the Republic of Cyprus, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, and the United Kingdom have issued the following statement endorsing the activation of a maritime corridor to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza:

"The humanitarian situation in Gaza is dire, with innocent Palestinian families and children desperate for basic necessities. That is why today, the European Commission, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, the Republic of Cyprus, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States announce our intent to open a maritime corridor to deliver much-needed additional amounts of humanitarian assistance by sea.

"Cyprus' leadership in establishing the Amalthea Initiative—which outlines a mechanism for securely shipping aid from Cyprus to Gaza via sea—was integral to enabling this joint effort to launch a maritime corridor. Together, our nations intend to build on this model to deliver significant additional aid by sea, working in coordination with UN Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza Sigrid Kaag—who is charged with facilitating, coordinating, monitoring, and verifying the flow of aid into Gaza under UN Security Council Resolution 2720. The dedicated efforts of the UAE to mobilize support for the Initiative will result in the initial shipment of food by sea to the people of Gaza.

"Cyprus will soon convene senior officials to discuss how we can accelerate this maritime channel supporting those in need, supplementing land and air routes, including from Egypt and Jordan. The United States announced an emergency mission led by the U.S. military to establish a temporary pier in Gaza, in coordination with humanitarian partners and other countries, to enable the delivery of significant quantities of assistance by sea. These efforts will be closely coordinated with the Government of Israel.

"The delivery of humanitarian assistance directly to Gaza by sea will be complex, and our nations will continue to assess and adjust our efforts to ensure we deliver aid as effectively as possible. This maritime corridor can—and must—be part of a sustained effort to increase the flow of humanitarian aid and commercial commodities into Gaza through all possible routes. We will continue to work with Israel to expand deliveries by land, insisting that it facilitate more routes and open additional crossings to get more aid to more people. We affirm that protecting civilian lives is a key element of international

humanitarian law that must be respected. And together, we must all do more to ensure aid gets to people who desperately need it."

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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 09 Mar 2024]

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

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6 March 2024 SC/15612

[Briefing Security Council on Afghanistan, Special Representative Urges de Facto Authorities Reverse Repressive Policies towards Women](#)

Calling for sustained international engagement towards an Afghanistan at peace with itself and its neighbours, the head of the Organization's mission in that country called on its de facto authorities to reverse its repressive policies towards women.

5 March 2024 GA/12586

[Veto of Security Council Resolution Calling for Ceasefire in Gaza Emboldens Israel to Continue Crimes against Palestinian People, Speakers Tell General Assembly](#)

The use of the Security Council veto by the United States to block an Algerian draft resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza only emboldens Israel to continue its crimes against the Palestinian people, speakers warned the General Assembly today, stressing that the humanitarian situation in the enclave is catastrophic and worsening as a result.

4 March 2024 SC/15610

[Syria's Full Cooperation Essential to Closing Chemical Weapons File, Senior Official Tells Security Council](#)

The Security Council met this morning to discuss the situation in Syria. Briefing the Council was Adedeji Ebo, Director and Deputy to the High Representative, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[UN torture expert urges prison modernisation for social rehabilitation and resilience to environmental threats and pandemics](#)

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Conflicts and violence

[Fears over Gaza catastrophe as brutal conflict enters sixth month](#)

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Religious freedom

[Türk calls for measures to address religious hatred](#)

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Israel

[UN Human Rights Chief deplores new moves to expand Israeli settlements in occupied West Bank](#)

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[Gaza: Israel's dehumanisation of displaced persons must end, says UN expert](#)

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Haiti

[Haiti: Türk says situation "untenable", urges swift and decisive action](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest News

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[UN experts deplore continuing failures of protection for Shamima Begum](#)

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[Sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the entertainment industry must stop immediately: UN expert](#)

SRSB/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[Mission Report: Official Visit of the Office of the SRSB-SVC to Israel and the Occupied West Bank, 29 January – 14 February 2024](#)

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[Sudan: 25 million people in dire humanitarian need, say UN experts](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 09 Mar 2024]

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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 09 Mar 2024]

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[UNHCR's Grandi and UN's Piper call for renewed focus on Mozambique displacement](#)

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[UNHCR appeals to strengthen the protection of people displaced by climate change at a historical IACHR hearing](#)

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[UN deputy relief chief: Somalia's future and the lives of its people "hang on a very, very tight balance"](#)

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[OCHA tells Security Council that the suffering in Ukraine must end](#)

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[Senior UN humanitarian official urges action to keep Mali on global agenda](#)

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Latest press releases, news notes and statements

Statement 08 March 2024

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on children in Sudan at risk of famine](#)

NEW YORK, 8 March 2024 – “The brutal war in Sudan is pushing the country toward famine and a catastrophic loss of life, especially among children. In what is now the world’s largest child displacement crisis, severe malnutrition among young children is intensifying beyond the worst projections, and there are outbreaks of cholera, measles and...

Remarks 08 March 2024

[Amid escalating violence in Mozambique, 60,000 children displaced within a month](#)

Maputo, Mozambique, 8 March 2024 – “In the past month, attacks and fear of attacks in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique, have triggered the displacement of almost 100,000 people, including

more than 60,000 children. "Children separated from their families are at risk of violence and exploitation, including recruitment and use by armed groups. "...

Press release 08 March 2024

[Over 230 million girls and women alive today have been subjected to female genital mutilation — UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK, 8 March 2024 – Over 230 million girls and women alive today have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM), according to a newly released UNICEF report. The updated global estimates show a 15 per cent increase in the total number of survivors – or 30 million more girls and women – compared to data released eight years ago. Released on...

Statement 07 March 2024

[Statement by UNICEF Representative in Nigeria, Cristian Munduate, on the Abduction of Students in Kaduna State](#)

ABUJA, NIGERIA, 7 March 2024 – "I am deeply saddened and concerned by the reports of yet another abduction of students in Kaduna State. The alarming frequency of such incidents across the country signals a crisis that requires immediate and determined action from all levels of government and society. Schools are supposed to be sanctuaries of...

Statement 06 March 2024

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on the situation in Haiti](#)

NEW YORK, 6 March 2024 – "As violence and lawlessness in Haiti reaches a new and terrifying level, the resolve of the international community and local stakeholders to protect and support the Haitian people must be strengthened. "Haiti has been gripped by consecutive years of horrific violence, which in the last few days has been marked by an...

Press release 05 March 2024

[Wave of new commitments marks historic step towards the elimination of cervical cancer](#)

CARTAGENA DE INDIAS, COLOMBIA, 5 March 2024 – Governments, donors, multilateral institutions, and partners today announced major new policy, programmatic and financial commitments, including nearly US\$600 million in new funding, to eliminate cervical cancer. If these ambitions to expand vaccine coverage and strengthen screening and treatment...

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 09 Mar 2024]

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[Waves of Violence Storm Port-au-Prince in Haiti Further Displacing Thousands](#)

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[Over 110,000 Displaced in Mozambique Amidst Surging Violence as Needs Soar](#)

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[Deadliest Year on Record for Migrants with Nearly 8,600 Deaths in 2023](#)

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[On International Women's Day, UNAIDS calls for protecting women's rights to protect their health](#)

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[Asia Pacific women living with HIV build their power through Feminist School](#)

7 March 2024

[Community leadership driving progress to eliminate mother-to-child HIV transmission in Indonesia](#)

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 09 Mar 2024]

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[Message by the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - February 2024](#)

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[WHO launches a mobile app for biosafety risk assessment](#)

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[African health ministers commit to end malaria deaths](#)

6 March 2024 Departmental news

[World TB Day 2024 Campaign: YES! WE CAN #ENDTB!](#)

5 March 2024 News release

[Wave of new commitments marks historic step towards the elimination of cervical cancer](#)

5 March 2024 News release

[New report documents increase in HIV drug resistance to dolutegravir](#)

4 March 2024 Departmental news

[Announcing new initiatives to maximize efficiencies of medicine donation programmes for neglected tropical diseases](#)

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[More than 2.1 million people vaccinated against cholera in Zimbabwe hotspots](#)

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[African health ministers commit to end malaria deaths](#)

[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

:: [**International Women's Day: PAHO Director calls for investment in women's leadership to transform the health sector**](#)

Washington, DC, March 8, 2024 (PAHO)- Even though women make up 70% of health and care sector workers worldwide, barely 25% occupy leadership positions. At an event to mark International Women's Day, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Jarbas Barbosa, called for greater support to women's leadership while strengthening the...

:: [**Wave of new commitments marks historic step towards the elimination of cervical cancer**](#)

New country, policy and program commitments, plus nearly US\$ 600 million in new funding, at first-ever global forum offer a chance to save hundreds of thousands of lives by 2030. Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 5 March 2024 — Governments, donors, multilateral institutions, and partners today announced major new policy, programmatic and financial...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 5 March 2024 News release

[**WHO rolls out universal newborn screening implementation guidance in South-East Asia Region**](#)

WHO European Region EURO

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WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [**WHO and Ministry of Health digitize information vital for a healthier Iraq**](#)

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:: [**Towards a stronger commitment to eliminate malaria in Sudan**](#)

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:: [**Strengthening event-based surveillance systems: a success story from Iraq**](#)

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WHO Western Pacific Region

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.

7 March 2024

[**WHO's Operational Update on Health Emergencies - February 2024**](#)

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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.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

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<https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/376217/WER9910-eng-fre.pdf>

:: Progress towards elimination of rubella and congenital rubella syndrome – worldwide, 2012–2022

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[Summary of WHO symposium on meeting the global needs for oxygen and respiratory care](#)

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[Medication without harm: Policy brief](#)

Overview

Patient harm due to unsafe care is a leading cause of death and disability worldwide, and most of such harm is avoidable. Harm due to medicines and therapeutic options accounted for nearly 50% of the overall preventable harm in medical care. The pooled prevalence of preventable medication-related harm was 5% (1 in 20 patients) and one fourth of the harm was severe or potentially life-threatening. The prevalence of preventable medication-related harm was nearly double, 7% (1 on 25 patients) in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) compared to 4% (1 in 14 patients) in high-income countries.

This policy brief defines key concepts of medication safety and presents current evidence on the scale of the problem and the urgency of the situation. Medication errors occur throughout the medication use process; however, many recent studies indicate that most errors occur during prescribing and monitoring stages. Evidence of medication-related harm in several contexts and environments are discussed.

7 March 2024

[Global burden of preventable medication-related harm in health care: a systematic review](#)

Overview

Medication-related harm is considered preventable if it occurs as a result of an identifiable, modifiable cause and its recurrence can be avoided by appropriate adaptation to a process or adherence to guidelines. Understanding the prevalence, nature and severity of preventable medication-related harm is critical for setting targets for clinically relevant, implementable improvements in patient safety. This report presents an updated systematic review and meta-analysis of studies of the prevalence, nature and severity of preventable medication-related harm in the international literature including in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The main target audience is policy makers, health care leaders, researchers and academics, practicing clinicians and advocacy groups on medication safety.

5 March 2024

[Technical Brief: Enhancing Readiness for Omicron \(B.1.1.529\) in the WHO South-East Asia Region Interim...](#)

4 March 2024

[Refugee and migrant health system review: challenges and opportunities for long-term health system strengthening in Czechia...](#)

4 March 2024

[Making older persons visible in the sustainable development goals' monitoring framework and indicators](#)

3 March 2024

[Strategy for optimizing national routine health information systems: strengthening routine health information...](#)

3 March 2024

[WHO Global Benchmarking Tool \(GBT\) for evaluation of national regulatory system of medical products:...](#)

Overview

This manual is intended to provide clear operational guidance on the benchmarking of regulatory systems for medical products and the development of institutional development plans (IDPs) to address areas for improvement.

The manual is integral to the World Health Organization's structured and evidence-based approach to regulatory systems strengthening (RSS), mandated by World Health Assembly resolution WHA 67.20. The manual serves to ensure a proper understanding of the Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT); the processes and principles that govern its use; the expectations of individuals and institutions involved; and the information management systems that underpin the collection, analysis and management of data and the generation of knowledge...

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World Organisation for Animal Health [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[Urgent action needed to address South Sudan's forgotten crisis, says UNDP Crisis Chief](#)

March 7, 2024

[UN announces multi-stakeholder working groups for Digital Public Infrastructure Safeguards](#)

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UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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8 Mar 2024 | *Press Release*

[Buildings and Climate Global Forum – Declaration de Chaillot](#)

Paris, 8 March 2024 - The first ever Buildings and Climate Global Forum, organised by the French Government and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), concluded yesterday with the adoption by representatives of 70 countries of the Declaration de Chaillot, a foundational document for international cooperation that will enable progress towards a rapid, fair, and effective transition of the sector.

7 Mar 2024 | *Press Release*

[Not yet built for purpose: Global building sector emissions still high and rising](#)

Nairobi, 7 March 2024 – Energy demand and emissions from the building and construction sector represent over a fifth of global emissions. In 2022, a 1 per cent increase in the sector’s emissions was equal to 10 million more cars circling the Earth’s equator. At the same time, the sector’s energy intensity dropped by 3.5 per cent. These are key findings of a report published by UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC) today.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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08 Mar 2024 | DESA

[West Africa’s economic prospects at pivotal moment as regional integration faces major challenge](#)

8 March 2024 - On 28 January 2024, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger notified the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) of their intention to withdraw from ECOWAS. Established in 1975 to promote economic integration, ECOWAS has been instrumental in developing institutional mechanisms for regional cooperation.

04 Mar 2024 | DESA

[UN to convene global experts in Tokyo to assess climate action targets under the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

4 March 2024 - The United Nations is convening over sixty climate and development experts from around the world in Tokyo from 4 to 6 March to assess progress on climate action targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and strategize recommendations to accelerate action.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Rights of domestic workers

[New ILO policy brief calls for domestic workers to be included in care policies to ensure their rights at work](#)

08 March 2024

International Women's Day

[Gender equality matters for all of us](#)

07 March 2024

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[Moving towards equality: The role of care work in the Latin American labour market](#)

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[Investing in care policies can create millions of jobs in MENA, new ILO report finds](#)

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Maritime sector

[ILO and IMO recommend new steps against shipboard violence, harassment, and sexual assault](#)

06 March 2024

UNESCO [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://www.unesco.org/en/newsroom>

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[Generative AI: UNESCO study reveals alarming evidence of regressive gender stereotypes](#)

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International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 09 Mar 2024]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

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FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[FAO report: Heatwaves and floods affect rural women and men differently, widen income gap](#)

05/03/2024

New study shows how the effects of climate change on income and adaptation in rural areas vary with gender, wealth and...

[FAO Regional Ministerial Conference for the NENA region concludes with a Ministerial Declaration](#)

05/03/2024

Near East and North Africa countries support FAO Strategic Framework and its main initiatives and call for ceasefire in Gaza

World Food Programme [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Selected News Releases

7 March 2024

[Investing in women and girls makes economic sense and accelerates progress for millions of people](#)

Rome, 07 March 2024 - Investing in gender equality and women's empowerment is not only more urgent than ever but also an incredibly smart investment to generate economic growth, food security, income opportunities and better lives, particularly in rural areas where most of the world's poorest live. That will be the message tomorrow on International Women's Day from leaders at the Rome-based United Nations agriculture and food agencies event - Invest in Women: accelerate progress.

6 March 2024

[Sudan's war risks creating the world's largest hunger crisis, warns WFP Chief](#)

JUBA – Sudan's war has shattered millions of lives and created the world's largest displacement crisis. Now this catastrophe also risks becoming the world's largest hunger crisis, unless fighting stops, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director Cindy McCain warns today as she concludes a visit to South Sudan, where she met families fleeing violence and an escalating hunger emergency in Sudan.

5 March 2024

[WFP food deliveries to northern Gaza face further setbacks](#)

ROME – Efforts by the UN World Food Programme (WFP) to deliver desperately needed food supplies to Northern Gaza resumed today but were largely unsuccessful.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[Commemorating the 10th anniversary of the disappearance of Flight MH 370](#)

Montréal, 27 February 2024 – In the first quarter of 2024, ICAO projects that passenger air traffic levels will be around 2% higher than in 2019, with airlines expected to sustain their operating profitability seen in 2023.

IMO [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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IMO welcomes 176th Member State

06 Mar 2024

The Kyrgyz Republic has become the latest State to join the International Maritime Organization (IMO). IMO now has 176 Member States.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://public.wmo.int>

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UPU Universal Postal Union [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

UPU holds first-ever postal forum for SIDS

05.03.2024 — The Universal Postal Union (UPU) – the United Nations specialized agency for international postal cooperation – opened its inaugural postal development forum for small island developing states (SIDS) in Mahé, Seychelles, today.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press releases

Huawei, Samsung and Qualcomm are Top Users of WIPO's International Patent System; India, Türkiye and Republic of Korea are Standouts Amid Softening Global Demand

China-based Huawei Technologies, Samsung Electronics of the Republic of Korea and the U.S.'s Qualcomm were the world's top users in 2023 of WIPO's international patent system and innovators in India increased their patent filing activity by nearly 50%, even as demand for international registrations of intellectual property (IP) via WIPO softened slightly.

Mar 6, 2024 [PR/2024/914](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Announcements/Decisions/Events

15.03.2024-15.03.2024 // DSI-IAG-2024-03 **Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources**

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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USAID [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press releases; Speeches

[Activation of a maritime corridor to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza: joint statement](#)

8 March 2024 — News story

The UK, European Commission, Cyprus, United Arab Emirates and United States gave a joint statement on activating a maritime corridor to deliver aid to Gaza.

[UK supports most vulnerable women and girls in Ukraine](#)

4 March 2024 — Press release

The UK has allocated £1.5 million for International Planned Parenthood Federation which has provided sexual and reproductive health services for vulnerable women and girls in Ukraine.

ECHO [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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News article 8 March 2024

[Joint Statement endorsing the activation of a maritime corridor to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza](#)

The European Commission, the Republic of Cyprus, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, and the United Kingdom have issued the following statement endorsing the activation of a maritime corridor to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza.

News article 7 March 2024

[EU makes major step forward in the delivery of 2024 humanitarian aid for Palestinians in Gaza*](#)

The Commission has now contracted €81 million out of the overall humanitarian aid allocation of €125 million and is working on its disbursement to humanitarian partner organisations.

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African Union [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission

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

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News article 8 March 2024

[International Women's Day 2024: our democracies are stronger when women are involved as equals](#)

OECD [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Newsroom

[Boosting competition, strengthening public finances and reforms to education will help to put Hungary on a stronger growth path](#)

6 March 2024

[More action needed to tackle disinformation and enhance transparency of online platforms: OECD](#)

4 March 2024

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Release

[Statement from the OAS General Secretariat on the Security Situation in Haiti](#)

March 4, 2024

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) expresses its deep concern about the current state of insecurity in Haiti. It is more necessary than ever to promote cooperation efforts in the United Nations to restore security in the country. It is irresponsible that the necessary measures and actions continue to be delayed.

Without security there will be no democracy. In that sense, we reaffirm our support for the Haitian people, within the country and in the diaspora, and our commitment to continue collaborating to promote a solution that advances the much-needed democratization process in the country, seeking guarantees in human rights and protection for all and a peaceful context in which to hold free and fair elections in Haiti.

The OAS General Secretariat is determined to strengthen its cooperation with Haiti to confront the current challenges of democratic instability, unemployment, food insecurity, illiteracy, health insecurity, corruption and other sociopolitical and socioeconomic problems that affect the country and that are exacerbated by the perpetual violence of the criminal elements that have held the country hostage.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Selected Press Releases

[The Weekly Report of the OIC Observatory on Israel's Crimes against the Palestinians 27 February – 4 March 2024 ----Israel Sets a "Hunger Trap" in the Roundabouts of "Nabulsi" and "Kuwait" ----- People Killed from 7 October 2023 up to date Exceeds 30,000](#)

The number of Palestinians murdered since 7 October 2023 up to this date has exceeded thirty thousand martyrs for the weekly monitoring period of the

06-03-2024

[Resolution Adopted by The Extraordinary Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to Consider the Continuing Israeli Aggression Against the Palestinian People](#)

The Extraordinary Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to consider the continuing Israeli

05-03-2024

Group of 77 [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

04 March 2024

[WCO Secretary General Launches Campaign on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in Customs](#)

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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All Regions

[UN Adopts a New Global Standard to Measure the Sustainability of Tourism](#)

05 Mar 2024

A groundbreaking statistical framework, developed under the leadership of UN Tourism, has been adopted by all 193 UN member states.

The Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (MST) thus becomes the internationally agreed reference framework for measuring the economic, social and environmental aspects of tourism.

The adoption by the UN Statistical Commission at its 55th session (27 February – 1 March 2024) marks a historical milestone towards harnessing the full potential of the sector, providing a solution to the pressing need for a harmonized methodology to effectively assess the sustainability of tourism...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press releases

05/03/2024

Women MPs: Some progress but prominent figures quitting

According to the IPU's latest Women in Parliament 2023 report, the global proportion of MPs who are women has inched up to 26.9%, based on elections and appointments that took place in 2023.

International Court of Justice [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases/Case Documentation

[Press release No. 2024/21](#)

6 March 2024

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of **Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel) - The Republic of South Africa submits an urgent request for the indication of additional provisional measures** and the modification of the Court's prior provisional measures Order and decision

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 09 Mar 2024]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

Statement by Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan KC on the issuance of arrest warrants in the Situation in Ukraine

Statement 5 March 2024 Office of the Prosecutor

On 2 February 2024, I submitted applications to Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court for warrants of arrest in the context of the Situation in Ukraine.

Today, two years after my Office opened an investigation, and one year following the issuance of the warrants against Vladimir Putin and Maria Lvova-Belova, the Pre-Trial Chamber has issued additional arrest warrants in relation to the following two individuals:

:: Sergei Ivanovich Kobylash, a Lieutenant General in the Russian Armed Forces who at the relevant time was Commander of the Long-Range Aviation of the Aerospace Force;

:: Viktor Nikolayevich Sokolov, an Admiral in the Russian Navy, who at the relevant time was Commander of the Black Sea Fleet.

On the basis of evidence collected and analysed by my Office pursuant to its independent investigations, the Pre-Trial Chamber has confirmed that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

General Kobylash and Admiral Sokolov bear individual criminal responsibility for the following three crimes: 1) the war crime of directing attacks against civilian objects (article 8(2)(b)(ii) of the Rome Statute); 2) the war crime of causing excessive incidental harm to civilians or damage to civilian objects (article 8(2)(b)(iv) of the Rome Statute); and 3) the crime against humanity of inhumane acts under article 7(1)(k) of the Rome Statute...

[Situation in Ukraine: ICC judges issue arrest warrants against Sergei Ivanovich Kobylash and Viktor Nikolayevich Sokolov](#)

Press Release 5 March 2024

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World Bank [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

All News [Selected]

[International Women's Day 2024](#)

On International Women's Day 2024, we celebrate women's achievements, yet recognize the urgent need to accelerate gender equality and equal opportunity for all. Too many women are still held back, and...

Date: March 08, 2024 Type: Brief

[Accelerated by COVID and AI, Global Digital Landscape Remains Uneven](#)

World Bank Group report highlights digital potential, identifies key areas to close the growing gap
WASHINGTON, March 5, 2024 — The COVID-19 pandemic brought about unprecedented acceleration of digital...

Date: March 05, 2024 Type: Press Release

[Pacific Economic Growth Slowing After Post-Pandemic Rebound](#)

Investment in education critical to address significant learning gaps, foster sustainable growth, report finds.
SUVA, March 6, 2024— Growth in Pacific island countries is estimated to have slowed...

Date: March 05, 2024 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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March 8, 2024

[IMF Management Approves an Extension of the Staff Monitored-Program with Haiti and the Modification of the Performance Criteria](#)

Management of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved on December 21, 2023, an extension of the Staff-Monitored Program (SMP) with Haiti through September 30, 2024.

March 7, 2024

[Red Sea Attacks Disrupt Global Trade](#)

In the first two months of 2024, Suez Canal trade dropped by 50 percent from a year earlier while trade through the Panama Canal fell by 32 percent, disrupting supply chains and distorting key macroeconomic indicators

March 4, 2024

[80 Years of Bretton Woods and the Challenges Ahead, Speech by Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, Director of the IMF's Strategy, Policy, and Review Department](#)

For 80 years, our job has been to promote international monetary cooperation. The IMF is a learning institution. We continue to adapt to shared global challenges, within our mandate and in service to our membership. As we navigate new challenges and disruptive transitions, we remain committed to adapt and evolve to best support the prosperity of our members.

African Development Bank [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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

Press Releases

[To tackle poverty, Africa needs welfarist policies and people-centred development, says African Development Bank President Adesina](#)

08-Mar-2024 - President of the African Development Bank Group Dr. Akinwumi Adesina has appealed to leaders in Nigeria and across Africa to make poverty history as he outlined a compelling case for welfarist policies and people-centred development. "Given the high levels of poverty in Africa, and Nigeria, what is needed are welfarist policies that exponentially expand opportunities for all, reduce inequalities, improve the quality of life of people," Adesina said as he received the prestigious Awolowo prize for leadership at a colourful ceremony in Lagos on...

Asian Development Bank [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

[IDB Group Caribbean Governors Endorse the Regional Program 'One Caribbean'](#)

March 08, 2024

PUNTA CANA, Dominican Republic — The Caribbean Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB Group) endorsed the "One Caribbean" program, a comprehensive framework designed to support enhancing living standards across the Caribbean region. The program focuses on four pillars: climate adaptation, disaster risk management and resilience; citizen security; private sector engagement; and food security, as well as two cross-cutting areas, strengthening institutions and facilitating digital transformation...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[IFAD and partners to build resilience of smallholder farmers to climate change impacts in seven Sahelian Countries](#)

07 MAR

[Investing in women and girls makes economic sense and accelerates progress for millions of people](#)

06 MAR

[IFAD and JICA Renew their Memorandum of Cooperation for Rural Development, Food and Nutrition Security](#)

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[EU and IFAD launch new initiative to strengthen financial inclusion by boosting digital remittances in Central Asia](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 09 Mar 2024]

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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 09 Mar 2024]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS DAY

[In Nepal, women forge their own path](#)

Published on 6 March 2024,

On this Women's Rights Day, Action Against Hunger honors the emancipation of women around the world, and more particularly in Nepal, where the economic crisis and climate change are making rural communities increasingly vulnerable.,

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://alima.ngo/>

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No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Aravind Eye Care System [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

BS International News

[Blue Shields Protect Nigerian Heritage](#)

The National Commission for Museums and Monuments of Nigeria and the UNESCO Regional Office, Abuja, are excited to announce the placement of blue
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BRAC [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

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ECPAT [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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

[EIFL OA publishing agreements cover 2,548 journals](#)

04 Mar 2024

We have updated the list of journals in which corresponding authors from our partner countries can publish in open access for free or at (...)

Licensing Programme - Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire (...)

Fountain House [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

www.ge2p2.org

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

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – March 2024](#)

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

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 07 March 2024 – Issue 14](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

[Bombings in populated areas: a new extreme reached in Gaza](#)

Emergency / Palestine | PUBLISHED ON March 6th 2024

The HI team in Gaza was finally able to access the emergency stock in Gaza City and donated over 200 items, including around 150 wheelchairs, along with walkers, crutches, medical mattresses, and wound dressing kits. | © HI

After five months of escalating violence in Gaza, we take stock of the situation and hear the heart-rending account of Jean-Pierre Delomier, HI's Deputy Director of International Operations, who recently returned from Rafah.

Heifer International [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Advancing Gender Equality through Social Protection in an Ageing World

8 March 2024

Our new policy report offers suggestions on how to move towards social protection programmes that, when correctly applied, can be transformative.

Inspiring wisdom: highlighting older women this International Women's Day

6 March 2024

Turning the spotlight to three extraordinary women whose stories transcend age, demonstrating that a lifetime of learning and service knows no bounds.

Raising the profile of older women at CSW68

5 March 2024

We are attending CSW68 to raise the profile of older women and demand their inclusion in the global gender movement.

ICRC [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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A statement on Gaza and Israel from the president of the ICRC

This brutal war has ruptured any sense of a shared humanity.

09-03-2024 | Article

ICRC: "Future generations must be protected from the serious risks posed by autonomous weapons"

Statement by the International Committee of the Red Cross - Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) - Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems - 4/8 March 2024, Geneva

The International Committee of the Red Cross (IC

06-03-2024 | Article

Cyber threats impacting the safety and dignity of civilians in conflict

Excellencies, dear colleagues, The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this session of the Open-Ended Working Group. As a neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian organization, we hav

05-03-2024 | Statement

IFRC [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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IFRC announces CHF 50 million appeal to support the Democratic Republic of the Congo amidst escalating crisis

Press release 07/03/2024

Six months later: 'Morocco remembers, so should we'— IFRC's call for continued support

Press release 05/03/2024

[With warmer temperatures approaching, IFRC braces for new year of danger on Central Mediterr](#)

International Medical Corps (IMC)

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

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IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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["To see the humanity in each other is the most powerful thing that we can do" - IRC Ambassador and 'Bridgerton' Star Adjoa Andoh meets refugees and asylum seekers in Italy, advocating for increased support](#)

March 7, 2024

Press Release

["In her words": The IRC highlights women at frontlines of crisis this International Women's Day](#)

March 7, 2024

Press Release

[Funding cuts could increase health and protection risks in Ugandan refugee settlements as more Sudanese refugees arrive, warns IRC](#)

March 6, 2024

Press Release

[In Guatemala and Honduras, a comprehensive response to psychological, physical and sexual violence is urgently needed to protect women and girls: IRC](#)

March 5, 2024

Press Release

[Haiti: as violence grows, ensuring sufficient funding is available is key to deliver humanitarian aid, warns IRC](#)

March 4, 2024

IRCT [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

Occupied Palestinian Territory News

[Only a ceasefire can ensure more aid in Gaza and prevent famine](#)

March 8, 2024

More aid is desperately needed to prevent famine in Gaza, but the latest international initiatives to get aid in via sea and air will fall critically short unless there is an immediate ceasefire and an end to Israel's blockade, Islamic Relief says. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza is the worst in the world,...

Occupied Palestinian Territory News

[Pregnant women in Gaza face conditions "like a hundred years ago"](#)

March 7, 2024

As the world marks International Women's Day, pregnant women and new mothers in Gaza are facing a constant struggle to keep themselves and their babies alive amidst life-threatening shortages of food, water and medical care. Islamic Relief staff in Gaza report pregnant women enduring C-sections without anaesthetic or painkillers, newborn infants starving to...

Occupied Palestinian Territory News

[Palestinians face hardest ever Ramadan as violence, starvation and restrictions increase](#)

March 5, 2024

The right of Palestinians to worship freely and safely must be protected, Islamic Relief says as restrictions, violence and starvation increase across the Occupied Palestinian Territory ahead of the holy month of Ramadan. Since 7 October Israeli police have placed further restrictions on Palestinians' access to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, the third...

Landsea [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

What's New

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News Releases & Alerts

March 07, 2024

["Haiti Will Go Hungry Soon": With Port Overtaken by Gangs, Port-au-Prince Descends Further Into Total Chaos and Lawlessness](#)

Mercy Corps is deeply alarmed by the escalating violence and chaos unfolding in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as a gang...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Democratic Republic of Congo

[MSF calls for protection of patients, medical facilities and civilians following Drodro hospital attack](#)

Press Release 8 Mar 2024

Women's health

Women on the frontline: Defying the consequences of conflict to care for each other

Project Update 8 Mar 2024

Panama

MSF forced to suspend medical care for people on the move in Panama

Press Release 7 Mar 2024

Nigeria

An arduous journey for pregnant women to access healthcare in northwest Nigeria

Project Update 7 Mar 2024

Haiti

Retrospective estimation of crude mortality in Cité Soleil, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Report 7 Mar 2024

Haiti

New survey reveals extreme levels of violence in Port-au-Prince

Press Release 7 Mar 2024

Haiti

Scaling up medical activities amid chaos in Port-au-Prince

Press Release 6 Mar 2024

Gaza-Israel war

Gaza: MSF UK Board member killed during Israeli offensive in Khan Younis

Press Release 5 Mar 2024

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

OXFAM [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases/Stories

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest News & Highlights

Blog

Capacity development: A keystone in the localization of global development

March 6, 2024

Partners In Health [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News & Stories

[Meet the Women Powering Our Work in Mexico](#)

From the bedside to the board room, women make our work in Chiapas possible
March 8, 2024

[During Instability in Haiti, Patient and Staff Safety Remain Top Priority](#)

Since March 3, Partners In Health (PIH) and our sister organization in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante (ZL), have faced severe challenges brought on by escalating insecurity in Haiti. Roadblocks have hindered the transportation of vital supplies, including medications. The price of fuel has skyrocketed. Violence remains a constant threat.
March 8, 2024

[Congress Introduces the Community Health Worker Access Act](#)

PIH-supported legislation will strengthen community health workforce
March 7, 2024

[Patient to PIHer: Finding Purpose After Hardship](#)

Mankopane Moeletsi was among the first group of children enrolled in PIH Lesotho's program for orphans and vulnerable children in 2009
March 6, 2024

[Remembering Dr. Howard Hiatt, A PIH Mentor and Global Health Champion](#)

He passed away at age 98 on March 2.
March 5, 2024

PATH [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

[Join PATH at the East Africa Regional Early Childhood Development Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania](#)

March 8, 2024 by PATH

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

[Massive increase in aid to Gaza desperately needed to stop children dying from starvation](#)

8 March 2024

Children are dying from starvation in Gaza. We're calling for an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire and a massive increase in humanitarian assistance.

Save The Children [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

8 March 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory

[Alternative aid delivery in Gaza: children do not have time to wait - Save the Children](#)

8 March 2024 - Sierra Leone

[Cousins campaigning against child marriage hope village laws go national in Sierra Leone](#)

8 March 2024 - China, Denmark, Indonesia ...

[**International Women's Day: Save the Children, the LEGO Group and the LEGO Foundation launch new initiative to empower Girls to become Unstoppable Women**](#)

7 March 2024 - Burkina Faso

[**BURKINA FASO: Over 2,000 children diagnosed with suspected measles in nationwide outbreak**](#)

7 March 2024 - Nepal

[**Nepal: Girl cricketers who successfully campaigned to end child marriage play in first provincial tournament to mark International Women's Day**](#)

Tostan [to 09 Mar 2024]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Articles

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://www.worldvision.org/about-us/media-center>

Press Releases & Resources

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

March 7, 2024

[**Women's Voices Have Power to Drive Change**](#)

Every March 8, International Women's Day, women flood the streets in countries around the world to commemorate hard-won victories for women's rights and to fight for more. It's a time to celebrate advances while sharing our frustrations about too-slow progress or even backsliding.

Americas

March 8, 2024 News Release

[Haiti: Urgent Action Needed amid Growing Lawlessness](#)

Americas

March 8, 2024 Dispatches

[Women with Disabilities are Rights Holders, Not Passive Recipients of Care](#)

Carlos Ríos Espinosa

Associate Director, Disability Rights Division

Asia

March 7, 2024 News Release

[North Korea: Sealing China Border Worsens Crisis](#)

Transparency International [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 09 Mar 2024]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News, Media Releases

[When we recognise women as climate leaders, we support a safer world for all](#)

Mary Robinson

8 March 2024

To mark International Women's Day 2024, Mary Robinson reflects on her recent visit to the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in India, and considers the pivotal role of women as leaders in tackling the climate crisis.

Evidence Aid [to 09 Mar 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]

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News Releases

8 March 2024

Vaccine Alliance outlines path to improve HPV vaccine market

- A new Gavi market shaping roadmap for HPV vaccines showcases how partners, manufacturers and countries must work together to secure a sustainable supply over the next decade.
- The action plan outlines how this can be achieved by improving the predictability of demand, a competitive supplier base, and closely monitoring and responding to countries' needs.
- Aurélia Nguyen, Chief Programme Officer at Gavi: "Lower-income countries have missed out on HPV vaccines for far too long. To ensure we reach our goal of protecting 86 million girls by 2025, it's vital that our current supply of doses is managed carefully, and we have donor and manufacturer support to go further and protect more girls."

6 March 2024

Wave of new commitments marks historic step towards the elimination of cervical cancer

New country, policy and program commitments, plus nearly US\$600 million in new funding, at first-ever global forum offer a chance to save hundreds of thousands of lives by 2030.

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 5 March 2024 – Governments, donors, multilateral institutions, and partners today announced major new policy, programmatic and financial commitments, including nearly US\$600 million in new funding, to eliminate cervical cancer. If these ambitions to expand vaccine coverage and strengthen screening and treatment programs are fully realized, the world could eliminate a cancer for the first time.

These commitments were made at the first-ever Global Cervical Cancer Elimination Forum: Advancing the Call to Action in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, to catalyze national and global momentum to end this preventable disease...

Global Fund [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources/Upcoming Events

ICVA 2024 Annual Conference & 16th General Assembly

20 and 21 March 2024...

InterAction [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest Updates

Crises & Countries in Conflict

[Response to President Biden's Temporary Port in Gaza](#)

InterAction | Mar 8, 2024

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 09 Mar 2024]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

Our Impact/Events

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

08.03.2024

[Inspiring change: using digital tech to address gender-based violence \(GBV\) in humanitarian settings](#)

This International Women's Day, Elrha is proud to announce the successful applicants to our [GBV Tech Innovation Challenge](#). With funding from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this Innovation Challenge aimed to identify and support promising tech-based interventions relevant to GBV programming within humanitarian settings.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://www.urd.org/en/>
Publications, Events, News
No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://ihsa.info/>
News
No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://inee.org/>
News/Events
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://phap.org/>
Association news, events
No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://spherestandards.org/news/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>
News and Blog
No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 09 Mar 2024]
<https://unitaid.org/>
Featured News
07 March 2024

[Innovation critical to achieving the commitments to reduce deaths from malaria made at Ministerial Meeting this week](#)

06 March 2024

[In advance of International Women's Day, Unitaid Board Chair calls for urgent action to advance access to cervical cancer prevention for women in resource-limited settings](#)

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Brookings [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Research

[Social and development impact bonds by the numbers](#)

Development Financing

Emily Gustafsson-Wright, Elyse Painter

March 8, 2024

[Towards gender equality in tax and fiscal systems](#)

Global Economy & Development

Caren Grown, Giulia Mascagni

March 7, 2024

[How does national confidence inform US-China relations?](#)

U.S. Foreign Policy

Ryan Hass

March 7, 2024

[Fossil fuel risk bond programs: A policy innovation makes headway in the Pacific Northwest](#)

Climate Change

John Talberth, Daphne Wysham, Richard Mietz

March 7, 2024

[The federal budget outlook: Update for 2024](#)

Federal Fiscal Policy

Alan J. Auerbach, William G. Gale

March 7, 2024

[New immigration estimates help make sense of the pace of employment](#)

Immigrants & Immigration

Wendy Edelberg, Tara Watson

March 7, 2024

[USMCA review: Upcoming elections and a path forward](#)

North America

Joshua P. Meltzer, Steve Verheul

March 6, 2024

[Trade in a digital interoperability era](#)

North America

Alejandra Palacios, Christian Norton

March 6, 2024

[Harsh times? North America, geopolitics, and the new energy map](#)

North America

Oscar Ocampo

March 6, 2024

Developments in USMCA dispute settlement

North America

Robert Howse

March 6, 2024

Center for Global Development [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

All Research [Selected]

POLICY PAPERS

How Donors Can Better Support Urban Refugees in Kampala and Nairobi

Johnstone Kotut et al.

March 06, 2024

The majority of refugees worldwide live in urban areas. It is often assumed that these urban-based refugees are self-reliant and no longer require external support, but the experience of 136,887 refugees who live in Kampala, Uganda and the 96,348 refugees who live in Nairobi, Kenya challenges that a...

WORKING PAPERS

Social Safety Nets, Women's Economic Achievements and Agency: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Amber Peterman et al.

March 05, 2024

Chatham House [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Expert comment

Biden's unusual State of the Union tied his foreign policy to defending democracy at home

Foreign policy played a prominent part in Biden's efforts to distinguish his vision from Donald Trump – in a campaigning and fiery speech.

8 March 2024

Expert comment

This time Haiti really is on the brink. The US and UN must act to restore order

However painful previous interventions have been, Haitians cannot be abandoned to the rule of criminal gangs.

7 March 2024

Expert comment

How geopolitical competition in the Black Sea is redefining regional order

Containing Russia requires a holistic view of Black Sea security that considers how this is interlinked with the security of adjacent regions.

7 March 2024

Council on Foreign Relations [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

New Releases [Selected]

Latin America

[New CFR Book Assesses Multi-Billion Dollar U.S. Security Assistance Programs for Colombia and Mexico](#)

News Releases March 8, 2024

CSIS [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Reports, Commentary [Selected]

[Catalysts of Change: How Entrepreneurs Are Transforming Latin America](#)

The surge of internationally recognized Latin American unicorns has created great enthusiasm and anticipation for the future of entrepreneurship in the region, however, the region is contending with a global decline in investment and structural challenges.

Report by Ryan C. Berg, Juliana Rubio, and Nathaniel Laske — March 8, 2024

[China Outpacing U.S. Defense Industrial Base](#)

China's defense industrial base is moving to a wartime footing, while the United States is largely in a peacetime stance. Absent urgent changes, the United States risks weakening deterrence and undermining its warfighting capabilities against China and other competitors.

Report by Seth G. Jones and Alexander Palmer — March 6, 2024

McKinsey Global Institute [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Publications [Selected]

07 March 2024

[Independent review of the humanitarian response to internal displacement](#)

07 March 2024

Research reports

[The co-creation and implementation of an adolescent school-based mental health intervention in Tanzania: key findings](#)

04 March 2024

Research reports

[The Climate – Education Research Framework](#)

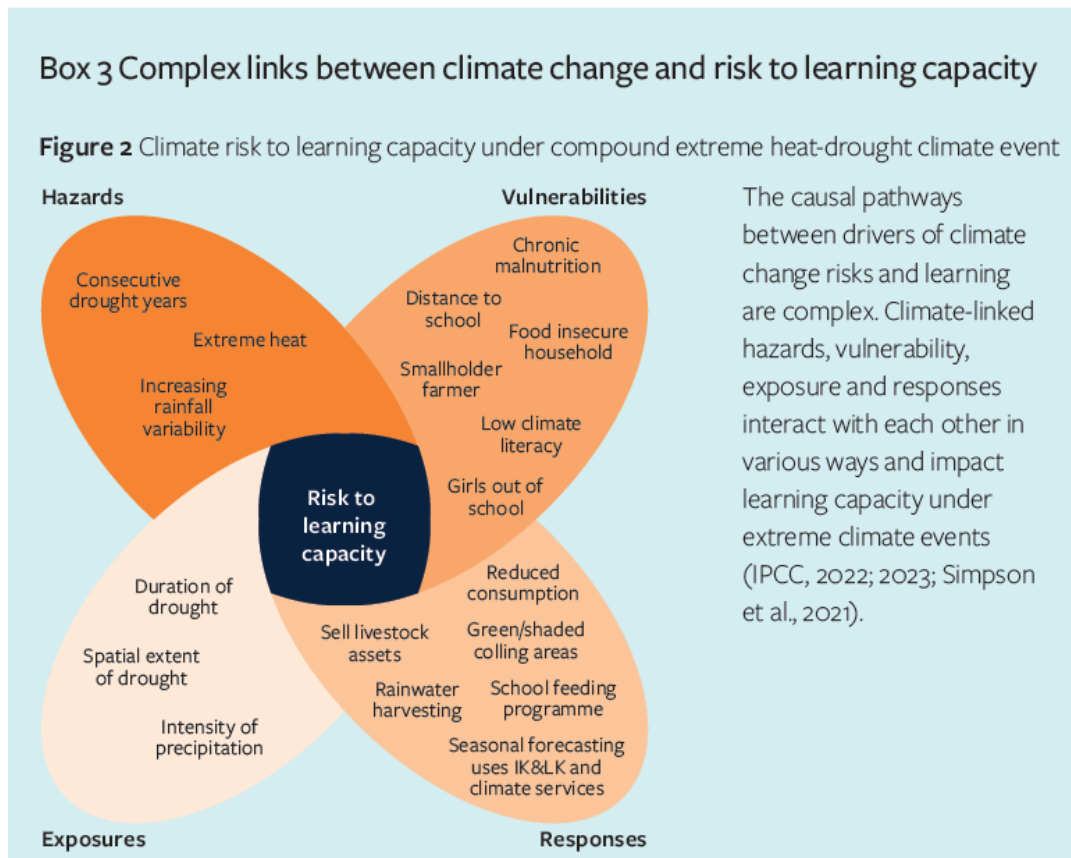
The linkages between climate change and education are vast. On the one hand, climate change has direct impacts on education through exposure to physical hazards like flooding or extreme heat, but education also enables people to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Understanding this bidirectional relationship is critical, as it will help us absorb the most acute climate impacts while enabling us to understand how climate change impacts students, educators, and educational infrastructure.

The Climate-Education Research Framework (CERF) is a systematic approach to understanding this relationship. The framework offered by CERF is grounded in systems-thinking. By helping disentangle

the complex interactions between climate change and education, this framework can help guide and inform the design of scalable policies and actions for improving climate and educational outcomes.

The Climate - Education Research Framework [Download PDF](#)



Pew Research Center [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest Publications [Selected]

short reads | Mar 5, 2024

[Key findings about religious restrictions around the world in 2021](#)

The most common kinds of government restrictions on religion in 2021 included harassment of religious groups and interference in worship.

report | Mar 5, 2024

[Globally, Government Restrictions on Religion Reached Peak Levels in 2021, While Social Hostilities Went Down](#)

In 2021, government restrictions on religion – laws, policies and actions by state officials that limit religious beliefs and practices – reached a new peak globally. Harassment of religious groups and interference in worship were two of the most common forms of government restrictions worldwide that year.

feature | Mar 5, 2024

[Religious restrictions around the world](#)

For more than a decade, Pew Research Center has been tracking global patterns in restrictions on religion – both those imposed by governments and hostilities committed by individuals and social groups.

Rand [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Commentary

[Next Steps for the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism: Initial Thoughts from a Policy Analytical Perspective](#)

The authors discuss the promise and challenges of the May 2023 U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism and draw on their research and experience to review the meaning and relevance of pursuing the Strategy at this point in U.S. life.

Mar 5, 2024

Steven W. Popper, Jessica Welburn Paige, Marek N. Posard, Luke J. Matthews, Todd C. Helmus

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 09 Mar 2024]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

News

[£100m investment in The Alan Turing Institute announced](#)

Wednesday 06 Mar 2024

The Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, has announced a £100 million investment in The Alan Turing Institute, a key milestone in the delivery of the Institute's new strategy which sets out how it will use data science and AI to tackle some of the biggest issues facing society.

[Katharine Robson Brown made an Honorary Fellow](#)

Monday 04 Mar 2024

... Katharine is a Professor of Biological Anthropology and Engineering Mathematics, and Director of the Jean Golding Institute for Data Science and AI at the University of Bristol in the UK. As of March 2024, she has started a new role as Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact at University College Dublin.

Katharine has also served as the chair of our Research and Innovation Advisory Committee, which helped steer scientific direction at the Turing and supported the Institute through the development and consultation of our strategy...

Urban Institute [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

[New Research Publications - Selected](#)

The Wistar Institute [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 09 Mar 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.

Latest Updates

Blogs

[Join us for the ISC Early and Mid-Career Researchers Forum Meeting – 12 March](#)

12 March | 13:00 – 14:00 UTC | 14:00 – 15:00 CET | Online

07.03.2024

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News [Selected]

[NAM Recognizes International Women's Day](#)

March 8, 2024

National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

March 6, 2024

[Children surpass a year of HIV remission after treatment pause](#)

NIH-funded trial shows promising outcomes with treatment started promptly after birth.

March 5, 2024

[Vaginal ring and oral pre-exposure prophylaxis found safe for HIV prevention throughout pregnancy](#)

Multi-country findings provide evidence on HIV prevention for a priority population.

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

[Polish translation of 2016 Ethical guidelines for health-related research involving humans](#)

This publication is available [in Polish here](#). We gratefully acknowledge Jagiellonian University Press for its generous support to produce this translation.

Hastings Center [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases, Events

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]

No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

[World Medical Association Clarifies Position on Collective Action and Condemns Government Interference in Korean Medical Association](#)

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

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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 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

[Allen Institute joins the Weill Neurohub](#)

03.06.2024

Newest member of the research network will bring large-scale data collection and cutting-edge analysis to help discover new therapies for disease.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases and Statements

Press release Mar 08, 2024

[WTA Foundation and Gates Foundation launch new campaign—Women Change the Game—to urge action on women’s health and nutrition](#)

Campaign includes the groundbreaking WTA Foundation Global Women’s Health Fund, which aims to help at least 1 million women in its first year with an inaugural donation from WTA Tour title sponsor Hologic

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. and SEATTLE (March 8, 2024)—Today, on International Women’s Day, the WTA Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation unveiled Women Change the Game, a new campaign uniting the power of women’s tennis and philanthropy to elevate women’s health and nutrition as a global priority. A key component of the campaign is the first-of-its-kind WTA Foundation Global Women’s Health Fund. With an inaugural donation from WTA Tour title sponsor Hologic, in its first year, the Fund will focus on a key aspect of preventive care: It aims to support at least one million women with prenatal vitamins in low- and middle-income countries where access to adequate nutrition for maternal health is limited...

Press release Mar 05, 2024

Wave of New Commitments Marks Historic Step Towards the Elimination of Cervical Cancer

...The nearly US\$600 million in new funding includes US\$180 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, US\$10 million from UNICEF, and US\$400 million from the World Bank. A full list and description of commitments can be found [here](#) and will be updated throughout the forum.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 09 Mar 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.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News & Press

News 06 March 2024

[Spyware Accountability Initiative, with seed funding from Apple and leading philanthropies, announces over \\$4 million in grants to address the harms of spyware on civil society](#)

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://www.getty.edu/news/all/>

Latest News

[Download, Edit, and Print Your Favorite Getty Artwork for Free](#)

Getty expands access to collection images under CC0

Mar 07, 2024

The J. Paul Getty Museum announced today nearly 88,000 images of artworks from its collection are now available for free download on its [Open Content](#) database under [Creative Commons Zero \(CC0\)](#).

[Hear from the Innovators of the Vesuvius Challenge at Getty](#)

Speakers will discuss the history of papyrus scrolls buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and the challenge to virtually unwrap and read them
Mar 05, 2024

GHIT Fund [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Room

[A Mission to Keep Veterans in STEM](#)

HHMI Professor Marla Geha launched a first-of-its-kind program at Yale that provides military veterans hands-on research experience in their undergraduate years. The program will welcome a new cohort this summer.

March 04, 2024

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

[Beacons of Hope and Light: Celebrating Our Aging Catholic Sisters](#)

March 8, 2024

IKEA Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Newsroom

[1 in 8 Voters Say Abortion Is Most Important to Their Vote: They Lean Democratic, Support Biden, and Want Abortion to Be Legal](#)

March 7, 2024 News Release

About 1 in 8 voters (12%) now say that abortion is the most important issue for their vote in the 2024 elections, highlighting how the issue could motivate groups of voters who largely say abortion should be legal in all or most cases, a new KFF Health Tracking Poll finds....

[3 Charts: The Cost and Coverage of Opill—the First FDA-approved Over-the-Counter Daily Oral Contraceptive Pill in the United States](#)

March 5, 2024 News Release

The first FDA-approved over-the-counter daily oral contraceptive pill in the United States— Perrigo’s Opill— is now available for pre-order at major online retailers and will soon be available in stores. Although the new over-the-counter pill could broaden access to contraceptive options in the United States, KFF research suggests consumers are...

Kellogg Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News & Media

[By the Numbers](#)

2023 Annual Snapshot

Mar. 7, 2024

[Prioritizing Children’s Futures: A View from Our Board Chair](#)

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Aga Khan Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

News Room

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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[Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Announces 2024 Residents; Opens Call for 2025](#)

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 09 Mar 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 09 Mar 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 09 Mar 2024]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [*formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar*] [to 09 Mar 2024]

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

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Council on Foundations [to 09 Mar 2024]

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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 15, 2023 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 26, Number 3: E195-273 Mar 2024

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/critical-pedagogies-health-professions-education>

Psychiatric Inpatient Environmental Architecture

Inpatient psychiatric units designed to reduce patients' risk of harm to self or others can compromise patients' comfort. Some environmental modifications prioritize safety by limiting patients' access to personal items. This set of clinical phenomena is not ethically neutral and should prompt us to carefully consider when and how patients' experiences of their care environments undermine therapeutic goals of their hospitalizations. This theme issue investigates which criteria we should use to assess and evaluate patients' risk of harm to self or others and which values we should rely upon to guide which

iatrogenic harm risks we accept as products or byproducts of clinical and organizational environmental designs.

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Feb 01, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 2p211-402

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

This Month in The Journal

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

Human genetic variation influences susceptibility to infectious disease. Antibodies, stable biological markers of the response to infection, can be measured and leveraged to understand disease exposure, chronic infection state, and risk. Measured antibody titers in combination with genome-wide genotyping data can be used to identify common variants that influence both susceptibility and response to infectious disease. In this issue, Chong et al. perform a genome-wide association study of quantitative antibody responses to 45 antigens on the 9,611 individuals in the UK Biobank with both serology and imputed genetic data.

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2024 Volume 52 Issue 3 p261-380

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2024 Volume 66 Issue 3 p389-572

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2024 114(3)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 110 (2024): Issue 2 (Feb 2024)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/2/tpmd.110.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

February 2024 Volume 177, Issue 2

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

Original Research

Gene Therapy Versus Common Care for Eligible Individuals With Sickle Cell Disease in the United States - A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

Anirban Basu, PhD, ... et al.

Pages:155–164

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved 2 genetic therapies for sickle cell disease. Both therapies increase the production of nonsickling red blood cells, either fetal hemoglobin or a gene therapy–derived hemoglobin similar to hemoglobin A. In addition, both therapies require collection of a patient’s stem cells, modification of the cells in the laboratory, high-dose chemotherapy to remove existing bone marrow cells, and a single-dose infusion of the patient’s modified stem cells. This article uses 2 different cost-effectiveness models to estimate whether these therapies provide enough value to justify their high costs.

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 397 - February 2024

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 21 (2023)

<https://antittraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/32>

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 - COVID-19: Labour, Migration, and Exploitation

This Special Issue of Anti-Trafficking Review examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of low-wage, migrant, and informal workers. With contributions from Australia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Europe, Nigeria, Brazil and the United States, it describes the experiences of temporary migrants, victims of trafficking, sex workers, internally displaced persons, and LGBTQ asylum seekers with violence, exploitation, discrimination, racism, and (lack of) access to healthcare and social protections. It also highlights the work of civil society organisations who stepped in to provide lifesaving support to people abandoned by the state. Importantly, contributors draw lessons from the pandemic and make policy and practice recommendations how to ensure that future disasters do not have the same negative impact on human rights.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 328 March 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/328/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

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[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

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BMC Medicine

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

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

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BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 09 Mar 2024)

[**Correlation of geopolitics, education, democracy with COVID-19 vaccination rate**](#)

Vaccine hesitancy is an ongoing problem and determining the factors that increase the vaccination rate in various countries of the world might be useful for further implementation of efficient public health po...

Authors: Konstantine Chakhunashvili, Davit G. Chakhunashvili, Eka Kvirkvelia, Tornike Toria, Liza Basilaia and Tsira Gorjomeladze

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:694

Content type: Research Published on: 4 March 2024

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 09 Mar 2024)

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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

February 2024 - Volume 29 - 1

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/29/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

March 2024 - Volume 9 - 3

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/3>

Commentary

[Public health emergencies in war and armed conflicts in Africa: What is expected from the global health community?](#) (8 March, 2024)

Jean Kaseya, Nebiyu Dereje, Tajudeen Raji, Alain Ngashi Ngongo, Mosoka Papa Fallah, Nicaise Ndembu

Original research

[The impact of policy and policy communication on COVID-19 vaccination inequalities among Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia: a comparative cross-sectional interrupted time-series analysis](#) (7 March, 2024)

Wilson Gomez, Julián A Fernández-Niño, José Rafael Guillén, Megan Stevenson, Jennifer Ortíz, Miguel Ángel Barriga Talero, Jhon Jairo López, Ricardo Luque Núñez, Paul Spiegel, Kathleen R Page, Jhon Fredy Ramirez Correa, Damary Martínez Porras, Andrea L Wirtz

[Maternal and perinatal health research during emerging and ongoing epidemic threats: a landscape analysis and expert consultation](#) (7 March, 2024)

Mercedes Bonet, Magdalena Babinska, Pierre Buekens, Shivaprasad S Goudar, Beate Kampmann, Marian Knight, Dana Meaney-Delman, Smaragda Lampranou, Flor Muñoz Rivas, Andy Stergachis, Cristiana M Toscano, Joycelyn Bhatia, Sarah Chamberlain, Usman Chaudhry, Jacqueline Mills, Emily Serazin, Hannah Short, Asher Steene, Michael Wahlen, Olufemi T Oladapo

Abstract

Introduction

Pregnant women and their offspring are often at increased direct and indirect risks of adverse outcomes during epidemics and pandemics. A coordinated research response is paramount to ensure that this group is offered at least the same level of disease prevention, diagnosis, and care as the general population. We conducted a landscape analysis and held expert consultations to identify research efforts relevant to pregnant women affected by disease outbreaks, highlight gaps and challenges, and propose solutions to addressing them in a coordinated manner.

Methods

Literature searches were conducted from 1 January 2015 to 22 March 2022 using Web of Science, Google Scholar and PubMed augmented by key informant interviews. Findings were reviewed and Quid analysis was performed to identify clusters and connectors across research networks followed by two expert consultations. These formed the basis for the development of an operational framework for maternal and perinatal research during epidemics.

Results

Ninety-four relevant research efforts were identified. Although well suited to generating epidemiological data, the entire infrastructure to support a robust research response remains insufficient, particularly for use of medical products in pregnancy. Limitations in global governance, coordination, funding and data-gathering systems have slowed down research responses.

Conclusion

Leveraging current research efforts while engaging multinational and regional networks may be the most effective way to scale up maternal and perinatal research preparedness and response. The findings of this landscape analysis and proposed operational framework will pave the way for developing a roadmap to guide coordination efforts, facilitate collaboration and ultimately promote rapid access to countermeasures and clinical care for pregnant women and their offspring in future epidemics.

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

March 2024

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2024-03/>

[Introduction: Nuclear testing in the 21st century—legacies, tensions, and risks](#)

By [François Diaz-Maurin](#)

Moscow and Washington say they won't resume nuclear testing. But despite what officials say, some evidence could suggest otherwise.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 102(3); 2024 Mar 1

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/456622/>

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Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 50, Issue 2 March 2024

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

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Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 149 March 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/149/suppl/C>

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Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 115, Issue 3 Pages: 375-626 March 2024

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

Subcutaneous Biologics: Clinical Pharmacology and Drug Development

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

February 2024 Volume 46 Issue 2 p85-184

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

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Clinical Trials

Volume 21 Issue 1, February 2024

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/21/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 09 Mar 2024]

[Community-based surveillance programme evaluation using the platform Nyss implemented by the Somali Red Crescent Society—a mixed methods approach](#)

Authors: Julia Jung, Tine Mejdell Larsen, Abdifatah Hussein Beledi, Emi Takahashi, Abdirahman Omer Ahmed, Jenny Reid and Ida Anine Kongelf

Citation: Conflict and Health 2024 18:20

Content type: Research Published on: 6 March 2024

Background

Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS), supported by Norwegian Red Cross, has implemented community-based surveillance (CBS) in Somaliland. This methodology aims to reduce the high risk of epidemics by strengthening early warning and response from and at community level, particularly where there is a weak public health surveillance system. CBS is implemented through SRCS community volunteers, who report signals from the community via SMS to the software platform Nyss. This paper presents key findings from the CBS programme evaluation.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 138 March 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/1387/suppl/C>

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 7, Issue 1 / February 2024

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/7/1>

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 11, issue 1-2, June 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/11-1>

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Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 40, Issue 2 2024

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

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Current Protocols in Human Genetics

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

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PROTOCOL

Open Access

[The PhenX Toolkit: Recommended Measurement Protocols for Social Determinants of Health Research](#)

[Cataia L. Ives](#), [Michelle C. Krzyzanowski](#), [Vanessa J. Marshall](#), [Keith Norris](#), [Myles Cockburn](#), [Keisha Bentley-Edwards](#), [Dinushika Mohottige](#), [Keshia M. Pollack Porter](#) ... [See all authors](#)

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Abstract

Health disparities are driven by unequal conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age, commonly termed the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH). The availability of recommended measurement protocols for SDoH will enable investigators to consistently collect data for SDoH constructs. The PhenX (consensus measures for Phenotypes and eXposures) Toolkit is a web-based catalog of recommended measurement protocols for use in research studies

with human participants. Using standard protocols from the PhenX Toolkit makes it easier to compare and combine studies, potentially increasing the impact of individual studies, and aids in comparability across literature. In 2018, the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities provided support for an initial expert Working Group to identify and recommend established SDoH protocols for inclusion in the PhenX Toolkit. In 2022, a second expert Working Group was convened to build on the work of the first SDoH Working Group and address gaps in the SDoH Toolkit Collections. The SDoH Collections consist of a Core Collection and Individual and Structural Specialty Collections. This article describes a Basic Protocol for using the PhenX Toolkit to select and implement SDoH measurement protocols for use in research studies.

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 24, Issue 1 Pages: 1-48 March 2024

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

Access to Essential Medicines for Global Health and the Human Right to Health

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Development in Practice

Volume 34, Issue 1, 2024

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

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Development Policy Review

Volume 42, Issue 2 March 2024

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

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

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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 18 - 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>

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Disasters

Volume 48, Issue 1 January 2024

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2024/48/1>

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EMBO Reports

Volume 25 Issue 2 13 February 2024

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 30, Number 2—February 2024
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
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Epidemics

Volume 46 March 2024
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Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 152 - 2024
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Ethics & Human Research

Volume 46, Issue 2 Pages: 1-35 March–April 2024
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Indigenous data sovereignty :: Returning clinically relevant results
Articles Open Access

[Navigating University Openness in Research Policy Inconsistent with Indigenous Data Sovereignty: A Case Analysis](#)

[Molly Wick](#), [Deanna Erickson](#), [Joel Hoffman](#), [Lucinda Johnson](#), [Ted Angradi](#)
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[Returning Clinically Relevant Research Results to Participants: Guidelines for Investigators and the IRB](#)

[Amy Waltz](#), [Bethany Johnson](#), [Peter H. Schwartz](#)
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Ethics & International Affairs

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Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/31/suppl/C>
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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 33, Issue 6, December 2023
<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/33/6>
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Food Policy

Volume 122 January 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/122/suppl/C>

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Food Security

Volume 15, Issue 6 December 2023

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/15-6>

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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

March/April 2024 Volume 103, Number 2

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/103/2>

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 51, 2023 - Issue 1

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

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Genetics in Medicines

Volume 26, Issue 3 March 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/26/issue/3>

Research article Open access

[Secondary \(additional\) findings from the 100,000 Genomes Project: Disease manifestation, health care outcomes, and costs of disclosure](#)

Joshua Nolan, James Buchanan, John Taylor, Joao Almeida, ... Elizabeth Ormondroyd

Article 101051

Genome Medicine

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

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Vol. 12, No. 1 February 28, 2024

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

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

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>

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Volume 25, Issue 2, December 2023

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-25-issue-2-december-2023/>

Special Section: Economic Inequality and the Right to Health

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Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 19 - Issue 1 - January 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>
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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 39, Issue 1, January 2024

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/39/1>

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[Innovative health financing mechanisms: the case of Africa's unified approach to vaccine acquisition](#)

Chiamaka P Ojiako

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 39, Issue 1, January 2024, Pages 84–86,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czad109>

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 35, Issue 3-4 / February 2024

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/35/3-4>

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Human Rights Quarterly

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<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/52013>

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Humanitarian Practice Network

<https://odihpn.org/>

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[A cautionary tale of community engagement from northeast Nigeria](#)

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[Running in place: security risk management in humanitarian operations](#)

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Abby Stoddard

Implementation Research and Practice

<https://journals.sagepub.com/articles/IRP>

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Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 103 March 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/103/suppl/C>

Review article Abstract only

[Operations management of pharmaceutical supply during preparedness and disaster response: A scoping review](#)

Abdul Hafeez Ahmad Hamdi, Ernieda Hatah, Mohd Makmor Bakry, A Halim Basari, Najwa Ahmad Hamdi
Article 104296

...This study provides a comprehensive overview of pharmaceutical supply operations management during disaster preparedness and response. Efficient management of pharmaceutical supply operations involves a complex interplay of various interconnected components. Each component presents numerous challenges, necessitating proactive management, exchange of information and resources,

and effective coordination among diverse stakeholders. Future research should examine pharmaceutical supply operations management beyond the specific context of COVID-19, leveraging information technology, enhancing collaborative logistics networks, and sharing resources among multiple stakeholders.

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Volume 58 Issue 1, March 2024

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

Research article

First published online June 21, 2023

[Evidence as a Specific Knowledge to Inform Humanitarian Decision-Making in Migration Crisis Contexts: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Jordan](#)

Gwendoline Promsopha and Ingrid Tucci

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Abstract

To fulfill their missions, humanitarian organizations are engaged in the production and dissemination of a specific form of knowledge about refugees—namely, evidence. Yet relatively little scholarly work has been done on evidence as a basis for humanitarian decision-making in refugee crises. In this article, we analyze the evidence produced on Syrian refugees in Jordan between 2012 and 2017 by humanitarian actors, its appropriateness and relevance, to assess (a) potential side-effects for refugees and (b) functions for humanitarian organizations. Drawing on 234 documents on Syrian refugees in Jordan collected on major humanitarian platforms and interviews with experts from international organizations, this article shows that, due to the type of evidence produced, Syrian refugees living outside camps are invisibilized and their needs might be less considered in aid projects. The article also shows that some evidence practices are related to the outsourcing of data collection and analysis to specialized actors, and to quantification and standardization of evidence that plays a part in consolidating the legitimacy of humanitarian organizations. Our results highlight the importance of considering this specific form of knowledge when studying humanitarian interventions in international migration and refugee governance.

International Review of Education– Journal of Lifelong Learning

Volume 69, Issue 6 December 2023

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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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Viewpoint

Artificial Intelligence and Pediatric Care

[An Overarching Framework for the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in Pediatrics](#)

Bryan A. Sisk, MD, MSCI; Alison L. Antes, PhD; James M. DuBois, PhD, DSc

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly evolving and AI-powered technologies will likely transform pediatric health care. AI can support accurate and efficient interpretation of chest radiography and retinal images,¹ and will likely improve diagnosis, risk prediction, and treatment selection in the future.

Rapid advances in the abilities of chatbots driven by large language models (LLMs), such as ChatGPT, could democratize medical knowledge and inform treatment decisions.

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Volume 64 Pages 1-314 (November–December 2023)

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Closed-Loop Supply Chains with Product Remanufacturing: Challenges and Opportunities

Issue Edited by: Saurabh Bansal, V. Daniel R. Guide, Sergey Naumov
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March 2024 Volume 21 Issue 212

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Research articles

[Reconciling the efficacy and effectiveness of masking on epidemic outcomes](#)

Wan Yang and Jeffrey Shaman

Published:06 March 2024

<https://doi.org/10.1098/rsif.2023.0666>

Abstract

During the COVID-19 pandemic, mask wearing in public settings has been a key control measure. However, the reported effectiveness of masking has been much lower than laboratory measures of efficacy, leading to doubts on the utility of masking. Here, we develop an agent-based model that comprehensively accounts for individual masking behaviours and infectious disease dynamics, and test the impact of masking on epidemic outcomes. Using realistic inputs of mask efficacy and contact data at the individual level, the model reproduces the lower effectiveness as reported in randomized controlled trials. Model results demonstrate that transmission within households, where masks are rarely used, can substantially lower effectiveness, and reveal the interaction of nonlinear epidemic dynamics, control measures and potential measurement biases. Overall, model results show that, at the individual level, consistent masking can reduce the risk of first infection and, over time, reduce the frequency of repeated infection. At the population level, masking can provide direct protection to mask wearers, as well as indirect protection to non-wearers, collectively reducing epidemic intensity. These findings suggest it is prudent for individuals to use masks during an epidemic, and for policymakers to recognize the less-than-ideal effectiveness of masking when devising public health interventions.

Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 31, Issue 2, March 2024

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Perspective

[Rationale for Japanese encephalitis vaccination in short-term travellers to endemic areas](#)

Sakarn Charoensakulchai and others

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 31, Issue 2, March 2024, taae003,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taae003>

Although the Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine is typically strongly recommended for long-term high-risk travellers, some cases of JE infections have been reported amongst short-term travellers with seemingly low risk. This article underscores the advantages and reasoning behind JE vaccination for this particular group of travellers.

Research Letter

[Unprecedented dengue outbreak in Taiwan following COVID-19](#)

Nan-Chang Chiu and others

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 31, Issue 2, March 2024, taae015,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taae015>

Present study reports an unprecedented dengue outbreak in Taiwan post-COVID-19. Interrupted time series analysis reveals a significant surge after easing restrictions, emphasizing the roles of COVID-19 measures, especially travel restrictions, international transportation and climate change in the epidemic. Preventing and controlling dengue remain substantial challenges in the post-COVID-19 era.

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[Nature publishes too few papers from women researchers — that must change](#)

This journal will double down on efforts to diversify the pool of corresponding authors and referees.

Perspective 06 Mar 2024

[Artificial intelligence and illusions of understanding in scientific research](#)

Lisa Messeri, M. J. Crockett

Abstract

Scientists are enthusiastically imagining ways in which artificial intelligence (AI) tools might improve research. Why are AI tools so attractive and what are the risks of implementing them across the research pipeline? Here we develop a taxonomy of scientists' visions for AI, observing that their appeal comes from promises to improve productivity and objectivity by overcoming human shortcomings. But proposed AI solutions can also exploit our cognitive limitations, making us vulnerable to illusions of understanding in which we believe we understand more about the world than we actually do. Such illusions obscure the scientific community's ability to see the formation of scientific monocultures, in which some types of methods, questions and viewpoints come to dominate alternative approaches, making science less innovative and more vulnerable to errors. The proliferation of AI tools in science risks introducing a phase of scientific enquiry in which we produce more but understand less. By analysing the appeal of these tools, we provide a framework for advancing discussions of responsible knowledge production in the age of AI.

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A public–private partnership managed by the FNIH aims to address biological, manufacturing and regulatory challenges to the development of gene therapies for rare diseases.

P. J. Brooks, Timothy M. Miller, Joni L. Rutter

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[A Research Framework to Improve Health Disparity Evidence Gaps in Value Assessments](#)

T. Joseph Mattingly II

Current Opinion 12 December 2023 Pages: 253 - 259

Abstract

A value assessment is intended as a tool for evaluating healthcare treatments to gauge value and inform decisions. Economic value assessments typically incorporate a cost-effectiveness analysis, focusing on costs and health outcomes important to payers, missing important information to ensure existing markets optimize resource allocation. Despite frequent calls for more explicit consideration of health equity impacts in value assessments, health economists continue to develop models informed by traditional cost and quality-of-life data that do not capture differences experienced by health disparity populations. This conceptual paper proposes a research framework to enhance data collection and analysis to address these gaps and better quantify the value of a health innovation, and better assess how a new intervention impacts health disparities. The framework comprises three distinct phases that build on one another: (1) contextualization of lived experiences for disadvantaged communities; (2) individual-level quantification of health disparities for cost and quality-of-life measures; and (3) quantifying community-level impacts.

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Sarah V. Williams, Tanimola Akande, Kaja Abbas

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[Accounting for the increasing benefits from scarce ecosystems](#)

BY M. A. Drupp, et al.

07 Mar 2024: 1062-1064

As people get richer, and ecosystem services scarcer, policy-relevant estimates of ecosystem value must rise

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Winter 2024 Volume 22, Number 1

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Read about how design thinking should be retooled to better serve communities, how foundations and nonprofits are embracing lobbying for social good, how companies can thwart populist threats to socially responsible business, how digital technologies can be harnessed to promote sustainability and corporate performance, and other topics in the Winter 2024 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

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An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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World Heritage n°103 – September 2023

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/review>

World Heritage

... This issue of *World Heritage* magazine features African heritage leaders who are empowering peers and creating positive ripple effects from Egypt to Mozambique. A report on climate change details the critical benefits provided by World Heritage forests notably through carbon absorption, with one caveat – their capacity will continue to decline unless we act now. A compelling story comes from Havana, Cuba, where a major UNESCO programme Transcultura is blending tangible heritage, intangible practices and contemporary creativity, true to the way culture intersects in the local communities...



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Selected Research

Study Protocol metrics AWAITING PEER REVIEW

[Development of a core outcome set for maternal and perinatal health research and surveillance in light of emerging and ongoing epidemic threats](#)

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Veronica Pingray, Karen Klein, Juan Pedro Alonso, María Belizan, Gabriella Radice, Magdalena Babinska, Mabel Berrueta, Mercedes Bonet

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Background

Maternal and perinatal health is often directly and indirectly affected during infectious disease epidemics. Yet, a lack of evidence on epidemics' impact on women and their offspring delays informed decision-making for healthcare providers, pregnant women, women in the post-pregnancy period and policy-makers. To rapidly generate evidence in these circumstances, we aim to develop a Core Outcome Set (COS) for maternal and perinatal health research and surveillance in light of emerging and ongoing epidemic threats.

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[Challenges in identifying and quantifying country-level participation in multi-country randomised controlled trials involving Ireland as a collaborating partner](#)

James Larkin, Uchechukwu Alanza, Vikneswaran Raj Nagarajan, Maurice Collins, Sami Termanini, Emmet Farrington, Barbara Clyne, Tom Fahey, Frank Moriarty

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Background and Objective

Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) provide vital information about healthcare interventions. Accurate reporting is vital for effective RCT dissemination. This study aimed to assess the reporting quality of multi-country RCTs, using Ireland as a case study, examining trial characteristics, adherence to reporting standards and the reporting of participation from Ireland.

[The Global Impact of COVID-19 on Tuberculosis: A Thematic Scoping Review, 2020-2023](#)

Michael H. Marco, Sevim Ahmedov, Kenneth G. Castro

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Background

This thematic scoping review of publications sought to understand the global impact of COVID-19 on tuberculosis (TB), interpret the scope of resonating themes, and offer policy recommendations to stimulate TB recovery and future pandemic preparedness.

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Selected Research

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[Impact of virtual reality on promoting understanding of research in rural Africa: The KEMRI-Wellcome Trust virtual tour of research laboratories](#)

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Patience Kerubo Kiyuka, et al.

Background

Virtual Reality (VR) is poised to transform how science is communicated to the public. There is limited evidence of the use of VR for science education or engagement in sub-Saharan Africa. We produced a virtual reality video tour of the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP) laboratories and tested its suitability as an engagement tool for secondary school students.

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