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## ***Week in Review***

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

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## **Multilateralism**

### **In Day-Long Security Council Debate, Speakers Offer Divergent Views on 'New' World Order, Stress Need to Update Global Governance**

UN Security Council :: 9861st Meeting (AM & PM)

SC/15998

18 February 2025

*[Excepts; Editor's text bolding]*

**During a day-long Security Council debate on practicing multilateralism and reforming global governance today, speakers stressed the urgent need to update the United Nations** — founded 80 years ago — including reforms to the Council itself and to the global economic order to better address twenty-first-century challenges.

**"One can draw a direct line between the creation of the United Nations and the prevention of a third world war,"** said António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, recalling that the UN was "born out of the ashes" of the second.

The UN remains the "essential, one-of-a-kind meeting ground to advance peace, sustainable development and human rights", he said. **However, "eight decades is a long time", he said, emphasizing that while the "hardware" for international cooperation exists, "the software needs an update".**

As global challenges demand multilateral solutions, **he pointed out that the Pact for the Future puts forward concrete solutions to strengthen the machinery of peace, advance coordination with regional organizations and includes the first multilateral agreement on nuclear disarmament in more than a decade.** It also includes efforts to prevent an arms race in outer space, advance discussions on lethal autonomous weapons and recognizes the UN's role in preventive diplomacy.

"But the Pact does even more for peace," he said, as it recognizes that the international community must address the root causes of conflict and tension and that the Council "must reflect the world of today". Guided by the Pact, he said that multilateralism — "the beating heart of the United Nations" — can become an even more powerful instrument of peace. "But multilateralism is only as strong as each and every country's commitment to it," he added, urging all Member States to continue updating global problem-solving mechanisms to "make them fit for purpose, fit for people and fit for peace".

### **Shift of Power to Global South**

**Wang Yi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China — Council President for February** — then spoke in his national capacity to recall that representatives of his country were the first to sign the

Charter of the United Nations, “writing with the Chinese calligraphy brush an important chapter in world history”. Now, though, comprehensive peace and shared prosperity remain elusive.

**Noting the rise of the Global South on the world stage, he insisted that “international affairs should no longer be monopolized by a small number of countries”** and the fruits of global development should not be enjoyed by only a few countries. China, as the world’s largest developing country, has become the major trading partner of more than 150 countries and regions and is promoting high-quality Belt and Road cooperation to contribute to global prosperity and development...

### **Push for Two Permanent Security Council Seats for Africa**

Ahmed Moallim Fiqi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Somalia, also reiterated the need for a “deep-rooted reform” of the Council, **stressing that African States should be granted two permanent seats that include the right to veto**. Stating that the UN Charter must be the “linchpin” and “our lodestar” as the international community embarks on reforming the multilateral system, **he also noted that Council resolutions are being trampled upon, calling for effective mechanisms to bolster the UN’s capacity to guarantee international peace and security**.

“It is illogical that Africa does not feature among permanent members,” observed France’s representative, underscoring: “That must change.” Two African States must hold permanent seats on the Council, and he added that Africa’s demand for veto power is “legitimate”. The representative of Denmark, in that vein, stated that the world needs a more-representative Council — “one which redresses the historical injustice done to the African continent”. She added: “We cannot seriously tackle the issues facing multilateralism when the Security Council continues to operate in a reality of yesteryear.”...

### **Russian Federation, China Accused of Being Drivers of Instability**

**Meanwhile, the representative of the United States said that “two of the greatest drivers of instability in the world today hold veto power”, spotlighting the Russian Federation’s bloody war in Ukraine and China’s exploitation of its developing-nation status.**

“We need to take a close look at where this institution is falling short,” she added. Therefore, the United States is currently reviewing its support to the UN, and she said that “we will consider whether actions of the Organization are serving American interests, and whether it can be reformed”...

**“It is time to rescue multilateralism from ruinous mistrust,” stressed Panama’s representative**, urging States to ensure that, rather than floundering, the system flourishes and prospers. Observing that his country has been reaping the rewards of multilateralism since its independence, he said that diplomatic efforts lead to the end of the colonial enclave and to the recovery of “our Canal”.

### **BRICS Surpasses G7 in Gross Domestic Product**

**The representative of the Russian Federation noted that developed countries have siphoned off \$62 trillion in resources from the Global South since 1960, highlighting Moscow’s efforts to advance anti-colonial agendas at the UN.** And “there have been tectonic shifts in the global economy”, with BRICS (Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China, South Africa) accounting for 37 per cent of the global gross domestic product (GDP), surpassing 29 per cent represented by the Group of 7 (G7) countries, he added, stressing the need for a more equitable global financial architecture. Rejecting the West’s domination at the Security Council as “a relic of the past”,

he said that his country advocates for indivisible security in Eurasia without infringing on others' interests.

"It is extraordinary that 193 Member States — with each of us at different stages of political and economic development, like-minded or even antagonistic — gather every day in this very building to discuss and solve current and future issues," observed the representative of the Republic of Korea. "This should not be taken for granted," he stressed, stating that the UN's convening role is the "driving engine of multilateralism".

Slovenia's representative, similarly, noted that the UN "enabled the power of rules to replace the rule of power". **Citing former Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, he said: "It is not big Powers who need the UN for their protection. It is all the others."...**

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**As Peace Gets Pushed Further from Reach, Dark Spirit of Impunity for Terrorism Spreads, Multilateral Solutions Key – UN Secretary-General António Guterres**

SG/SM/22558

18 February 2025

*Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks to the UN Security Council open debate on the maintenance of international peace and security: practicing multilateralism, reforming and improving global governance, in New York today:*

**...This year marks the eightieth anniversary of the United Nations.** Born out of the ashes of the Second World War, our Organization was the result of a global commitment to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war".

**It also signalled a commitment to an entirely new level of international cooperation grounded in international law and our founding Charter.** To help countries move past the horrors of conflict to forge sustainable peace. To tackle poverty, hunger and disease. To assist countries in climbing the development ladder. To provide humanitarian support in times of conflict and disaster. To embed justice and fairness through international law and respect for human rights. And to work through this Council to push for peace through dialogue, debate, diplomacy and consensus-building.

**Eight decades later, one can draw a direct line between the creation of the United Nations and the prevention of a third world war.** Eight decades later, the United Nations remains the essential, one-of-a-kind meeting ground to advance peace, sustainable development and human rights. But eight decades is a long time. And because we believe in the singular value and purpose of the United Nations, we must always strive to improve the institution and the way we work.

**We have the hardware for international cooperation — but the software needs an update. An update in representation to reflect the realities of today.** An update in support for developing countries to redress historical injustices. An update to ensure countries adhere to the purposes, principles and norms that ground multilateralism in justice and fairness. And an update to our peace operations.

Global solidarity and solutions are needed more than ever. The climate crisis is raging, inequalities are growing, and poverty is on the rise. **As this Council knows well, peace is getting pushed further out of reach — from the Occupied Palestinian Territory to Ukraine to Sudan to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and beyond.**

Terrorism and violent extremism remain persistent scourges. **We see a dark spirit of impunity spreading. The prospect of nuclear war remains** — outrageously — a clear and present danger. And the limitless promise of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence is matched by limitless peril to undermine and even replace human thought, human identity and human control. These global challenges cry out for multilateral solutions.

**The [Pact for the Future](#) you adopted in September is aimed at strengthening global governance for the twenty-first century and rebuilding trust — trust in multilateralism, trust in the United Nations, and trust in this Council.**

**At its heart, the Pact for the Future is a pact for peace — peace in all its dimensions.**

- It puts forward **concrete solutions to strengthen the machinery of peace**, drawing from proposals to the New Agenda for Peace that prioritize prevention, mediation and peacebuilding.
- The Pact seeks to **advance coordination with regional organizations** and ensure the full participation of women, youth and marginalized groups in peace processes. And it calls for strengthening the Peacebuilding Commission to mobilize political and financial support for nationally owned peacebuilding and prevention strategies.
- The Pact also includes the **first multilateral agreement on nuclear disarmament** in more than a decade... New strategies to end the use of chemical and biological weapons... And revitalized efforts to prevent an arms race in outer space and advance discussions on lethal autonomous weapons.
- It also calls on Member States to **live up to their commitments enshrined in the UN Charter** and the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and the political independence of States.
- It **reaffirms unwavering commitment to abide by international law** and prioritize the peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue. It recognizes the role of the United Nations in preventive diplomacy.
- It **reinforces the need to uphold all human rights** — civil, political, economic, social and cultural. It calls for the meaningful inclusion of women and youth in all peace processes.
- And it specifically calls on this Council to **ensure that peace operations are guided by clear and sequenced mandates that are realistic and achievable** — with viable exit strategies and transition plans.

But the Pact does even more for peace. It recognizes that we must address the root causes of conflict and tensions. Sustainable peace requires sustainable development. **The Pact includes support for a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Stimulus** to help developing countries invest in their people and tackle key challenges, like moving towards a future anchored in renewable energy.

It includes a revitalized commitment to reform the global financial architecture to better and more fairly represent the needs of developing countries. And it includes a Global Digital Compact that calls for an artificial intelligence governance body that brings developing countries to the decision-making table for the first time.

**The Pact also recognizes that the Security Council must reflect the world of today, not the world of 80 years ago, and sets out important principles to guide this long-awaited reform.** This Council should be enlarged and made more representative of today's geopolitical realities. And we must continue improving the working methods of this Council to make it more inclusive, transparent, efficient, democratic and accountable.

**These issues have been under consideration by the General Assembly for more than a decade.** Now is the time to build on the momentum provided by the Pact for the Future and work towards a greater consensus among regional groups and Member States — including the permanent members of this Council — to move the intergovernmental negotiations forward.

Throughout, I call on Members of this Council to overcome the divisions that are blocking effective action for peace. The world looks to you to act in meaningful ways to end conflicts and ease the suffering these wars inflict on innocent people.

Council Members have shown that finding common ground is possible. From deploying peacekeeping operations, to forging life-saving resolutions on humanitarian aid, to historic recognitions of the security challenges faced by women and young people, to the landmark resolution 2719 supporting African Union-led peace support operations through assessed contributions.

**Even in the darkest days of the cold war, the collective decision-making and vigorous dialogue in this Council maintained a functioning, if imperfect, system of collective security.** I urge you to summon this same spirit, continue working to overcome differences and focus on building the consensus required to deliver the peace all people need and deserve.

**Multilateral cooperation is the beating heart of the United Nations.** Guided by the solutions in the Pact for the Future, multilateralism can also become an even more powerful instrument of peace. But multilateralism is only as strong as each and every country's commitment to it.

As we look to the challenges around us, I urge all Member States to continue strengthening and updating our global problem-solving mechanisms. Let's make them fit for purpose — fit for people — and fit for peace.

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#### **Remarks at a UN Security Council Open Debate on Practicing Multilateralism, Reforming and Improving Global Governance – USA**

Ambassador Dorothy Shea  
Chargé d 'Affaires ad interim  
New York, New York  
February 18, 2025

*[Excerpts; Editor's text bolding]*

...The United States helped found the United Nations after World War II to prevent future global conflicts and promote international peace and security, but **UN agencies and bodies overall have drifted from their core missions. We need to take a closer look at where this institution is falling short.**

For example, there is a longstanding, deep anti-Israel bias within the UN that has only grown stronger since Hamas' brutal attack against Israel on October 7, 2023. This sentiment was exemplified by the UN Relief and Works Agency, UNRWA, when staff were found to have participated in the October 7 terrorist attack. There are even recent reports that its schools and facilities have been used by Hamas.

The UN Human Rights Council has protected human rights abusers by allowing them to use the organization to shield themselves from scrutiny.

As for the Security Council, it is charged with maintaining international peace and security. But critical issues that demand the Council's attention continually fall by the wayside.

Prior to Bashar al-Assad's departure from Syria, **Russia** used the Security Council to block any action to hold the Assad regime to account for its crimes against humanity. Russia's war on Ukraine is the bloodiest in Europe since the founding of the United Nations after World War II. This war needs to end.

**China** has consistently exploited its status as a developing nation within international organizations to advance its separate agenda. The UN should not be in the business of endorsing any one country's initiatives.

**So, two of the greatest drivers of instability in the world today hold veto power at the Security Council. That is what we are up against.**

As mentioned at the outset, the United States has supported the United Nations over these 80 years. We will continue to strongly advocate for peace abroad and for security and stability at home.

**The United States is currently conducting a review of our support to the UN. We will consider whether the actions of the organization are serving American interests, and whether it can be reformed.**

The United States will not support UN bodies such as the **UN Human Rights Council**. We will review bodies such as **UNESCO**, which has a history of antisemitism or anti-Israel sentiment within the organization.

Colleagues, we are seeing the abuse of international structures for political ends, including by using the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** advisory opinions as a way to pursue national agendas. The ICJ has been used by South Africa to accuse Israel of genocide. Unfortunately, the term genocide has been misappropriated to become an international slander.

Mr. President, as we look at the tools available to us to promote economic and social development, **we need to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence**, which will have countless revolutionary applications in economic innovation, national security, health care, and free expression. America welcomes partnerships with UN Member States that foster the creation of AI technology. But we must guard against strangling the development of AI with needless regulations. We must also be wary of attempts to use AI algorithms to rewrite history, surveil users, and censor speech.

Mr. President, a few words about sanctions or so called **"illegal unilateral coercive measures."** **The** United States reiterates that its autonomous sanctions programs are consistent with international law. In addition to observing and respecting UN sanctions, the United States and many of our partners legitimately use domestic authorities, carefully regulating our domestic financial systems in a tailored way, to address threats to international peace and security. In doing so, we go to tremendous lengths to avoid humanitarian impacts or impacts on the flows of life-saving food and medicine to those in need.

Mr. President, in conclusion, the United States supports the UN's return to its founding mission of promoting peace and security around the world. **As President Trump has stated, we will be taking a hard look over the next few months on what reforms the UN needs to undertake to get us to that point...**

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## Humanitarian Action

### Humanitarian reset – Message from Emergency Relief Coordinator Tom Fletcher to the humanitarian community

Geneva, 20 February 2025

Dear Colleagues,

**...The postwar international system faces the greatest test since its creation. The humanitarian community confronts a massive funding, morale, and legitimacy crisis.** We took time to recognize the devastating impact that funding cuts will have on those we serve, our partners, and our teams.

**In response, we must be calm, brave, principled, and united.** We must win afresh the argument for international solidarity. We can draw confidence from extraordinary progress made by humanitarians over decades. The mission is right. Our allies are still out there. But the delivery system is struggling. We need to be lighter, faster, and less bureaucratic.

**So, in a moment of challenge, we must do four things.**

**First, it is vital to be clear on why we are here: saving lives.** We agreed to remain independent, neutral, and impartial. This does not mean we do not pick a side: we are on the side of those in greatest need.

**Second, deliver. We agreed a bold plan to work much more effectively and efficiently, reduce duplication and bureaucracy.** Donors must simplify too. We must innovate or become obsolete. We will prioritize robustly, and make the toughest choices. I have commissioned urgent work to identify how we could reach the 100m people in greatest need.

We will not be able to rely on traditional funding sources and governments. We will find new partners, including genuine partnership with the private sector and World Bank. **I believe there is a movement of billions of people who care, and who want to act in solidarity with those in most need. We should launch a public campaign to fill in the gaps left by governments, targeting the equivalent of 0.7 per cent for each country.**

Much of the change we need is about the way we work. We agreed to be ruthless in eliminating turf wars, and challenging our organizations to work genuinely together. Each organization should focus on what it does uniquely well. We agreed to act collectively where possible, to share more information and data, to be proud of what we do well, and humble about where we can be better.

**We agreed to strengthen humanitarian leadership, most importantly by giving much more authority to Humanitarian Coordinators in country.** I met all our HCs before the meeting to hear what they need, and will gather them again to set out how we will support them.

**Third, devolve. We will accelerate progress in giving more power and accountability to local partners** (who are bearing the brunt of cuts), with humanitarian action much closer to the people we serve. Where we stop work, we will stop it well. Creating the chance for others to take up the effort. Doing no harm. Leaving the means to scale back up in better times.

**Fourth, we will defend our work more robustly.** We need to call time on the era of impunity: end attacks on civilians and aid workers; and hold perpetrators to account. We must communicate more



clearly the impact we have and the cost of inaction, with humanity not institutions at the heart of the story.

If this group did not exist, this moment would demand that we invent it. We now need to reinvent it, and our time together left me confident that we will do so.

**This is not a drill. We are underfunded, overstretched and under attack. But we have not lost the argument.** Our cause is mighty, and our movement is strong. Thank you for your leadership in tough times. And for all that your teams have done, are doing, and will do.

Best wishes,  
Tom Fletcher  
Chair of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee  
UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator  
Posted on 20 February 2025

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## Gaza

### [New Report Assesses Damages, Losses and Needs in Gaza and the West Bank](#)

World Bank, the European Union, the United Nations  
February 2025 :: 92 pages  
*[Selected report text]*

**2. This Interim Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (IRDNA)—conducted jointly by the World Bank, United Nations (UN), and European Union (EU)—provides a comprehensive analysis of the damage, losses, and needs** related to the ongoing conflict in Gaza and deteriorating conditions in the West Bank. The objective of the IRDNA is to inform stakeholders of the impact in Gaza and the West Bank on the population, economy, physical assets, infrastructure, and service delivery, as well as to conduct an estimate of the needs for physical infrastructure reconstruction, economic and social recovery, and service restoration in selected sectors...

#### ***Key Findings in Gaza***

**8. The total estimated physical damages incurred are around US\$29.9 billion and the economic and social losses amount to US\$19.1 billion. The total recovery and reconstruction needs are estimated at US\$53.2 billion,<sup>3</sup> including Building Back Better (BBB) and social services resumption and scale-up...**

#### ***Damages and Losses***

9. In Gaza, physical infrastructure damage and economic and social losses caused by the conflict are estimated at around US\$29.9 billion and US\$19.1 billion, respectively, bringing the total estimated effects of the conflict to US\$49 billion (see Table 1). In terms of physical damages, housing was the hardest hit sector at US\$15.8 billion (53 percent of total damages), followed by commerce and industry at US\$5.9 billion (20 percent), transport at US\$2.5 billion (8 percent), and WASH at US\$1.53 billion (5 percent). Damages alone are equivalent to 1.8 times the annual gross domestic product (GDP) of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

10. The assessment estimates around US\$19.1 billion of economic and social losses incurred due to the conflict. The sectors with the highest estimated losses are health with US\$6.3 billion, education with

US\$3.2 billion, commerce and industry with US\$2.2 billion, social protection at around US\$1.4 billion, and agriculture and food systems at US\$1.3 billion. Given that the economic and social impact of the conflict will continue to be felt until substantial recovery is made, these losses include loss estimates projected in line with sector specific recovery calendars.

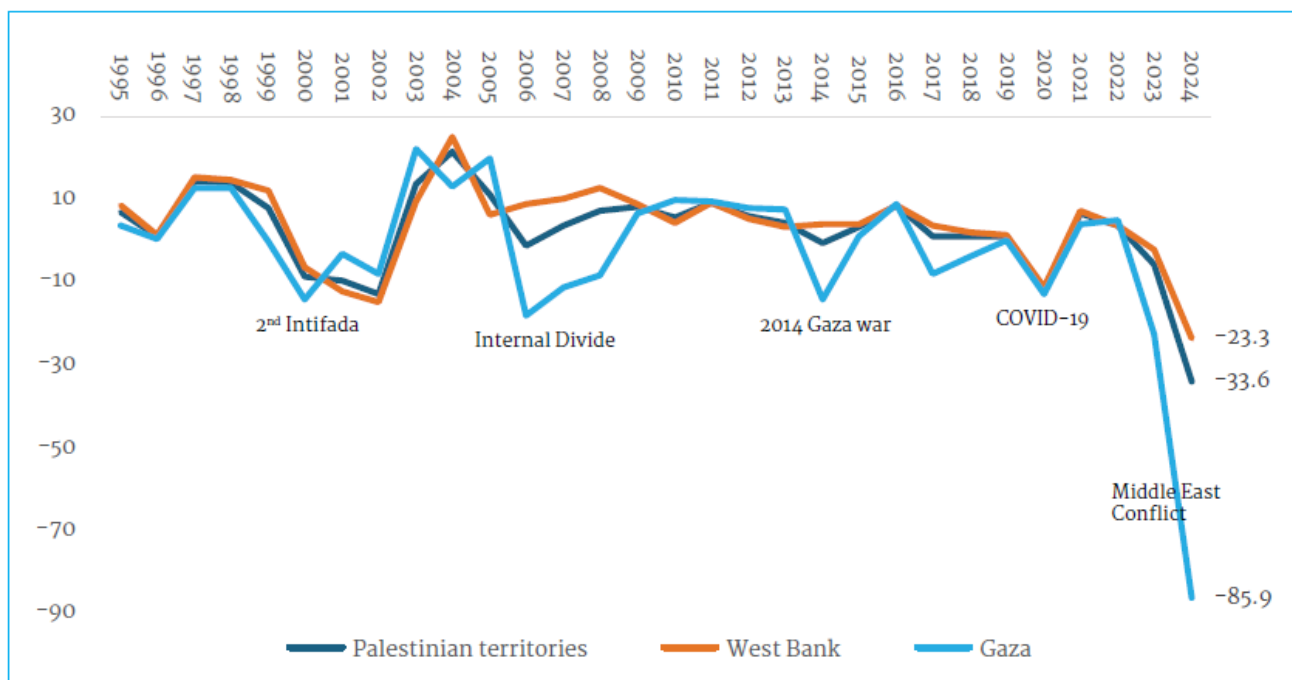
### ***Recovery and Reconstruction Needs***

**11. Recovery and reconstruction needs in the short, medium, and long term across the Gaza Strip are estimated at US\$53.2 billion. Of these, the short-term needs in the first three years are emerging to be around US\$20 billion...**

**12. Priority must be placed on immediate restoration of social services** such as health and education, for a largely displaced population, the resumption of basic services in the energy, water, and telecom sectors, while clearing rubble and debris with a particular attention to human remains, potential EO contamination, and cultural heritage, and kickstarting early rehabilitation of partially damaged housing units and addressing housing access for vulnerable families...

**13. Of utmost importance is to address the suffering of the population...**

**FIGURE 1:**  
Real GDP Growth (%)



### ***Social, Human, and Poverty Impacts***

**22. The ongoing conflict in Gaza is inflicting a devastating humanitarian crisis that is impacting the physical health, economic stability, and psychological well-being of the entire population of Gaza.** Over 1.9 million people are internally displaced, many of whom have been displaced multiple times; and over 1.2 million Palestinians in Gaza—almost 60 percent of Gaza’s population—have lost their homes...

**23. Nearly all Palestinians in Gaza live in multidimensional poverty that affects both their well-being and mental health, with impacts expected to be long-lasting...**

**24. As of October 2024, the number of unaccompanied and separated children now ranges between 17,000 and 18,000.** Many are unaccompanied by any family members, rendering them particularly vulnerable to various forms of exploitation and abuse. The conflict has also resulted in a high number of wounded children with no surviving parents. The education system in Gaza has completely collapsed, with all of the 745,000 children, youth, and higher education students out of formal schooling for more than a year...

**25. The rise of coping and shadow economies has fundamentally disrupted and reshaped economic and social life...**

**26. Cash shortages have forced many to barter goods and services.** The destruction of infrastructure has expanded unregulated labor markets, where workers face unsafe conditions and lack protection...

**BOX 1:**

**Summary of Lessons from Past Recovery Experience in Gaza and the West Bank**

Palestinian ownership and leadership of recovery and reconstruction efforts is critical, particularly with a view to enhance sustainability of recovery gains. Alignment with national recovery and reconstruction plans, as well as participatory and inclusive engagement at community level, is essential — in line with the Do No Harm and Leave No One Behind principles.

Recovery and reconstruction must go hand-in-hand with broader reforms in governance, regulations, and regimes that facilitate longer-term sustainable development. Reform processes are essential for effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and accountability in public service delivery, as well as for strengthening citizens' trust.

Entry of recovery materials and expertise, streamlining procedures for the entry of the required volume of recovery materials, technical expertise, and specialized equipment into Gaza at scale is crucial to recovery efforts. Coordination with Israeli authorities for access and movement into Gaza, as well as within Gaza, remains essential.

Financial commitment from the international community must be at scale, multi-year, and long-term.

An expansion of field presence and the devolution of authority to managers in the field has proven to be a critical aspect of recovery programs in the West Bank and Gaza.

Recovery efforts must be prepared to help address immediate and short-term social protection needs.



## **AI – Environmental Sustainability**

### **[New Coalition aims to put Artificial Intelligence on a more sustainable path](#)**

*Press Release* UN Environmental Programme

Paris, 11 February 2025 – **Over 100 partners, including 37 tech companies, eleven countries and five international organizations, have joined forces under the Coalition for Environmentally Sustainable Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, aiming to ramp up global momentum to place AI on a more environmentally sustainable path. Spearheaded by France, the UN Environment

Programme (UNEP) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Coalition brings together stakeholders across the AI value chain for dialogue and ambitious collaborative initiatives.

The Coalition was announced at the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit in Paris, where Heads of State and Government, leaders of international organizations, CEOs, academics, artists, and members of civil society gathered to discuss support for AI innovation, adequate regulation, and respect for rights to ensure development of these technologies in the interests of all, including developing countries.

**The Coalition will encourage AI initiatives for the planet, including its role in decarbonizing economies, reducing pollution, preserving biodiversity, protecting the oceans, and ensuring humanity operates within planetary boundaries.** It will use a collaborative approach – bringing together governments, academia, civil society, and the private sector – to focus on standardized methods and metrics for measuring AI’s environmental impacts, comprehensive life cycle analysis frameworks for reporting and disclosure, and prioritization of research on sustainable AI.



[Coalition for Sustainable Artificial Intelligence](#) [website]

***A community of stakeholders to advance concrete initiatives for making Artificial Intelligence beneficial to our environmental goals***

The Coalition for Sustainable AI is an initiative initiated by France, in collaboration with the UN Environment Programme and the International Telecommunication Union, with the support of several international organizations. Launched at the Paris AI Action Summit, it aims at building a global community of stakeholders willing to contribute to initiatives for aligning AI development with global sustainability goals and fostering responsible AI that supports the environmental policies.

Companies, associations, research institutes can become “members of the Coalition”. Governments and international organizations can also show their support to the Coalition and become “Coalition supporters”. Both members and supporters endorse the shared vision of the Coalition.

[Excerpt]

**2. Wish to continue our work for an AI Respectful of our Planetary Boundaries:** To this end, we understand the need to focus on the following:

- **Standardized methods and metrics** for measuring AI’s environmental impacts: We advocate for the development of consistent methods to better assess AI’s environmental impacts, notably on energy consumption.
- **Comprehensive Life Cycle Analysis:** AI systems should be evaluated across their entire life cycle through multi-criteria analysis. For software, this includes data collection, model development, training, deployment, and maintenance. For hardware, this involves mining and extraction practices, transportation, energy and water use, and waste management, including e-waste generation.
- **Frameworks for Reporting and Disclosure:** Mechanisms should be established for companies to transparently report the environmental impact of their AI products and services.
- **Prioritization of Research on Sustainable AI:** The private sector and research community should prioritize developing AI technologies with optimized algorithms to reduce computational complexity and minimize data usage.

- **Efforts** that ensure AI infrastructure and software are built and maintained **in line with global environmental commitments**.

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## **The Unpaid Toll: Quantifying the Public Health Impact of AI**

Yuelin Han, Zhifeng Wu, Pengfei Li, Adam Wierman, Shaolei Ren

[arxiv.org/abs/2412.06288](https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.06288) **PREPRINT** [Submitted on 9 Dec 2024]

### ***Abstract***

**The surging demand for AI has led to a rapid expansion of energy-intensive data centers, impacting the environment through escalating carbon emissions and water consumption.** While significant attention has been paid to AI's growing environmental footprint, the public health burden, a hidden toll of AI, has been largely overlooked. Specifically, AI's lifecycle, from chip manufacturing to data center operation, significantly degrades air quality through emissions of criteria air pollutants such as fine particulate matter, substantially impacting public health.

**This paper introduces a methodology to model pollutant emissions across AI's lifecycle, quantifying the public health impacts.** Our findings reveal that training an AI model of the Llama3.1 scale can produce air pollutants equivalent to more than 10,000 round trips by car between Los Angeles and New York City. **The total public health burden of U.S. data centers in 2030 is valued at up to more than \$20 billion per year, double that of U.S. coal-based steelmaking** and comparable to that of on-road emissions of California. Further, the public health costs unevenly impact economically disadvantaged communities, where the per-household health burden could be 200x more than that in less-impacted communities.

We recommend adopting a standard reporting protocol for criteria air pollutants and the public health costs of AI, paying attention to all impacted communities, and implementing health-informed AI to mitigate adverse effects while promoting public health equity.

### ***6 Conclusion***

In this paper, we uncover and quantify the overlooked public health impact of AI. **We present a general methodology to model air pollutant emissions across AI's lifecycle, from chip manufacturing to data center operation.** Our findings demonstrate that under McKinsey's projection with a medium-growth scenario, the U.S. data centers in 2030 could contribute to nearly 1,300 deaths annually, resulting in a public health burden of more than \$20 billion which could even exceed that of on-road emissions of California. **Importantly, these public health costs are unevenly distributed and disproportionately impact low-income communities,** where the per-household health burden could be equivalent to nearly 8 months of electricity bills and 200x compared to other less-impacted counties. We recommend adopting a standard reporting protocol for criteria air pollutants and public health costs, paying attention to impacted communities, and implementing health-informed AI to mitigate these effects while promoting public health equity.

**Our study provides novel insights for the public, policymakers, and technology companies, enabling a more comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of AI's impacts on society.** We also call for further research to fully address the public health implications when developing powerful and responsible AI in the future. It is crucial to prioritize public health and ensure that the growth of AI does not exacerbate health burdens or negate the potential benefits AI can bring in improving public health.

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## U.S. Aid Suspension

### [The Real Impact of the US Funding Suspension on Humanitarian Aid – ICVA Survey Findings \[English\] \[French\]](#)

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies

18 February 2025

*ICVA is a global network of non-governmental organisations whose mission is to make humanitarian action more principled and effective by working collectively and independently to influence policy and practice.*

To understand the impact of the **US Foreign Aid Suspension**,

ICVA ran a global survey among NGOs and NGO networks between 27<sup>th</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February.

We received **246 responses**.

Here is what we've learned...



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The SWO has caused a "Sudden stop in lifesaving support to over **3 million** Internally Displaced People in our country"



National NGO in Asia



We **cannot overstate** the detrimental impact of the suspension.



INGO respondent

## Location of the operations impacted by Stop Work Orders

**67%**

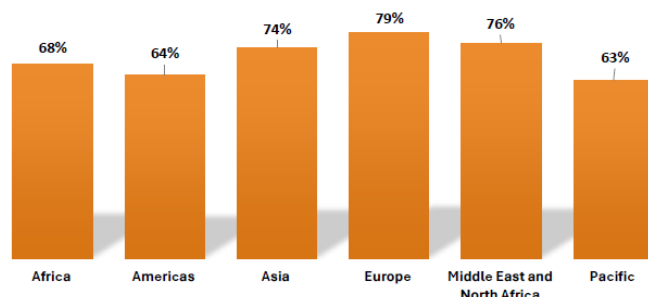
of NGOs received stop work orders (SWOs) over the survey period

The SWOs are impacting humanitarian programmes on every continent.



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Proportion of NGOs reporting receipt of Stop Work Orders (SWOs) by Region





## Overview of Key Findings (1/2)



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### Impact of the Suspension

- Large scale and **devastating impact** on crisis affected people.
- **Major reductions in life-saving and essential** services, protection and resettlement supports impacting millions of people.
- **Communities growing increasingly desperate.**
- **Women & children are most at risk:** Gender based violence, child labour and early marriage.
- **Erosion of trust & credibility** with communities and authorities.
- **Increased insecurity and access challenges.**

### Why is the impact so high?

- USAID, including BHA and PRM funded up to 100% of humanitarian agency budgets.
- **Waivers are limited** and unclear.
- The US **payment system is still suspended.**
- The US government **owes NGOs millions** in reimbursements, so NGOs have limited or **no liquidity.**
- The suspension occurs in the context of **global funding cuts with** humanitarian needs at a record high, and climate change and conflict driving more.

## Overview of Key Findings (2/2)



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### Fear for the future

- Many communities will suffer, negative coping strategies will grow.
- 55% of NGOs report negative impacts on their workforce. This will only increase.
- As humanitarian architecture is being decimated, future response capacity will be limited despite humanitarian needs growing exponentially.
- Accountability, coordination and efficiency gains made over a decade are being lost.
- The politicisation of humanitarian aid resulting in unmet needs, increased inequality, operational risks and inefficiencies.

### Mitigation Measures

- Limited mitigation measures available, forcing agencies to:
  - Suspend and downsize programmes.
  - Drastically reduce staff.
  - Close offices, scale down.
- INGOs trying to protect partners, through use of reserves and fund raising; - but difficult
- NGOs trying to diversify funding, but little hope in doing so.



### What is the Financial Risk of [U.S.] Nonprofits Losing Government Grants?

Urban Institute

*Research Publication* 21 Feb 2025

In every state, every congressional district, and more than 95 percent of counties in the United States, public charities receive government grants. Without these grants, most nonprofits would be unable to cover their expenses.

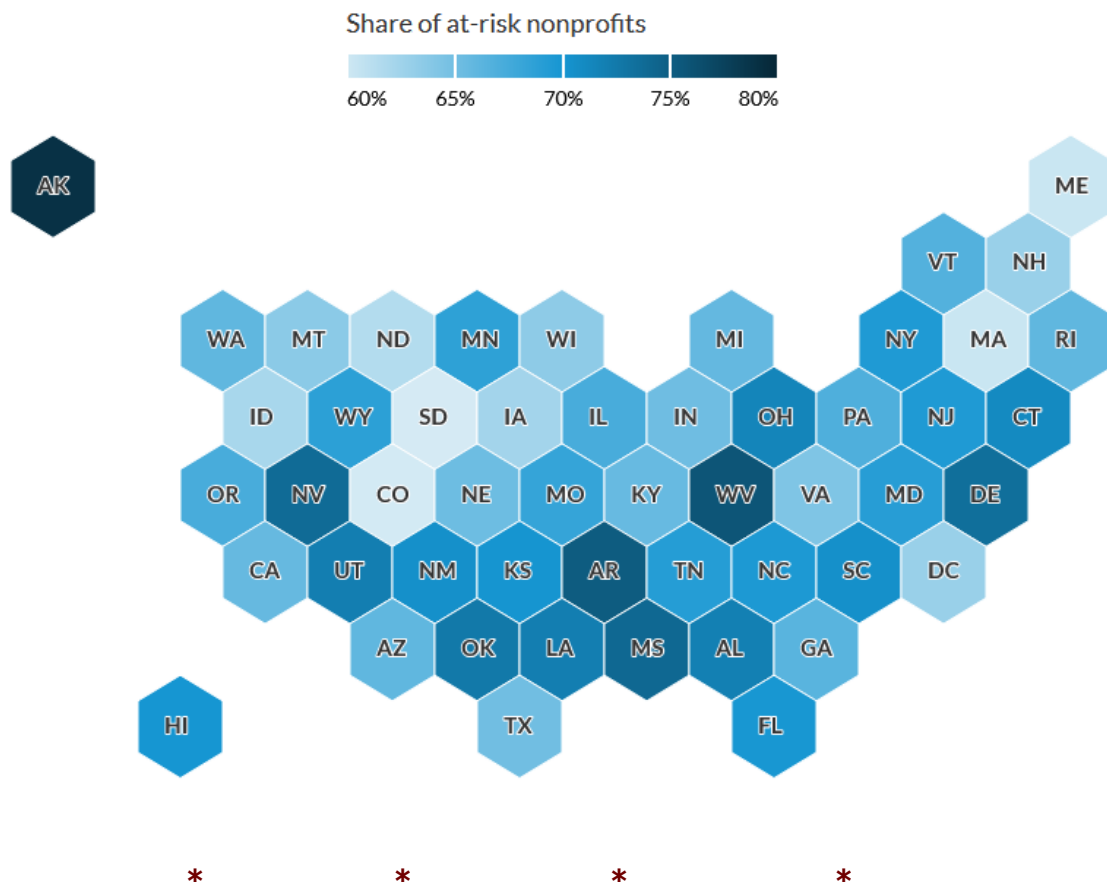
Nationwide, 103,475 public charities reported receiving a total of over \$267 billion from government grants in 2021. The inflation-adjusted total of over \$300 billion represents almost three times the most recent estimates of foundation giving.

In all but two of the 437 congressional districts in the United States, the typical nonprofit could not cover their expenses without their government grants. And in every state, between 60 and 80 percent of nonprofits that receive government grants would be at risk of a financial shortfall.



The map below allows users to understand the financial risk to nonprofits if they lose their government grants. Explore the data at the national level by state, subsector, and nonprofit size. Or click on a state to see a county, congressional district, size, and subsector breakdown.

The tool summarizes data from all Internal Revenue Service Form 990 electronic filers in 2021.



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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 22 Feb 2025]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

21 February 2025 SC/16004

**Security Council Strongly Condemns Ongoing Offensives by M23 Rebel Movement in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2772 (2025)**

The Security Council today strongly condemned ongoing offensives by the 23 March Movement, or M23, in the North and South Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, deciding that M23 shall immediately cease hostilities, withdraw from areas it controls and fully reverse the establishment of illegitimate parallel administrations in that country's territory.

18 February 2025 SC/15998

**In Day-Long Security Council Debate, Speakers Offer Divergent Views on 'New' World Order, Stress Need to Update Global Governance**

During a day-long Security Council debate on practicing multilateralism and reforming global governance today, speakers stressed the urgent need to update the United Nations — founded 80 years ago — including reforms to the Council itself and to the global economic order to better address twenty-first-century challenges.

18 February 2025 SG/SM/22558

**As Peace Gets Pushed Further from Reach, Dark Spirit of Impunity for Terrorism Spreads, Multilateral Solutions Key**

Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks to the UN Security Council open debate on the maintenance of international peace and security: practicing multilateralism, reforming and improving global governance, in New York today:

18 February 2025 GA/PK/250

**Amid Evolving Threat Landscape, UN Peacekeepers Must Have Adequate Resources to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Conflict Zones, Speakers Tell Special Committee**

In an ever-shifting security landscape, ensuring sufficient funding, technology and training, and promoting gender equality in peacekeeping operations while also recognizing the importance of safeguarding vulnerable populations in conflict zones is more critical than ever, speakers told the opening of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, which also marked 60 years since its establishment.

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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

*Press releases* 21 February 2025

**Democratic Republic of Congo: Parties to conflict must treat dead bodies with dignity**

*Statements and speeches* 20 February 2025

**Religious leaders must work together to promote shared principles of human dignity and compassion – High Commissioner**

*Country reports* Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

20 February 2025

**A/HRC/58/28: Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice - Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

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Palestine

## [Experts urge humane treatment and immediate release of Israeli hostages and arbitrarily detained Palestinians](#)

**Nations Human Rights Council** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Council News*

### [Human Rights Council Advisory Committee concludes its 33rd session](#)

GENEVA (21 February 2025) - The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee has concluded its 33rd session, held since 17 February at the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Chamber (Room XX) at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The session was chaired by Nadia Bernoussi.

**At the close of the session, the Committee, which serves as the Council's "think tank," acted on six issues.**

On **Human rights implications of new and emerging technologies in the military domain** (resolution 51/22), the Committee requested the drafting group to finalize the report in the light of the discussion held by the Advisory Committee at its present session and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its 60th session in September-October 2025.

On **Impact of disinformation on the enjoyment and realization of human rights** (resolution 55/10), the Committee requested the drafting group to submit a preliminary draft of the study to the Advisory Committee at its thirty-fourth session, taking into account the inputs received from States and other stakeholders and rights holders in response to the questionnaire circulated after the thirty-second session of the Advisory Committee and the discussions held at the present session.

On **Technology-facilitated gender-based violence and its impact on women and girls** (resolution 56/11), the Committee requested the drafting group to submit a preliminary draft of the study to the Advisory Committee at its 34th session, taking into account the inputs received from States and other stakeholders and rights holders in response to the questionnaire circulated after the 32nd session of the Advisory Committee and the discussions held at the present session.

On **Implications of plastic pollution for the full enjoyment of human rights** (decision 56/117), the Committee decided to take stock of the views and contributions of stakeholders at the present session and to continue its discussions on this mandate.

On **Impact of artificial intelligence systems on good governance** (resolution 57/5), the Committee decided to finalize and disseminate a questionnaire, after the current session, to seek the views of and inputs from stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies and other relevant stakeholders. It also requested the drafting group to submit a preliminary draft of the study to the Advisory Committee at its thirty-fourth session, taking into account the discussions held at the current session and the replies to be received to the above-mentioned questionnaire.

Finally, the Committee decided to submit a research proposal entitled "Achieving social justice by enhancing the justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights" for consideration of and approval by the Human Rights Council...

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest news*

20 Feb 2025 *Press releases*

### [Albania violated Roma children's rights by denying birth registration, UN Human Rights Committee finds](#)

20 Feb 2025 *Press releases*

### [Children in DRC endure grave violations under siege, UN Committee warns](#)

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Statements, Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News*

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**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest news*

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**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest news*

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

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

*Latest News*

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**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press releases*

**[UN urges global action to protect and support civilians devastated by Sudan's war](#)**

Sudan is among the most devastating crises of our time. The UN and partners urge global action on their US\$6 billion appeal to help people in the country and the region

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**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News and Stories [Selected]*

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**[Today's top news: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Ukraine](#)**

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**[The Sudan conflict: What's really going on](#)**

21 February 2025

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**[Humanitarian reset](#)**

20 February 2025

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest Stories*

*Blog*

February 20, 2025

**[Revised OCHA Data Responsibility Guidelines](#)**

By Data Responsibility Team

Four years after their initial publication, we have revised the OCHA Data Responsibility Guidelines ('the Guidelines'), which offer principles, processes and tools to ensure the safe, ethical and effective management of data in operational response. The revision aligns the Guidelines with UN Secretariat policy and incorporates feedback from OCHA offices.

**IOM [International Organization for Migration]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://www.iom.int>

*Press Releases – Selected News*

*News* 21 Feb 2025

**[IOM Aims to Aid Two Million People in Ukraine in 2025 as War and Displacement Continue](#)**

**UNAIDS** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News, Stories, Updates*

*Feature story*

**[UNAIDS launches the development of the new Global AIDS Strategy 2026-2031](#)**

20 February 2025

In the past two decades, HIV-related deaths have been reduced by more than half, and millions of people have gained access to life-saving treatment. Scientific breakthroughs, strong political commitment, and community leadership have transformed the HIV response. Yet, despite these remarkable achievements, the path to ending AIDS is still full of challenges.

Today, the HIV response is at a crossroads. Persistent inequalities, financial constraints, and emerging health threats risk derailing progress. The hard-won gains of recent decades must not only be safeguarded but accelerated. This is why UNAIDS is launching the development of the [new Global AIDS Strategy 2026-2031](#), an ambitious, inclusive, and action-driven plan that will guide the global HIV response for the next five years and help end AIDS as a public health threat.

*Feature Story*

### **[The critical impact of the PEPFAR funding freeze for HIV across Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

19 February 2025

The U.S. decision in January to freeze all funding for U.S. foreign assistance, including for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), has had a critical impact on several countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, exacerbating existing challenges in the HIV response. More than 20 countries in the region rely on these funds to deliver HIV treatment, prevention, and care services, including community-led services focused on the most discriminated and marginalized communities.

**UNICEF** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements*

*Press release* 20 February 2025

### **[One in five children in Ukraine has lost a relative or friend since the escalation of war three years ago](#)**

KYIV/NEW YORK, 21 February 2025 – One in five children in Ukraine has reported losing a close relative or friend since the escalation of war three years ago, according to survey data released today by UNICEF. "For far too long, death and destruction have remained a constant in the lives of children in Ukraine," sa...

*News note* 19 February 2025

### **[Mass polio vaccination campaign to continue in the Gaza Strip](#)**

EAST JERUSALEM/AMMAN/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 19 February 2025 - The emergency polio outbreak response in the Gaza Strip is continuing, with a mass vaccination campaign scheduled from 22 to 26 February 2025. The novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) will be administered to over 591,000 children under 10 years of age to ...

*Press release* 19 February 2025

### **[Multiple disease outbreaks heighten public health emergencies for children across Eastern and Southern Africa](#)**

NAIROBI, 19 February 2025 - Public health emergencies, including outbreaks of cholera, mpox and, more recently, viral haemorrhagic fevers, are posing significant threats to the safety and wellbeing of millions of children in Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF said today. The high number of health crises, often wo...

*Press release* 17 February 2025

### **[Thousands more children deprived of education as crisis in eastern DR Congo escalates](#)**

KINSHASA, 17 February 2025 – As levels of violence and displacement in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) surge, UNICEF is calling for emergency measures to save the school year for hundreds of thousands of children. Even before the latest escalation of the conflict, the education system in eastern DRC...

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**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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19 February 2025 Joint News Release

[Mass polio vaccination campaign to continue in the Gaza Strip](#)

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**WHO Regional Offices**

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**WHO African Region AFRO**

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[Uganda discharges all eight Ebola disease patients](#)

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[Scaling up mpox outbreak response in Sierra Leone](#)

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[Protecting the Central African Republic's remote communities from polio](#)

:: 14 February 2025

**WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: 21 Feb 2025

[PAHO and AECID Strengthen Health Cooperation, Focusing on Cervical Cancer Elimination in the Americas](#)

Washington, DC, February 21, 2025 (OPS) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) have formalized a memorandum of understanding to reinforce their shared commitment to improving public health across the Americas. This agreement marks a decisive step in the fight against...

**WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

*No new digest content identified.*

**WHO European Region EURO**

:: 17 February 2025 *News release*

[New WHO/Europe report shows mixed picture in response and recovery during the COVID-19 transition period](#)

**WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

:: [Mass polio vaccination campaign to continue in the Gaza Strip](#)

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**WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified.*



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## **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

*Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.*

### **Multi-country cholera outbreak, external situation report #23 -20 February 2025**

#### *Overview*

In January 2025 (epidemiological weeks 1 to 4), a total of 34 799 new cholera and/or Acute Watery Diarrhoea cases were reported from 19 countries, territories, areas across three WHO regions, marking a 27% decrease from December 2024. The African Region registered the highest number of cases, followed by the Eastern Mediterranean Region and the South-East Asia Region. **The period also saw 349 cholera-related deaths globally, highlighting a 33% decrease from the previous month.** While the seasonal decline in transmission during winter months may partly explain the reduction in case numbers in some regions, the overall cholera data remains incomplete due to underreporting and reporting delays.

**In January, Oral Cholera Vaccines production reached 6.2 million doses, reflecting significant efforts by the supplier and partners.** This progress follows the introduction and prequalification of a new vaccine formulation and manufacturing process earlier in 2024. However, **current production has yet to meet growing global demand, and demand continues to exceed supply, hindering efforts to control cholera outbreaks,** respond rapidly to the disease's spread, and implement preventative campaigns.

Conflict, mass displacement, disasters from natural hazards, and climate change have intensified outbreaks, particularly in rural and flood-affected areas, where poor infrastructure and limited healthcare access delay treatment. These cross-border factors have made cholera outbreaks increasingly complex and harder to control.

Cholera upsurge (2021-present): <https://www.who.int/emergencies/situations/cholera-upsurge/>

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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.*

### **21 February 2025 | Sudan virus disease - Uganda**

#### *Situation at a glance*

As of 20 February 2025, a total of nine confirmed cases of Sudan virus disease, including one death have been reported from Uganda, since the outbreak was declared on 30 January 2025. Eight cases received care at treatment centres in the capital Kampala and in Mbale and were discharged on 18 February after two negative tests 72 hours apart. As of 20 February 2025, 58 contacts that have been identified are still under follow up in designated quarantine facilities located in Jinja, Kampala, and Mbale. Sudan virus disease belongs to the same family as Ebola virus disease. It is caused by Sudan virus (SUDV). It is a severe disease with high case fatality ranging from 41% to 70% in past outbreaks. In the absence of licensed vaccines and therapeutics for the prevention and treatment of SVD, the risk of potential serious public health impact is high. Early detection, diagnosis, and optimized supportive care may increase the chance of survival.

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## **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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## **New WHO Publications**

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

*Selected*

21 February 2025

**[Call to action on respiratory pathogen pandemic planning: outcomes from the Global meeting on preparedness and resilience for emerging threats, Geneva, Switzerland, 24-26 April 2023](#)**

21 February 2025 | Technical document

21 February 2025

**[A framework for tracking global progress on preparedness for respiratory pandemics](#)**

*Overview*

A global monitoring framework has been developed to support WHO's Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats (PRET) initiative, focusing on respiratory pathogen pandemic preparedness. This framework enables WHO, countries, and partners to assess functional capacities for respiratory pandemic preparedness in the areas of emergency coordination, collaborative surveillance, community protection, clinical care, and access to countermeasures. Drawing on insights from the COVID-19 pandemic, the framework provides a structured approach to tracking global progress and identifying areas for improvement to strengthen global resilience against respiratory pathogen threats. Annual progress reports will accompany the framework to showcase the global status of functional capacities needed to prepare for future respiratory pandemics.

19 February 2025

**[Infection prevention and control and water, sanitation and hygiene measures during mpox vaccination activities](#)**

*Overview*

This document outlines key infection prevention and control (IPC) principles for safely administering mpox vaccines. Standard precautions should be followed, including ensuring a clean, well-ventilated environment and providing training for health workers and information for the public. Vaccination delivery should align with national IPC guidance, include proper waste management, and avoid unnecessary PPE use.

19 February 2025

**[Technical Science for Health Network: Techne: activity report 2020-2024](#)**

*Overview*

The Technical Science for Health Network (WHO-Techne) is a global community of accredited architectural and engineering universities, institutions and associations established by WHO to strengthen emergency preparedness and response operations. To this end, WHO-Techne develops and designs innovative health facility solutions and provides Member States and health partners rapid and customized technical support to realise agreed objectives.

17 February 2025

**[Encephalitis: global threats, trends and public health implications: a technical brief](#)**

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**World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*News*

**New Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza**

Published on 21 February 2025

**UNFPA United Nations Population Fund** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Selected Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP United Nations Development Programme** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News Centre*

**Accelerating Economic Recovery is Critical to Reversing Syria's Decline and Restoring Stability**

The United Nations Development Programme says that while nine out of ten people are living in poverty and one in four jobless, Syria's economy could restore its pre-conflict level within a decade with robust growth.

February 19, 2025

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP United Nations Environment Programme** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Resources [Selected]*

17 Feb 2025 *Press Release*

**New Coalition aims to put Artificial Intelligence on a more sustainable path**

Over 100 partners, including 37 tech companies, eleven countries and five international organizations, have joined forces under the Coalition for Environmentally Sustainable Artificial Intelligence (AI), aiming to ramp up global momentum to place AI on a more environmentally sustainable path. Spearheaded by France, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Coalition brings together stakeholders across the AI value chain for dialogue and ambitious collaborative initiatives.

**UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]*

### **How ancestral insights can strengthen early warnings**

Despite the importance of localized methods to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to disasters, this knowledge is often overlooked. Here are four actions to integrate indigenous and local knowledges into  
*Update* 17 February 2025

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Articles - Selected*

21-02-2025 | DESA

### **The world economy in 2025: Pitfalls and prospects**

21 February 2025 - The global economy has shown remarkable resilience over the past two years, but significant challenges and uncertainties remain. At UN DESA's seminar, The World Economy in 2025: Pitfalls and Prospects, experts took stock of recent economic trends and explored risks that could shape the road ahead.

21-02-2025 | DESA

### **Advancing sustainable development by 2030 and beyond**

21 February 2025 - What has changed in the development landscape since 2015 that demands changes in how we approach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? What lessons have we learned from the implementation of the 2030 Agenda so far? And what is needed from the international community to accelerate progress to 2030 and beyond, taking into account the current context and lessons learned?

20-02-2025 | DESA

### **What is social justice and how is the UN helping make it a reality?**

19 February 2025 - In recent years, the term "social justice" has become a significant part of public discourse, often invoked in discussions about equality, human rights, and societal reforms. But what exactly does social justice mean, and why is it so important?

19-02-2025 | DESA

### **Forging a path towards a world where everyone can thrive**

18 February 2025 - "Societies built on inclusion, social justice and solidarity can more easily scale up investments in policies advancing social progress," [said](#) UN DESA's Under-Secretary-General Li Junhua as the Commission for Social Development opened its 63rd session on 10 February 2025.

18-02-2025 | DESA

### **Multilateralism: What is it, and why does it matter?**

18 February 2025 - Multilateralism is a term frequently used at the United Nations, but it's not a concept that is only relevant to the corridors and conference rooms where international diplomacy takes place.

17-02-2025 | DESA

### **Scaling up or losing steam? Parliamentarians debate the future of the SDGs**

13 February 2025 - As the clock ticks toward 2030, parliamentarians gathered at UN Headquarters in New York on Thursday to assess...

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/all-news-recent>

News [Selected]

**ILO, USP2030 and Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors call to safeguard social protection expenditure**

News 19 February 2025

**ILO Director-General calls for placing decent work at the heart of automation and AI adoption**

18 February 2025

**UNESCO** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected] - Observatory of Killed Journalists

**New UNESCO report calls for multilingual education to unlock learning and inclusion**

*This year marks the 25th anniversary of International Mother Language Day, celebrating a quarter-century of dedicated efforts to preserve and promote the use of mother tongues.*

Last update: 19 February 2025

A new UNESCO report, Languages matter: Global guidance on multilingual education, released on International Mother Language Day on 21 February 2025, highlights the urgent need to include multilingualism in education systems so that children learn in a language they understand.

Today, 40 % of people globally lack access to education in the language they speak and understand fluently. In some low- and middle-income countries, this figure rises to 90%. More than a quarter of a billion learners are affected....

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

Announcements [Selected]

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

**Refugee response has reduced risks of migrant smuggling and human trafficking stemming from war in Ukraine, new UNODC study finds**

19/02/2025

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

**C40 Cities and UN-Habitat join forces to drive bold action for more resilient, sustainable and inclusive cities**

Monday, 17 February 2025

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

News [Selected]

**Japan contributes \$11.9 million to scale up FAO's emergency and resilience activities**

The funding will support 14 critical projects across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East  
Construction workers dig trenches before gabions are built on the HariRud-Murghab river basin as part  
of community irrigation and livelihood enhancement - funded by Japan Government in Herat,  
Afghanistan.  
21/02/2025

**World Food Programme** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases [Selected]*

22 February 2025

**Three years into the war in Ukraine, one third of population in frontlines regions struggle to find enough to eat**

KYIV, Ukraine — As the war in Ukraine enters its fourth year, an estimated five million Ukrainians are facing food insecurity, with the greatest needs concentrated in areas near the frontlines. According to data collected by the UN World Food Programme (WFP), millions of people are resorting to coping mechanisms, sacrificing their own meals so their children can eat. Others are going into debt to buy sufficient food supplies to feed their families.

21 February 2025

**WFP welcomes Japan's commitment to action against global hunger**

YOKOHAMA – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed a timely contribution of US\$58 million from the Government of Japan. This contribution will enable WFP to support vulnerable populations affected by conflict, climate change, and economic crisis in 28 countries across Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

20 February 2025

**WFP delivers life-saving nutrition supplies to remote communities in Madagascar via unmanned aircraft**

ANTANANARIVO /JOHANNESBURG– The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has for the first time in three months, delivered life-saving nutrition supplies for malnourished children in the remote region of Farafangana, southeastern Madagascar. The consignment of Plumpy'Sup - a lifesaving supplement for children suffering from malnutrition, was delivered via an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) marking a milestone in the use of UAS technology to reach remote and isolated communities.

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**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights [Selected]*

**ICAO calls on States, Aircraft Operators and other stakeholders to enhance support for air crash victims and their families**

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**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*What's New*

21 February 2025

**[IMO progresses talks on greenhouse gas reduction from shipping](#)**

International efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions from shipping took a step forward as the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions (ISWG-GHG 18) concluded its latest round of discussions.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

**[The Rabeha Joint Programme boosts sales and market access for Egyptian women-led handicraft enterprises](#)**

20 February 2025

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://www.iso.org/announcements.html>

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]*

**[Second resumed session of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity](#)**

25–27 February 2025 - Rome, Italy

Meeting documents: [Annotated Agenda](#)



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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*Website not responding at inquiry.*

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.]** [nee DFID] [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press release*

**[The Global Geopolitical Situation: Foreign Secretary's speech at the G20 in South Africa](#)**

20 February 2025 — Speech

Foreign Secretary David Lammy's intervention on Discussions on the Global Geopolitical Situation at the G20 Foreign Ministerial Meeting in South Africa.

**[Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary: Bad peace deal with Russia will cause damage far beyond Ukraine](#)**

14 February 2025 — News story

The Foreign and Defence Secretaries have written a joint Op-Ed in the Daily Telegraph on how to reach a strong and durable peace in Ukraine.

**[Munich Security Conference: G7 foreign ministers' statement, February 2025](#)**

15 February 2025 — Press release

G7 foreign ministers and the EU gave a joint statement on the margins of the Munich Security Conference on 15 February 2025.

**ECHO** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**African Union** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

*Press releases [Selected]*

**[Power of Service: African Union deploys new cohort of Youth Volunteers.](#)**

February 21, 2025

The African Union has deployed and onboarded the 12<sup>th</sup> cohort of Youth Volunteers.

**[Nouakchott Declaration Ignites Political Dialogue to Fuel Sustainable Education](#)**

February 20, 2025

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Secretariat News [Selected]*

**[ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Rights of Palestinians to Self-Determination](#)**

February 12, 2025

1. We reaffirm our longstanding support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the rights to self-determination, and to their homeland. We call on the international community to ensure respect for international law, international humanitarian and human rights law.
2. We urge all parties concerned to engage in meaningful dialogue to achieve a comprehensive and peaceful resolution to the longstanding conflict based on the two-State solution in accordance with international law and the relevant UNSC and UNGA resolutions, including UNGA resolution A/RES/ES-10/23 on the Admission of New Members to the UN dated 10 May 2024 which we all voted in favour.

*Download the full statement [here](#).*

**European Commission**

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

*Latest [Selected]*

*Statement Feb 20, 2025*

**[Statement by High Representative / Vice President Kallas and Commissioner Šuica on the issuance of a decree-law restructuring the social welfare system by the Palestinian Authority's President Abbas](#)**

The awaited decree-law issued by the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mohammed Abbas, on 11 February 2025 aimed at restructuring the social welfare system and revoking the "prisoners and martyrs' payment" mechanism represents a significant political development.

**OECD** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

**[Healthcare systems need to better respond to patients' needs, finds first international OECD patient survey](#)**

*Health 20 February 2025*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

**[OAS General Secretariat and Belize Sign Agreement to Strengthen Protection of Refugees](#)**

February 21, 2025

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://new.oic-oci.org/SitePages/latestnews.aspx>

*News*

## **OIC Condemns the Decision of the Government of Fiji to Move its Embassy to Occupied Al-Quds**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed its rejection and condemnation of the decision of the Prime Minister of the Government of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka, to move his country's  
2025-02-19

## **19 homes demolished, 216 Palestinians arrested, Gaza suffers from restrictions on aid entry**

In only one week: Israel intensifies its settlement activity in the West Bank The Israeli occupation forces have intensified their expansionist plans in the West Bank  
2025-02-18

### **Group of 77** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of the Republic of Iraq, at the **intergovernmental consultations on the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance (New York, 19 February 2025)**

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### **UNCTAD** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://unctad.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

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

*Latest News*

18 February 2025

**Three Decades of Progress: Key Takeaways from the 43rd Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO)**

### **UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*WTO News and Events [Selected]*

**Need to deepen discussions on WTO reform highlighted at General Council meeting**

19 February 2025

The need to deepen discussions on WTO reform and to consider fundamental changes to how the organization functions in the light of current challenges was highlighted during a meeting of the WTO's General Council on 18-19 February. The reform discussions were formally launched at the WTO's 12th

Ministerial Conference (MC12) in 2022.

"We are facing a new reality," Ambassador Ølberg, the outgoing Chair of the General Council, told members. "We must all understand that some of our fundamental values and principles are being challenged. It's not business as usual anymore for any of us. It's not the time for any of us to insist on old positions or speaking points. We must engage in real dialogue."

Ambassador Ølberg said the new reality underlined the need for fundamental reform of the WTO. At MC12, WTO members for the first time agreed to undertake a comprehensive review of the WTO's functions in order to ensure the organization is capable of responding more effectively to both the challenges facing the multilateral trading system and the opportunities provided by contemporary developments in global trade.

"We should be open to reform, real reform, not baby steps," he said. "Only then can our common WTO have a future. It's up to us." Channelling a Bob Dylan song, he warned members that "the times, they are a-changing".

The need to accelerate and deepen the reform as the WTO marks the 30th anniversary of its founding was highlighted by a number of members under several agenda items during the two-day General Council meeting...

### **DDG Ellard urges support for multilateral trading system amid geopolitical challenges**

20 February 2025

Deputy Director-General Angela Ellard, speaking at the 54th session of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade in Brussels on 20 February, urged parliamentarians to rally behind the multilateral trading system amid mounting geopolitical challenges. In her address, she outlined the organization's negotiating priorities ahead of the WTO's 14th Ministerial Conference in March 2026 and emphasized the need for stronger global cooperation to navigate current geopolitical tensions. Her full speech is below.

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### **IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press releases* 04/02/2025

*No new digest content identified.*

### **International Court of Justice** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Case Documentation*

[Press release No. 2025/9](#)

20 February 2025

Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Request for Advisory Opinion) - **The Court authorizes the African Union to participate in the proceedings**

### **International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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

*News*

**ICC Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan KC appoints two new Special Advisers**

*Statement* 18 February 2025 Office of the Prosecutor

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mr Karim A.A. Khan KC, is pleased to announce the appointment of new Special Advisers pursuant to article 42.9 of the Rome Statute:

- Judge Dr Sanji Mmasenono Monageng – Special Adviser without portfolio ([Bio](#));
- Evelyn Ama Ankumah – Special Adviser without portfolio ([Bio](#))

The appointment of Special Advisers is intended to create a network of experts representing different regions of the world with cultural, linguistic, and gender diversity. Their specific expertise reinforces the Office of the Prosecutor's (OTP) capabilities to effectively and efficiently discharge its mandate under the Statute, and to strengthen specialisation on a wide range of issues and priority areas identified by the Prosecutor...

**International Law Commission** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://legal.un.org/ilc/>

*Recent Developments*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://www.itlos.org/en/main/latest-news/>

*Latest News*

20 February 2025

[\*\*Visit by the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the Tribunal\*\*](#)

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**World Bank** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*All News [Selected]*

[\*\*Nature-Based Solutions for Resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa: Where Do We Stand and What Is Needed?\*\*](#)

Date: February 21, 2025 Type: Publication

[\*\*World Bank to Boost Foundational Learning Outcomes in Eastern and Southern Africa for More Than 70 Million Children\*\*](#)

WASHINGTON, February 20, 2025 – A new program aims to expand equitable access and enhance learning outcomes in basic education across Eastern and Southern Africa, benefiting over 70 million children. The...

Date: February 20, 2025 Type: Press Release Language: English

[\*\*The Advancing Innovative Methods to Promote Learning \(AIM4Learning\) Program: Comoros\*\*](#)

What is the Advancing Innovative Methods to Promote Learning (AIM4Learning) Program? The Advancing Innovative Methods to Promote Learning (AIM4Learning) Program is a \$1.54 billion regional program funded...

Date: February 20, 2025 Type: Factsheet

[\*\*WRI and the World Bank Present Landmark Assessment of Nature-Based Solutions in Africa\*\*](#)

The assessment includes contributions from the African Development Bank. WRI also launches Green-Gray Infrastructure Accelerator, supporting 11 African cities in building climate resilience. NAIROBI, February...

Date: February 19, 2025 Type: Press Release

### **Global Economic Prospects: Enabling Low-Income Countries to Thrive**

The next 25 years could prove decisive in determining whether the world's 26 poorest countries progress to middle-income status. Home to more than 40 percent of people struggling on less than \$2.15 a day...

### **Financing Shortfalls Hinder Road Safety Progress in Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

MARRAKECH, February 18, 2025 - Road safety financing faces a critical shortfall, hindering progress toward halving global road traffic fatalities and injuries by 2030. Each year, road crashes claim an...

Date: February 18, 2025 Type: Press Release

### **New Report Assesses Damages, Losses and Needs in Gaza and the West Bank**

WASHINGTON, February 18, 2025 – Reconstruction and recovery needs in Gaza are estimated to require \$53 billion, according to the Gaza & West Bank Interim Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (IRDNA) released...

Date: February 18, 2025 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

February 20, 2025

### **Foreign Direct Investment Increased to a Record \$41 Trillion**

India, Mexico, Brazil, and some other major emerging economies recorded strong growth, while the United States continued to extend its lead as the top destination for direct investment

February 17, 2025

### **Joint Statement by the Saudi Finance Minister and IMF Managing Director on Supporting Recovery in the Middle East's Conflict-Affected Economies**

*Joint Statement by the Saudi Finance Minister and IMF Managing Director on Supporting Recovery in the Middle East's Conflict-Affected Economies*

Al Ula, Saudi Arabia, – February 16, 2025: On the sidelines of the inaugural annual global Conference on Emerging Market Economies in Al Ula, Saudi Arabia (February 16-17), the Saudi Finance Ministry and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) co-hosted a high-level roundtable on "Working Together to Support Recovery in the Middle East's Conflict-Affected Economies", bringing together finance ministers of countries in the region, the Foreign Affairs Minister of Syria, representatives from the World Bank, and heads of other International Financial Institutions and the Arab Coordination Group...

Participants agreed on the following priorities to support conflict-affected countries:

- *A Continuous Diagnostic* of the challenges and economic and social context facing each conflict-affected country, including an assessment of humanitarian and reconstruction needs. Such a diagnostic should identify institution-building priorities, gaps in policies, and financing needs.
- *Enhanced Capacity Development (CD)* aimed at rapidly scaling up IMF and World Bank CD initiatives to help strengthen and, as needed, build new institutions. Support would need to be tailored to strengthen essential functions of fiscal, monetary and banking institutions.
- *Mobilization of financial assistance from the international community*. Financial support—coordinated with international and regional development partners—will be needed to fund comprehensive reform programs, including reconstruction and humanitarian aid.

"Participants underscored their readiness to work together and complement each other's efforts while focusing on their institutional mandates. They will continue to work closely and with other partners to further support the international response to the recovery of conflict-affected economies in the Middle East region."

**African Development Bank** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<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]*

**Paving the Way for a Stronger and More Integrated Africa: African Development Bank Reaffirms its Commitment at Casablanca Ministerial Roundtable**

21-Feb-2025 - The African Development Bank has reinforced its dedication to regional integration, highlighting the transformative potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in creating a united market that could boost intra-African trade by 52 percent by 2035.

**African Development Bank Partners with Interpol to Combat Financial Crime and Strengthen Anti-Corruption Efforts in Africa**

20-Feb-2025 - The African Development Bank Group has taken a significant step forward in its fight against corruption and financial crime by signing a Letter of Intent with the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) today. The Bank Group is the first multilateral development bank to establish such a collaboration with Interpol. The Letter of Intent was signed on Wednesday by African Development Bank Group President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina and Interpol Secretary General Valdecy Urquiza, who visited the Bank's headquarters in Abidjan.

**African ministers hold strategic dialogue on visa-free movement to propel regional integration agenda for Africa's Transformation**

18-Feb-2025 - On the sidelines of the 38th African Union Summit, African leaders discussed obstacles to the continent's economic integration, underscoring visa-free movement to reduce illegal migration and strengthen official travel channels. The high-level dialogue, convened by the African Development Bank Group and the African Union Commission alongside the AU Summit, brought together trade ministers and business leaders who pointed to Rwanda's experience as evidence that open borders enhance, rather than compromise, security.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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18 Feb 2025

**ADB Capital Utilization Plan Expands Operations by 50% Over Next Decade**

ADB approved a plan to scale up its operations by 50% over the next decade, leveraging its existing capital base to enhance its development impact across Asia and the Pacific.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*



**IDB** – Inter-American Development Bank [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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**[The IDB and Non-Regional Member Countries Review IDB Impact+ Implementation](#)**

TOKYO – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) held its annual consultation with non-regional member countries on February 19-20 in Tokyo, Japan, as part of preparations for the IDB and IDB Invest Annual Meetings, scheduled for March 26-30 in Chile. This high-level dialogue convened...  
February 20, 2025

**[IDB Invest and Japan's JICA Announce \\$1 Billion Fund to Boost Private Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

TOKYO — IDB Invest and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) announced a \$1 billion contribution from JICA to establish the JICA Trust Fund Achieving Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (TADAC). This landmark initiative – the agency's first private-sector fund with the IDB and...

February 18, 2025

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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*Press release* 15 February 2025

**[IFAD President meets with African Heads of State at African Union Summit](#)**

The President of IFAD, Alvaro Lario, will attend the 38th African Union (AU) Summit from 15 to 16 February 2025 to meet African leaders and reaffirm IFAD's commitment to supporting the continent in

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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*Saudi Arabia*

**[IsDB President engages international experts on ambitious IsDB Group ten-year plan](#)**

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

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:: ***INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch***

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

**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Ukraine*

**Ukraine : Trois ans de guerre et de vies brisées**

Publié le 20 février 2025

Depuis trois ans, une guerre de haute intensité bouleverse la vie de millions de citoyens ukrainiens. Plus de 12,7 millions de personnes, soit 40 % de la population, ont besoin d'aide humanitaire. Cette crise humanitaire sévère est à un tournant critique, notamment en raison de la baisse des financements.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*Our Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*BS International News*

**Supporting Syrians and their Heritage Webinars (Parts 1 & 2)**

Blue Shield and Heritage for Peace were pleased to host two online Webinars on Supporting Syrians and their Heritage, on Friday 20 December and 21 February 2025

**BRAC** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News/Events*

**World Seminar 2024 Re-Scheduled to May 9-14, 2025**

We are excited to announce that the Clubhouse International World Seminar 2024, which was canceled due to Hurricane Helene, has been rescheduled. World Seminar 2025 will take place at the same venue, Tradewinds Resort at St. Pete Beach, Florida, USA. The new dates are Friday, May 9 - Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://ecpat.org/>

*ECPAT News*

Feb 19, 2025

**Groundbreaking Case Study Launched: A Model for Sustainable Tourism with Child Protection at its Core**

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

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

**EIFL OA publishing agreements cover 2,927 journals**

17 Feb 2025

We have updated the lists 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 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements*

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

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – February 2025](#)

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 21 Feb 2025](#)

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

### **Five things you should know about... explosive ordnance contamination in Ukraine**

19 February 2025

There is massive contamination in Ukraine as a consequence of the armed conflict that began in 2014 and intensified after Russia's full-scale invasion of the country in February 2022.

**Heifer International** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://www.heifer.org/about-us/news.html>

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### **Want sustainable food? Listen to Indigenous farmers**

Oscar Castañeda

Published: February 21, 2025 | Heifer International

**HelpAge International** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

### **Left behind in crisis: the plight of older people of the DRC**

21 February 2025

As the conflict in DRC displaces millions, older people are stranded without food, shelter, or medical care. Many face forced returns to unsafe areas.

### **Behind the lens: Adelina Borets on capturing Ukraine's resilience through her films**

18 February 2025

Ukrainian filmmaker Adelina Borets reflects on her trilogy of films capturing the resilience, strength, and overlooked experiences of older people in Ukraine amid war.

### **Why older people are overlooked in humanitarian aid**

18 February 2025

This blog by Chris McIvor, Regional Representative for Eurasia and the Middle East at HelpAge International, examines the ongoing exclusion of older people in humanitarian crises and the urgent need for more inclusive aid responses.

**ICRC** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest press releases and statements [Selected]*

### **Israel and the occupied territories: ICRC facilitates vital operation to allow families to bury their loved ones**

20-02-2025 Jerusalem (ICRC) - Today the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) brought back the remains of those who should have been reunited with their loved ones in life, not in death. ...

*News release 20-02-2025*

### **Israel and the occupied territories: ICRC urges dignity and privacy ahead of next release operation**

19-02-2025 Geneva (ICRC) – As we prepare for the next release operation, we once again call for all releases to be conducted in a private and dignified manner, including when they tragically involve ...

*News release 19-02-2025*

### **OEWG: Statement on International Law**

Delivered by Noa Schreuer, Legal Advisor, at the 10th Substantive Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025, New Statement 19-02-2025

### **Joint statement of the ICRC, the International Federation and the Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: One too many humanitarian crises in North and South Kivu**

18-02-2025 Kinshasa/Goma, 17 February 2025 – The Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC Red Cross), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International ...

*News release* 18-02-2025

### **Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025**

10th Substantive Session: ICRC Statement on Threats, February 2025 Ambassador Gafoor, Excellencies, dear Colleagues, The International Committee of the Red Cross is grateful for the opportunity to ...

*Statement* 18-02-2025

### **ICRC facilitates safe transfer of three hostages and 343 detainees, and calls for dignified conditions in ongoing release operations**

15-02-2025 Jerusalem (ICRC) – The continuation of the ceasefire agreement has enabled more families to be reunited as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) safely transferred three *News release* 15-02-2025

**IFRC** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo: One too many humanitarian crises in North and South Kivu**

19/02/2025 | *Press release*

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

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

*Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts*

*Story*

### **After the Fires: How We're Helping Southern California Recover**

February 20, 2025

It's a warmer-than-normal January afternoon in Santa Monica, California. On the side of the road, in a parking lot temporarily serving as the re-entry point to the scorched Palisades neighborhood, members of International Medical Corps' mental health team are approaching residents to see how they're doing and provide resources to support their emotional recovery. Kimberly ...

*Story*

### **Chickens Bring New Life to Families in Ethiopia**

February 18, 2025

Aster Gebeyo is raising two children, including her one-year-old granddaughter, in an area of Ethiopia that has long suffered from food shortages, conflict and drought. "I was struggling to feed my granddaughter, who was underweight, along with another young child," Aster explains. "Thanks to cooking demonstrations, gardening training and poultry from International Medical Corps, I ...

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

**[The IRC warns intensifying violence in the West Bank is having a devastating impact on children's lives and preventing vital aid delivery](#)**

February 20, 2025

**IRCT** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<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 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*Opinion*

**[The humanitarian sector must do more to strengthen local partners – here's how](#)**

In over a decade, the humanitarian sector has made only slow progress towards localisation – a movement to shift power to local and national actors to lead humanitarian and development initiatives – but Islamic Relief researcher Zahra Khan Durrani believes there is fresh cause for hope. The Grand Bargain, launched at the World Humanitarian Summit ...

February 21, 2025

**Mercy Corps** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

February 21, 2025

**[Three Years of Full-Scale War in Ukraine: A Renewed Call for Global Support as Humanitarian Crisis Grinds on](#)**

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**[Democratic Republic of Congo: Statement following the passing of our colleague](#)**

Statement 22 Feb 2025

*Sudan*

**Over 800 people hospitalised and dozens are dead from waterborne infection in Sudan's White Nile state**

Press Release 21 Feb 2025

*Ukraine*

**The medical humanitarian needs in Ukraine remain as urgent as ever**

Press Release 21 Feb 2025

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**Democratic Republic of Congo: MSF staff member critically injured in Masisi town after shots hit MSF base**

Press Release 20 Feb 2025

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**DRC: Injured seek treatment from MSF-supported hospitals in Bukavu amid fighting**

Interview 18 Feb 2025

**The New Humanitarian** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://mailchi.mp/thenewhumanitarian.org/weekly-roundup-9-13-september-2024?e=52809bead7>

*Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet*

*Feature* 21 February 2025

**Aid's system reboot, Germany's high-stakes polls, and Sudan's latest massacre**

*A weekly read to keep you in the loop on humanitarian issues.*

**Norwegian Refugee Council**

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

*Latest News*

*Press release*

**Ukraine three years on: Sharp increase in basic needs along the frontline**

20. Feb 2025 | Ukraine

**OXFAM** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Stories*

*Politics of Poverty*

**Trump on Gender: The Dehumanization is the Point**

Feb. 19, 2025

Trump's Administration is aggressively undermining gender rights: denying the existence of trans individuals, rolling back their hard-earned human rights, and misusing the language and efforts of the gender equality and women's rights movements to the detriment of women and girls. The result is that we are all worse off for it.

**Pact** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://www.pactworld.org/press-room>

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*



**Partners In Health** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News & Stories*

**Local Solutions for Global Impact: New Microbiology Lab Opens in Sierra Leone**

The cutting-edge lab is a central hub for PIH-supported Koidu Government Hospital, providing test results for patients and clinicians across all departments.

February 21, 2025

**PATH** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

**Now is the time to stand with girls in all their diversity**

20 February 2025

Together with our peers in the humanitarian and international development sectors, Plan International has been working at speed to analyse the impact of changes to US foreign assistance announced over recent weeks, and their consequences for children around the world, especially girls.

**Save The Children** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Top stories*

21 Feb 2025 *Burundi, Democratic Congo, Rwanda*

**Unaccompanied and separated children amongst up to 35,000 refugees who have crossed into Burundi in recent weeks**

At least four children have also died upon arrival in Burundi due to illness, said Save the Children, with the squalid conditions in the transit camps and lack of medical supplies leaving children extremely vulnerable to disease and death.

21 Feb 2025 *South Sudan*

**South Sudan: Heatwave forces schools to shut for second year running**

Dangerously high temperatures have forced schools across South Sudan to close for the second year in a row, putting learning out of reach for many children and pushing them further into risks like early marriage, child labour and recruitment into armed groups, Save the Children said.

20 Feb 2025 *Occupied Palestinian territory*

**GAZA: OVER 590,000 CHILDREN TO BE REACHED IN THIRD POLIO VACCINE CAMPAIGN**

Tens of thousands of children have missed routine immunizations, and many newborns received none at all after 16 months of bombardment by Israeli forces and restrictions on entry of medical supplies brought Gaza's healthcare system to the brink and saw polio re-emerge for the first time in 25 years.

19 Feb 2025 *Colombia*

## **470 Children Displaced Daily by Colombia's Escalating Violence as Families Fear Forced Recruitment**

Since armed conflict abruptly escalated on 16 January in Colombia's Catatumbo region, non-state armed groups have impacted nearly 85,000 people, including displacing at least 14,600 children.

17 Feb 2025 *GLOBAL*

## **Violence turns Sudan's North Darfur into "a death trap" for over 1 million people – INGO Forum**

- Attacks cut off food supplies to famine-stricken Zamzam displacement camp
- People attacked as attempting to flee violence
- Two aid workers killed in Zamzam during the attacks, and local responders under constant threat as well
- No access to critical medical care in the area

**Tostan** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

*News & Stories*

### **Supporting Communities Amid the US Funding Freeze**

Feb 18, 2025

Tostan stands in solidarity with communities and partner organizations affected by the US Government funding freeze. While Tostan's programs remain unaffected, this freeze poses challenges to many critical initiatives in education, health, and economic development.

Read our full statement below to learn more about our commitment to supporting communities during this time:

#### ***Tostan's Statement on the US Government Funding Freeze***

Tostan stands in solidarity with communities and partner organizations deeply affected by the US Government funding freeze. Although our programs are not directly impacted, many of our partner organizations and the communities we work alongside face serious challenges.

This freeze threatens to stall critical programs advancing education, health, and economic opportunity, slowing the remarkable progress communities have made toward their vision of wellbeing.

Yet, we remain hopeful. Over 34 years of partnership with communities across Africa have taught us that mutual support and collective solidarity are powerful forces for overcoming even the most severe challenges. We witnessed this strength during the COVID-19 pandemic, when communities, despite limited resources, found creative ways to protect and support one another.

In times of uncertainty, solidarity becomes even more essential. We extend our deepest gratitude to our supporters, partners, and development practitioners who have stood by our community partners year after year. Your commitment has driven lasting progress and built strong foundations that will endure beyond this crisis.

Now, more than ever, your continued support is vital to ensure communities remain empowered to pursue their vision, and that no progress is lost.

*The Tostan Team*

**Women for Women International** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Articles*

February 20, 2025

### **Women Holding Ukraine Together: A Testimony from Anna Orel**

**World Vision** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.worldvision.org/about-us/media-center>  
*Press Releases & Resources*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
[https://www EFF.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www EFF.org/updates?type=press_release)  
*Our Work*

*Press Release* | February 11, 2025

**EFF and Repro Uncensored Launch #StopCensoringAbortion Campaign**

SAN FRANCISCO—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and the Repro Uncensored coalition on Wednesday launched the #StopCensoringAbortion campaign to ensure that people who need reproductive health and abortion information can find and share it. Censorship of this information by social media companies appears...

**Freedom House** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://freedomhouse.org/news-perspectives/press-releases-statements>  
*News Releases & Statements* *No new digest content identified.*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.hrw.org/>  
*News Releases/Spotlight*  
*Spotlight*

February 17, 2025 | *Report*

**Lebanon: Destruction of Infrastructure Preventing Returns**

Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon between October 2023 and December 2024 destroyed vast swathes of critical civilian infrastructure and public services, preventing tens of thousands of Lebanese from returning to their homes

February 20, 2025 | *Commentary*

**Global Demand for Minerals Requires New Mining Protections**

February 20, 2025 | *Dispatches*

**Openly Gay Imam Gunned Down in South Africa**

February 19, 2025 | *Dispatches*

**Investigate Uzbekistan Deaths, Serious Injuries in Custody**

February 19, 2025 | *News Release*

**Mexico: Serious Deficiencies in Homicide Investigations**

**Transparency International** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.transparency.org/en/news>  
*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Elder's Statements, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News Releases*

18 February 2025

**[South Africa and the United Kingdom Unite to Co-Host the Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund, Reinforcing Their Commitment to Global Health](#)**

Under its G20 Presidency, South Africa highlights the urgent need for sustained investment in health systems, vital for the continent and the world's stability, while the UK remains committed to building modern partnerships able to deliver sustainabl...

18 February 2025

**[Global Fund Partnership Launches Investment Case for Eighth Replenishment](#)**

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) today launched the Investment Case for its Eighth Replenishment during a global virtual event emphasizing strong collaboration with global donors and partners in an effort to a...

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest Resources/Upcoming Events*

**[The Real Impact of the US Funding Suspension on Humanitarian Aid – ICVA Survey Findings \[English\] \[French\]](#)**

18 February 2025

## **90 Day Suspension Order Resources**

This webpage aims to provide key resources, statements, and information regarding the 90-day suspension of funding recently announced by the U.S. government. Please share updates and resources with Eileen Morrow

### **InterAction** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*What's New/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **CHS Alliance** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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

(ALNAP) [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://www.dec.org.uk/>

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

**His Majesty The King meets Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) charities at Buckingham Palace**

*Press release* 19 February 2025

### **EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

18.12.2024

**Reflecting on 2024 in Humanitarian Research and Innovation**

### **Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*News*

**IHSA 2025 Biennial Conference in Istanbul**

The IHSA Conference on Humanitarian Studies will be held in Istanbul, Türkiye, in October 2025.

**IHSA's Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection**

21 Feb 2025 *[text bolding from original]*

About a month has passed since Donald Trump announced the **90-day freeze on all US foreign assistance**, including a stop-work order for international projects. This has effectively gutted the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the single largest aid donor in the world, accounting for about 40% of all humanitarian aid in 2024. The effects thus far for aid organisations across the globe have been devastating – operations have been abruptly suspended, trust from, and access to, affected populations, are negatively affected, and security risks for aid workers have heightened, among many others. While aid organisations are dealing with the effects of the freeze (with local organisations suffering the most), the outcomes of this decision for populations in need of assistance have been especially devastating. This week's selection looks **deeper into the impact of the US Government's aid freeze** – from the **regional impact of the freeze, preventable deaths in Myanmar**, to the **fallout in Afghanistan**. Posts also look at **what the freeze means for diversity and the humanitarian principles**.

In Gaza, we look into how the **huge loss of Palestinian doctors** have **inspired and motivated a new generation** of health professionals dedicated to rebuilding, and **how UNRWA is crucial to survival**. Further, posts look into the **rebuilding in Syria** and the **M23 rebellion in DR Congo**.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

*News/Events/Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

***"Please note that the PHAP secretariat is currently unstaffed. Therefore, there are no ongoing projects or upcoming events planned. The PHAP Board is evaluating how to proceed. If you have an important request, please email [admin@phap.org](mailto:admin@phap.org)"***

**Sphere** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

**Safe water and inclusive aid: Sphere's impact in WASH**

20 February 2025 | *Sphere*

By Elizabeth M. Valmoria, Assistance and Cooperation for Community Resilience and Development (ACCORD) Context Delivering quality humanitarian aid requires teams well-versed in key humanitarian frameworks like Sphere Standards, the Core...

**Start Network** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Reports, Events*

*Research*

**An 'impact hub' approach to transforming global maternal health outcomes by 2030**

Room co-leads: [Mary-Ann Etiebet](#) and [Anne-Marie Slaughter](#)

Room members: [Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin](#), [Gordon LaForge](#), [Alaa Murabit](#), and [Nina Schwalbe](#)  
February 20, 2025

*Artificial Intelligence*

**The geography of generative AI's workforce impacts will likely differ from those of previous technologies**

Mark Muro, Shriya Methkuppally, Molly Kinder  
February 19, 2025

**Center for Global Development** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*All Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Chatham House** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**Independent Thinking: Should Europe start planning for the worst?**

Timothy Garton Ash, Georgina Wright and Orysia Lutsevych join the podcast to discuss whether Europe can still rely on the United States for its security.

Audio

21 February 2025 30 minute listen



*Featured content*

*Explainer*

**[How conflict in Libya facilitated transnational expansion of migrant smuggling and trafficking](#)**

How the Libyan conflict transformed human trafficking routes in West Africa, and why Europe's response has so far failed.

21 February 2025 12 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[German election: Far-right firewall weakens as immigration concerns take centre stage](#)**

With Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) on the rise, frontrunner Friedrich Merz's attempts to outflank the far right on migration are ignoring the real solutions to Germany's problems.

20 February 2025 3 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[The unpromising future of Japan–South Korea–US trilateral cooperation](#)**

The Trump administration's approach to its alliances has shaken Europe. Indo-Pacific partners also have cause to be worried.

20 February 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[What the UK should do in defence of Ukraine and Europe](#)**

The UK must lead on Ukraine's defence with clear spending commitments – and invest in European collaboration.

18 February 2025 4 minute READ

**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*Ukraine*

**[CFR Resources on Ukraine](#)**

*News Releases* February 20, 2025

**CSIS** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**[Kenya's Green Leadership: Shaping Africa's Climate Future](#)**

Hosting the inaugural Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi in 2023 underscored Kenya's ambition to lead the region in climate action. This report examines Kenya's approaches to tackling climate challenges and explores the innovation and partnerships for mitigation.

*Report by Robina Abuya — February 21, 2025*

**[Kenya's Economic Initiatives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)**

Kenya's political and economic influence in the DRC has increased since the DRC joined the East African Community in 2022. This report analyzes Kenya's investments, stabilization efforts, and business ties in the DRC, assessing opportunities and challenges.

*Report by Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Balingene Kahombo, and Beverly Ochieng — February 21, 2025*

### **The AI Diffusion Framework: Securing U.S. AI Leadership While Preempting Strategic Drift**

This white paper unpacks one of the Biden administration's final acts—the AI Diffusion Rule—analyzing which countries stand to gain, which will be left behind, and how their responses will reshape the global AI landscape.

*Report* by Barath Harithas — February 18, 2025

### **Mining for Defense: Unlocking the Potential for U.S.-Canada Collaboration on Critical Minerals**

CSIS Americas Deputy Director and Senior Fellow Christopher Hernandez-Roy, Henry Ziemer, and Alejandra Toro analyze the potential for closer U.S.-Canada cooperation on the critical minerals that underpin both countries' defense industrial bases.

*Brief* by Christopher Hernandez-Roy, Henry Ziemer, and Alejandra Toro — February 18, 2025

### **McKinsey Global Institute** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **ODI [Overseas Development Institute]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

#### **Implementing the Digital Trade Protocol of the African Continental Free Trade Area: expected impacts, early experiences and challenges ahead**

20 February 2025

*Working paper*

### **Southern-led multilateral channels for climate finance**

19 February 2025

*Working paper*

### **Pew Research Center** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest Publications [Selected]*

*short reads* Feb 19, 2025

#### **How Americans view Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg**

Just over half of U.S. adults (54%) say they have an unfavorable view of Musk, and two-thirds of Americans have an unfavorable view of Zuckerberg.

### **Rand** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Research* Feb 20, 2025

#### **Health Equity Checklist for Research**

The health equity checklist provides a practical guide for researchers, community partners, and participants to reflect on inclusivity, cultural relevance, and social justice in health research.

*Research* Feb 20, 2025

## **Steps Toward AI Governance: Insights and Recommendations from the 2024 EqualAI Summit**

EqualAI's 2024 artificial intelligence (AI) summit facilitated dialogue on AI development, acquisition, and integration. These conference proceedings describe key summit insights about best practices, metrics, and tools for evaluating AI systems.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*RoRI News, Events*

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## **Help Shape the Metascience Alliance**

Set to launch at the Metascience 2025 Conference, this new cross-sector network is fostering collaboration to better understand and improve the research system

<https://researchonresearch.org/help-shape-the-metascience-alliance/>

**Alan Turing Institute**

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

*News, Events*

**New partnership to foster closer research collaboration between the UK and Australia**

Monday, 17 Feb 2025

The Alan Turing Institute has today strengthened research ties with Australia, through a new agreement with the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) and the University of South Australia.

The DSTG is Australia's lead agency for applying science and technology to safeguard national interests. It collaborates with industry, universities, and the scientific community to enhance Australia's defence capabilities and operates within the governance framework of the Department of Defence.

The three organisations have signed a memorandum of understanding that will lead to joint research, focusing especially on defence and national security challenges. This collaboration will see the three organisations address core themes, including AI opportunities for defence and security, threats to defence and security from AI, and AI risk management and policy responses...

**Urban Institute** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

**New Research Publications - Selected**

*Research Publication*

**What is the Financial Risk of [U.S.] Nonprofits Losing Government Grants?**

February 21, 2025

*Research Report*

**Expanding Digital Opportunity: A Framework and Road Map for Strengthening Digital Inclusion**

February 18, 2025

**The Wistar Institute** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

February 17, 2025

**Scientists at The Wistar Institute's HIV Cure and Viral Diseases Center Develop New Natural Killer Cell Strategy to Target HIV**

PHILADELPHIA — (February 17th, 2025) — Researchers at The Wistar Institute's HIV Cure and Viral Diseases Center have successfully identified a new approach using natural killer (NK) cells to target a...

**World Economic Forum** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Media [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ISC / International Science Council** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<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*

**Expanded edition of the paper on AI in national research ecosystems focuses on the Global South**

February 17, 2025

The ISC Centre for Science Futures has released the second edition of its working paper — Preparing national research ecosystems for AI — building on the first collection of country case studies. The new edition continues to map the integration of AI into research and science ecosystems, with a particular focus on the Global South.

**Global Research Council** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://globalresearchcouncil.org/about/>

The Global Research Council is a virtual organisation, comprised of the heads of science and engineering funding agencies from around the world, dedicated to promoting the sharing of data and best practices for high-quality collaboration among funding agencies worldwide.

*News*

**GRC 13th Annual Meeting 2025**

The 2025 GRC Annual Meeting Host will be hosted by Research, Development, and Innovation Authority (RDIA) in partnership with King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) from Saudi Arabia. The meeting will be co-hosted by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) from Turkey. The venue is the city of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, and the meeting dates are from 18 through 22 of May, 2025.

**National Academy of Engineering** - USA [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academy of Medicine** - USA [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]**- USA [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

**New Report Provides Forecast for the Next Decade of Ocean Science**

Investing in ocean research, infrastructure, and the ocean studies workforce is needed to understand how a changing ocean will affect national security, the health of fisheries, and extreme weather events over the next decade.

2025-02-20

**NAS President Marcia McNutt Addresses AAAS Meeting in Boston**

At the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting in Boston, NAS President Marcia McNutt was joined by fellow members of a bipartisan task force to discuss its road map to ensure U.S. leadership in science and technology.

Watch the recording of the full plenary discussion.

2025-02-19

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*Last announcement: 22 January 2025*

**NIH** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/comest>

*The work programme of the Commission for 2024-2025 as follows:*

*:: The Commission will address the ethics of quantum computing, building on its work on the ethics of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, robotics and the Internet of Things (IoT).*

*:: The Commission will also address the ethical considerations on space exploration and exploitation, following its reflection on the ethics of water, land-use and climate engineering.*

*Reports. Statements, Meetings*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **International Bioethics Committee (IBC)**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/ibc>

*The IBC is a body of 36 independent experts that follows progress in the life sciences and its applications in order to ensure respect for human dignity and freedom.*

*Reports. Statements, Meetings*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/igbc>

*The IGBC was created in 1998, and is composed of 36 Member States, whose representatives examine the advice and recommendations of the International Bioethics Committee.*

*Reports. Statements, Meetings*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Hastings Center** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Events*

*Events*

March 5, 2025, 1:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

[\*\*The Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Research: Challenges & Emerging Guidance\*\*](#)

### **INSERM** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<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 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

13th February 2025

[\*\*New scoping report identifies scientific and ethical challenges in exploring genetic influences on traits related to education\*\*](#)

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics and the Nuffield Foundation have published an overview of scientific developments in genomics and education. We urge caution over the use of polygenic indices (PGIs) as predictive tools in educational contexts, highlighting areas where further research and ethical scrutiny is needed to assess the implications of translating PGIs into policy and practice.

### **UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights**

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

*Events*

#### **Giulia Bovassi appointed as Profesor Titular at Anahuac Mexico University**

by unescobiochair | Feb 17, 2025 | *News*

We are pleased to announce that Giulia Bovassi, UNESCO Chair Associate Researcher, has been appointed as Profesor Titular by Dr. Jose Alberto Castilla, Dean of the School of Bioethics, Anahuac Mexico University.

### **World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **:: *Foundation/Major Donor Watch***

*We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.*

### **Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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



*Press Releases & Statements*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.blumeridian.org/>

*Blue Meridian Partners is a pioneering philanthropic model for finding and funding scalable solutions to the problems that limit economic and social mobility for America's young people and families in poverty.*

*Media* Feb 20, 2025

**[A-B Tech offers free IT Support training starting Feb. 24, helping bridge tech workforce gap](#)**

Blue Meridian investee Per Scholas is expanding its workforce training programs to underserved rural communities in Western North Carolina.

*Media* Feb 18, 2025

**[Ohio Adoption Nonprofit Reaches Major Milestone](#)**

Blue Meridian investee the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption announced 15,000 children have been adopted from foster care through its Wendy's Wonderful Kids program.

**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>  
*Newsroom*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/media-center/>  
*News & Updates*  
Feb 19 2025

**[Report: Clinton Center 20-year economic impact near \\$4.9 billion](#)**

The Clinton Presidential Center has had a nearly \$4.9 billion economic impact on Central Arkansas over the past ...

**Co Impact** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
[www.co-impact.io](http://www.co-impact.io)

*Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.fordfoundation.org/news-and-stories/news-and-press/>  
*News & Press*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest*

**[Close Looking: Annibale Carracci](#)**

Getty senior conservator Ulrich Birkmaier invites us into the conservation studio to see a late 1500s masterpiece in a new light

Feb 20, 2025

**GHIT Fund** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)  
*Newsroom*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media>  
*News & Media*  
02.19.25 *Every Child Thrives*  
[Honoring leadership and stronger communities](#)

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/whats-new/press-release>  
*News Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<http://www.macfound.org/>  
*Latest News & Related Content*  
*Grantee News*  
[Three-Year, \\$1.5 Million Partnership for Creative Placemaking and Placekeeping](#)  
February 19, 2025  
Chicago Commitment

*Grantee News*  
[Narrative Sovereignty: Beyond Boundaries](#)  
February 19, 2025  
Journalism & Media  
*Narrative Sovereignty is the power of Indigenous people to control and define their own depictions in media. It centers Indigenous communities as audiences rather than prioritizing mainstream audiences.*  
*Narrative Sovereignty is a reflection, not an explanation.*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.mellon.org/press>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.moore.org/news>  
*Recent News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundations** [to 22 Feb 2025]  
<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>  
*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News Room*

*Press Releases & Statements* February 21, 2025

**[Pew Applauds Utah Bill to Promote the Adoption of Advanced Transmission Technologies](#)**

*Legislation would reduce consumer costs while boosting capacity of state's electric grid*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

*News and Announcements*

**[LACI Advances City Climate Innovation Challenge for Zero Emissions Delivery with Rockefeller Foundation Grant](#)**

*Press Releases* February 20, 2025

:: \$500,000 funding supports technology, business model, and policy pilot projects to reduce congestion and pollution, while strengthening the American economy and entrepreneurship

:: 9 U.S. cities in CA, FL, KY, NY, PA, OR, and D.C. participating, representing 1 in 6 Americans

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<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 22 Feb 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*Alfred P. Sloan Foundation*

**[President Adam F. Falk to Depart Sloan Foundation to Lead Wildlife Conservation Society](#)**

Feb 18, 2025

(New York, NY) The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announces that Dr. Adam F. Falk will be stepping down as Foundation president at the end of June 2025 after more than seven years of service. Dr. Falk has accepted a position as President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society...

**Wellcome Trust** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://wellcome.org/news/all>

*News, Opinion, Reports*

**[World Mosquito Program: life-saving innovation in disease control](#)**

21 February 2025

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 22 Feb 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

**Council on Foundations** [to 22 Feb 2025]

<https://cof.org/news-blog>

News, Press Releases [Selected]

Washington Snapshot

**Washington Snapshot: What We're Tracking This Week**

Friday, February 21, 2025 - 4:05 pm

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## **:: Journal Watch**

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

## **AJOB Empirical Bioethics**

Volume 16, 2025 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 27, Number 2: E67-166 Feb 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/pain-management-non-labor-and-delivery-obgyn-procedures>

***Issue Theme: Pain Management in Non-Labor and Delivery OBGYN Procedures***

### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Feb 06, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 2 p199-456

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

#### **This month in The Journal**

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

Many tools developed for genome-wide analyses perform best in cohorts of a single ancestry group. The genomes of admixed populations contain segments from different ancestry groups and vary from person to person. These features present challenges to investigators who would like to expand the depth, breadth, and diversity of their studies. One approach to control for population structure in admixed populations is local ancestry interference (LAI). By assigning ancestry groups to discrete genomic regions, LAI can boost the power of multiple genomic analyses.

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

February 2025 Volume 53 Issue 2 p175-284

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

February 2025 Volume 68 Issue 2 p217-428

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

January 2025 115(1)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 112 (2025): Issue 1 (Jan 2025)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/111/4/tpmd.112.issue-1.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

February 2025 Volume 178, Issue 2

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

*Clinical Guidelines*

#### **Incorporating Economic Evidence in Clinical Guidelines: A Framework From the Clinical Guidelines Committee of the American College of Physicians**

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA, Tatyana Shamliyan, MD, MS, Douglas K. Owens, MD, MS, [... et al.](#)

Pages:241–248

*Ideas and Opinions*

#### **The Nuances of Performance Measurement and Clinical Guidelines**

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA, Caroline L. Goldzweig, MD, MSHS, Karen Campos, CHES, Brook Watts, MD, [... et al.](#)

Pages:288–289

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

Issue 403 - February 2025

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

## **Anti-Trafficking Review**

No. 23 (2024)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/34>

*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 - Following the Money II**

*Guest Editors: Kiril Sharapov, Suzanne Hoff, and Jonathan Mendel*

This Special Issue of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* attempts to examine funding and spending on efforts to stop human trafficking, particularly, by the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. Featuring articles from academics, non-government organisations, and survivors of trafficking, this edition explores where the money comes from, who it goes to, and what it actually achieves. The eight articles in the issue suggest that the millions of dollars spent on combating human trafficking do not always reach trafficked persons or at risk groups and, in some cases, are actively harming them. Authors point to potentially more effective uses of anti-trafficking funding.

## **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 339 February 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/339/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

### **Measles in Canada: modelling outbreaks with variable vaccine coverage and interventions**

*The global incidence of measles has increased markedly since 2023. In Canada, where measles has had elimination status for more than two decades, most cases can typically be traced to travel. While the majority...*

Authors: Jennifer McNichol, Javad Valizadeh, Samara Chaudhury and Caroline Colijn



Citation: *BMC Infectious Diseases* 2025 25:236  
Content type: Research Published on: 19 February 2025

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

**[Drivers of inappropriate use of antibiotics among community members in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review of qualitative studies](#)**

*The inappropriate use of antibiotics is a major driver of antimicrobial resistance worldwide.*

*Antimicrobial resistance is an alarming public health problem leading to significant morbidity and mortality, parti...*

Authors: Pendo M. Ndaki, Joseph R. Mwanga, Martha F. Mushi, Eveline T. Konje, Stanley M. Mwita and Stephen E. Mshana

Citation: *BMC Public Health* 2025 25:705

Content type: Research Published on: 20 February 2025

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 22 Feb 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

February 2025 - Volume 30 - 1

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/30/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMJ Global Health**

February 2025 - Volume 10 - 2

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/10/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - January 2025

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-01/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 103, Number 1, January 2025, 1-80

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin/>

#### ***In this month's Bulletin***

In the editorial section, Katherine Littler et al. (2) call for papers for a special theme issue on the ethics of research into health and climate change.

Gary Humphreys (5–6) reports on initiatives to mitigate unintended consequences of health policies. Glenda Gray talks to Humphreys (7–8) about her career working on HIV prevention and treatment.

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 51, Issue 1 January 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 158 December 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/158/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 117, Issue 2 Pages: 311-598 February 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

February 2025 Volume 47 Issue 2 p115-178

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 22 Issue 1, February 2025

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/22/1>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Conflict and Health**

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>  
[Accessed 22 Feb 2025]  
[No new digest content identified]

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 149 February 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/149/suppl/C>

*Research article Abstract only*

#### **[Advancing vaccine research in Africa: A comprehensive analysis of vaccine clinical trials landscape](#)**

Lindi Mathebula, Thobile Malinga, Chinwe Iwu-Jaja, Duduzile Ndwandwe

Article 107779

*Abstract*

This study presents an in-depth analysis of vaccine clinical trials in Africa, emphasising the significance of local investments to address the continent's healthcare requirements. The research scrutinises vaccine trials across various African nations, focusing on trial distribution, phases, funding sources, recruitment sites, recruitment statuses, and age group participation.

The findings suggest substantial trial activity in countries like Kenya, Ghana, and Gambia, whereas nations like the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tunisia exhibit minimal representation. Notably, COVID-19, HIV, and Yellow Fever vaccines prominently feature in the trials, with Phase 3 trials being the most prevalent. The presence of "Not Applicable" trials indicates adopting adaptive trial designs.

Analysis of funding patterns reveals substantial international and local support, reflecting an escalating commitment to vaccine research in Africa. Nevertheless, concerns persist regarding disparities in trial distribution and age group participation, underscoring the necessity for robust regulatory frameworks and augmented local R&D capacity. Addressing these disparities can enhance the efficacy of vaccine research and elevate health outcomes across the African continent.

### **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 8, Issue 1 / February 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/8/1>

Editorial Free

#### **[Managing Expectations for CRISPR in a Volatile World](#)**

[Rodolphe Barrangou](#)

Published Online: 23 January 2025

<https://doi.org/10.1089/crispr.2025.0006>

### **Current Medical Research and Opinion**

Volume 41, Issue 1 2025

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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

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

[Accessed 22 Feb 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 24, Issue 4 Pages: 263-342 December 2024  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 34, Issue 6, 2024  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/34/6>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 43, Issue 2 March 2025  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 19 - 2025  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Disasters**

Volume 49, Issue 1 January 2025  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2025/49/1>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 26 Issue 3 10 February 2025  
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>  
*Science & Society* 20 January 2025

#### **[The controls that got out of control: How failed control experiments paved the way to transformative discoveries](#)**

André Schneider

When experimental controls go wrong, it does not necessarily mean your experiment is flawed. It might well be the first sign of something unexpected.

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 31, Number 2—February 2025  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>  
*Research*

#### **[Epidemiologic and Genomic Surveillance of \*Vibrio cholerae\* and Effectiveness of Single-Dose Oral Cholera Vaccine, Democratic Republic of the Congo \[PDF - 1.98 MB - 10 pages\]](#)**

C. George et al.

**Global Epidemiology of Outbreaks of Unknown Cause Identified by Open-Source Intelligence, 2020–2022 [PDF - 1.84 MB - 11 pages]**

D. Honeyman et al

**Epidemics**

Volume 49 December 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/49/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 153 - 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 47, Issue 1 Pages: 1-45 January–February 2025

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

***Moral distress in clinical research • Research with incarcerated and homeless women***

[Reviewed earlier]

**Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 38 - Issue 3 - Fall 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 32 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/32/suppl/Cc>

[Reviewed earlier]

**The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 35, Issue 1, February 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/35/1>

*COVID-19*

**Lessons learned from Taiwan's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: successes, challenges, and implications for future pandemics**

Vivian Chia-Rong Hsieh and others

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 35, Issue 1, February 2025, Pages 153–162,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckae185>

**Food Policy**

Volume 130 January 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/130/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 16, Issue 6 December 2024

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/16-6>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 74 November 2024

<https://www.fmreview.org/financing-displacement-response/>

#### ***Financing displacement response***

From humanitarian aid by wealthy governments to remittances from diaspora communities, responses to forced displacement are shaped by funding from an array of actors, in ways that express those actors' interests and priorities. In recent years, new actors and new financing approaches have emerged. What do these shifts mean for forcibly displaced people and displacement response strategies? How does displacement response financing interact with the choices of forcibly displaced people and their communities, with local and global economies, and with broader geopolitical events and trends? This issue advances understanding of these questions and others

### **Foreign Affairs**

January/February 2025

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2025/104/1>

*Special Section*

#### ***Will Trump Change the World?***

### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 51, 2024 - Issue 3

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

*Article*

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Frontiers in Medicine**

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1237>

[Accessed 22 Feb 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Gene Therapy – Nature**

Volume 32 Issue 1, January 2025

<https://www.nature.com/gt/volumes/32/issues/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Genetics in Medicines**

Volume 27, Issue 2 February 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/27/issue/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 22 Feb 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

**Geoheritage**

Volume 17, Issue 1 March 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/17-1>

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[Reviewed earlier]

**Global Health Action**

Volume 18, Issue 1 (2025)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 12, No. 6 December 20, 2024

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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***Special Section: Distress Migration and the Right to Health***



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### **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 19 - Issue 4 - October 2024

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 40, Issue 2, March 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/40/2>

*Review*

#### **[A critical review of literature and a conceptual framework for organizing and researching urban health and community health services in low- and middle-income countries](#)**

Sanjana Santosh and Sumit Kane

*Health Policy and Planning*, Volume 40, Issue 2, March 2025, Pages 259–271,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czae104>

### **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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### **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 36, Issue 3-4 / February 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/36/3-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 47, Number 1, February 2025

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/54277>

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#### **[Liberating Human Rights from Group Narcissism](#)**

Simon Greathead, Timothy McKeon

pp. 1-15

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2025.a951569>

**ABSTRACT:**

Many people are forced to contend with the disjunction between (1) human rights as a universal concept applying to everyone despite time and location and (2) human rights as a primarily Western invention that does not necessarily apply to every cultural group. This disjunction can be especially troubling to Westerners, who may fear they are imposing their cultural norms on other nations in an act of group narcissism. This article addresses this disjunction by explaining culture in the context of human rights. Furthermore, it proposes adaptive ethnocentrism (in contrast to tribal ethnocentrism) as a means of liberating people to promote human rights while also enabling them to avoid group narcissism. Adaptive ethnocentrism is distinct from tribal ethnocentrism in that people are not expected to automatically accept the customs of the group they happen to belong to. Instead, people are

expected to critically examine their customs, as well as the customs of other people they encounter, and adapt their way of life according to the customs they judge to be the best.

### **Humanitarian Practice Network**

<https://odihpn.org/>

*Featured Publications*

#### **Complex humanitarian risk-based decision-making**

February 20, 2025

Ruairi McDermott

#### **Exploring resilience strategies in the Lake Chad Basin amid climate change, natural disasters and conflict**

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Abraham Ename Minko

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### **International Health**

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### **The International Journal of Children's Rights**

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

Vol. 12 No. 2 (2025): February 2025

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/121>

*Articles*

#### **[Assessing the effectiveness of vaccination strategies against respiratory pathogens](#)**

Marwah Y. Abdullah, Faisal M. Alanazi, Saad F. Gandurah, Dhiyaa A. Altufayif, Abdulrahman M. Alghamdi, Olfa A. Halawani, Fatimah F. Almudarhem, Raghad I. Al-Otaibe, Osama M. Allathiqani, Amani A. Alasmari

967-973

DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20250065](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20250065)

#### **[A comprehensive review of the latest Indian guidelines on adult immunization](#)**

Aditi M. Dhawan, Anish Desai, Aanchal Gvalani, Sunaina Anand, Priyanka Das

1159-1165

DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20250339](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20250339)

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

Volume 110 August 2024

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### **International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 53, Issue 6, December 2024

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/53/6>

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### **International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 30, 2024 Issue 11

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

#### ***Activism and Institutional Care: History, heritage and Social Memory***

*Article*

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 17 Issue 4 2024

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/17/iss/4>

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### **International Migration Review**

Volume 59 Issue 1, March 2025

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## **International Review of Education – Journal of Lifelong Learning**

Volume 70, Issue 5 October 2024

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## **International Review of the Red Cross**

IRRC No. 926 August 2024

<https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-926-selected-articles>

### ***Selected Articles***

[18 articles ]

Ordinarily, the articles in any given issue of the Review share a unifying theme or speak to elements of a single, overarching debate. But often, exceptional scholars and practitioners submit exemplary work that does not fit neatly into the theme of the Review's upcoming editions. This special edition of the Review – "Selected Articles" – is a collection of those articles: remarkable work, submitted through our general submissions inbox. Though the topics of the articles vary widely and are not unified by a common theme, they all fall within the Review's editorial focus on humanitarian law, policy and action. We firmly believe that each of the articles published in this edition has enormous potential to contribute to the existing literature and ongoing debates on their respective topics.

## **Issues in Science and Technology**

Vol. XLI, No. 2, Winter 2025

<https://issues.org/issue/41-2/>

### ***The New Currency of Power***

Science and technology have often come to policymakers' rescue when the United States was worried about threats to national security or competitiveness—think of the US response to Sputnik, or more recently, the CHIPS and Science Act after the COVID-19 pandemic. But industry, not government, is now the biggest funder of scientific research and technological development. How can the country coordinate this vast and unwieldy conglomerate in order to maintain its global preeminence? Fortunately, the scientific enterprise has been continually reinventing itself for decades, and essays in the Winter 2025 issue document this process and consider what insights we might glean for the future.

## **JAMA**

February 18, 2025, Vol 333, No. 7, Pages 551-644

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>

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## **JAMA Health Forum**

January 2025, Vol 6, No. 1

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## **JAMA Pediatrics**

February 2025, Vol 179, No. 2, Pages 111-224

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### **JBIR Evidence Synthesis**

January 2025 - Volume 23 - Issue 1

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### **Journal of Adolescent Health**

March 2025 Volume 76 Issue 3 p341-526

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

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### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

Vol. 82 (2025)

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 50, Issue 1 February 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/volumes-and-issues/50-1>

*Articles*

#### **[Evaluation of Human Papillomavirus Vaccination and Cancer Prevention Behaviors among LGBTQI + Individuals: A Cross-Sectional Study](#)**

Sanjana K. Rana, Rebecca B. Perkins, Alessandro Villa

Original Paper 05 September 2024 Pages: 98 - 110

### **Journal of Current Medical Research and Opinion**

*...a peer-reviewed, international journal for the rapid publication of original research on new and existing drugs and therapies, and post-marketing investigations. Equivalence, safety and efficacy/effectiveness studies are especially encouraged.*

Vol. 8 No. 01 (2025)

<https://www.cmro.in/index.php/jcmro/issue/view/91>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 71 Pages 1-464 (January–February 2025)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/71/suppl/C>

*Research article Open access*

#### **[Managing Artificial Intelligence in Archeology. An overview](#)**

Gabriele Gattiglia

Pages 225-233

*Abstract*

The integration of AI in archaeology poses several risks due to the oversimplification of complex archaeological data for computational ease. This reductionist approach fosters a deterministic view,

treating provisional classifications as definitive truths and influencing subsequent interpretations. The reliance on legacy data and Big Data for AI training risks perpetuating outdated ideas and frameworks. As AI expands from automating tasks to interpreting and creating reconstructions, archaeologists must adopt a critical approach to avoid biased and harmful outputs. The deterministic view of AI hinders informed debate. Archaeologists should engage in discussions that address the classificatory, and ethical aspects as well as the materiality of AI. The accumulation of data in AI mimics storytelling but lacks the interpretative depth needed to understand historical human perspectives. Developing theories and narrative practices is essential to making archaeological data meaningful. The shift from a representational to a co-creative view of data is necessary to understand its re-use and the power dynamics involved. Finally, to normalise AI in archaeology, a critical and sceptical approach is needed to integrate AI into the real world and understand its implications and ethical considerations.

### **Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development**

Volume 14 Issue 2

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/14/iss/2>

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### **Journal of Development Economics**

Volume 173 March 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/173/suppl/C>

*Research article Abstract only*

#### **[On the properties of the two main types of global poverty lines](#)**

Benoit Decerf

Article 103396

*Abstract*

Global poverty lines belong to two main types that differ on how the poverty line's nominal monetary amount is adjusted to prevailing prices and preferences. "Objective" poverty lines capture the cost of a fixed list of achievements. "Welfaristic" poverty lines capture the cost of a fixed level of welfare. Longstanding debates oppose their respective proponents. This conceptual paper is the first to contrast the properties of these two types of poverty lines. Our framework considers both heterogeneous prices and heterogeneous preferences. Our results clarify the normative principles that differentiate them and shed light on these debates. Which type of poverty line satisfies stronger versions of our properties depends on the extent of preferences heterogeneity. We show that, under heterogeneous preferences, the World Bank's International Poverty Line cannot consistently reflect a fixed list of achievements.

### **Journal of Development Effectiveness**

Volume 172 January 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/172/suppl/C>

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### **Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**

Volume 19 Issue 4-5, October–December 2024

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### **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

March 2025 - Volume 79 - 3

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### **Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine**

Volume 18, Issue 1 March 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17565391/current>

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### **Journal of Global Ethics**

Volume 20, Issue 3 (2024)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

***Special Issue: 20th Anniversary Forum***

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### **Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**

Volume 36, Number 1, February 2025

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/54278>

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### **Journal of Human Trafficking**

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*Research Articles*

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### **Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health**

Volume 27, Issue 1 February 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/volumes-and-issues/27-1>

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### **Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies**

Volume 23, Issue 1 (2025)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

*Article*

**[Migration Governance Through Funding: Theoretical, Normative, and Empirical Perspectives](#)**

[Evangelia \(Lilian\) Tsourdi & Federica Zardo](#)

Pages: 1-15

Published online: 03 Jan 2025

*Article*

**US Border Externalisation Through Funding: Implications for the Right to Seek Asylum and Refugee Protection in the United States**

Sabrineh Ardalan

Pages: 135-146

Published online: 05 Jan 2025

**Journal of International Development**

Volume 37, Issue 1 Pages: 1-349 January 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

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**Journal of Medical Ethics**

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**Journal of Operations Management**

Volume 70, Issue 8 Pages: 1179-1309 December 2024

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/18731317/current>

***Special Issue: Uncertainty in Operations and Supply Chain Management***

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**Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews**

Volume 11, Issue 3 (2024)

<https://institutionalrepository.aah.org/jpcrr/>

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Volume 277 February 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/the-journal-of-pediatrics/vol/277/suppl/C>

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**Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice**

Volume 17, Issue 1 (2024)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/jppp20/17/1>

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**Journal of Public Health Management & Practice**

January/February 2025 - Volume 31 - Issue 1

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**Journal of Public Health Policy**



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

February 2025 Volume 22 Issue 223

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### **Journal of Travel Medicine**

Volume 32, Issue 1, January 2025

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

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

Volume 9, Number 1 - (Dec 2023)

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

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### **The Lancet**

Feb 22, 2025 Volume 405 Number 10479 p597-670

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

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

Feb 2025 Volume 9 Number 2 p77-150, e1-e3

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### **Lancet Digital Health**

Feb 2025 Volume 7 Number 2 e103-e166

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

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### **Lancet Global Health**

Feb 2025 Volume 13 Number 2 e172-e371

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### **Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Feb 2025 Volume 25 Number 2 p135-242, e60-e113

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

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### **Lancet Public Health**

Feb 2025 Volume 10 Number 2 e71-e164

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

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### **Lancet Respiratory Medicine**

Feb 2025 Volume 13 Number 2 p101-188, e9-e16

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

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### **Maternal and Child Health Journal**

Volume 29, Issue 2 February 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10995/volumes-and-issues/29-2>

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### **Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

Volume 45 Issue 2, February 2025

<http://mdm.sagepub.com/content/current>

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### **The Milbank Quarterly**

*A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy*

Volume 102, Issue 4 Pages: 823-1031 December 2024

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

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### **Nature**

Volume 638 Issue 8051, 20 February 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/638/issues/8051>

Perspective 19 Feb 2025

#### **[Artificial intelligence for modelling infectious disease epidemics](#)**

*This Perspective considers the application to infectious disease modelling of AI systems that combine machine learning, computational statistics, information retrieval and data science.*

Moritz U. G. Kraemer, Joseph L.-H. Tsui, Samir Bhatt

#### ***Abstract***

Infectious disease threats to individual and public health are numerous, varied and frequently unexpected. Artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies, which are already supporting human decision making in economics, medicine and social science, have the potential to transform the scope and power of infectious disease epidemiology. Here we consider the application to infectious disease modelling of AI systems that combine machine learning, computational statistics, information retrieval and data science. We first outline how recent advances in AI can accelerate breakthroughs in answering key epidemiological questions and we discuss specific AI methods that can be applied to routinely collected infectious disease surveillance data. Second, we elaborate on the social context of AI for infectious disease epidemiology, including issues such as explainability, safety, accountability and

ethics. Finally, we summarize some limitations of AI applications in this field and provide recommendations for how infectious disease epidemiology can harness most effectively current and future developments in AI.

### **Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 43 Issue 2, February 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/43/issues/2>

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### **Nature Communications**

<https://www.nature.com/subjects/health-sciences/ncomms>

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### **Nature Genetics**

Volume 57 Issue 2, February 2025

<https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/57/issues/2>

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### **Nature Human Behaviour**

Volume 9 Issue 1, January 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nathumbehav/volumes/9/issues/1>

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### **Nature Medicine**

Volume 31 Issue 2, February 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/31/issues/2>

*Review Article* 03 Feb 2025

#### **Clinical applications of human organoids**

Organoid research is moving beyond developmental and disease biology, driving insights into current and emerging health threats and enabling personalized and regenerative medicine applications.

Monique M. A. Verstegen, Rob P. Coppes, Luc J. W. van der Laan

#### ***Abstract***

Organoids are innovative three-dimensional and self-organizing cell cultures of various lineages that can be used to study diverse tissues and organs. Human organoids have dramatically increased our understanding of developmental and disease biology. They provide a patient-specific model to study known diseases, with advantages over animal models, and can also provide insights into emerging and future health threats related to climate change, zoonotic infections, environmental pollutants or even microgravity during space exploration. Furthermore, organoids show potential for regenerative cell therapies and organ transplantation. Still, several challenges for broad clinical application remain, including inefficiencies in initiation and expansion, increasing model complexity and difficulties with upscaling clinical-grade cultures and developing more organ-specific human tissue microenvironments. To achieve the full potential of organoid technology, interdisciplinary efforts are needed, integrating advances from biology, bioengineering, computational science, ethics and clinical research. In this Review, we showcase pivotal achievements in epithelial organoid research and technologies and provide an outlook for the future of organoids in advancing human health and medicine.

Article Open Access 03 Jan 2025

**Effects of conditional cash transfers on tuberculosis incidence and mortality according to race, ethnicity and socioeconomic factors in the 100 Million Brazilian Cohort**

Participation in Brazil's Bolsa Familia Program, one of the largest conditional cash transfer programs in the world, was associated with large reductions in tuberculosis incidence and mortality among Indigenous people, individuals of Black and Pardo ethnicity and those living in extreme poverty.

Gabriela S. Jesus, Priscila F.P.S. Gestal, Davide Rasella

**Nature Reviews Drug Discovery**

Volume 24 Issue 1, January 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/24/issues/1>

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**Nature Reviews Genetics**

Volume 26 Issue 2, February 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/26/issues/2>

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**Nature Reviews Immunology**

Volume 25 Issue 1, January 2025

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

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**New England Journal of Medicine**

Volume 392 No. 8 February 20, 2025

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

*Original Articles*

**Low-Dose Yellow Fever Vaccine in Adults in Africa**

D. Kimathi and Others

A yellow fever vaccination dose as low as 500 IU was noninferior to the standard dose of 13,803 IU for producing seroconversion within 28 days. (Funded by the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership and the Wellcome Trust; NIFTY ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT04059471](#).)

**NEJM Evidence**

Volume 4 No. 2 February 2025

<https://evidence.nejm.org/toc/evid/current>

*NEJM Evidence, a new monthly digital journal from NEJM Group, presents innovative original research and fresh, bold ideas in clinical trial design and clinical decision-making.*

[Reviewed earlier]

**Pediatrics**

Volume 155, Issue 2 February 2025

<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/issue/155/2>

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## **PharmacoEconomics**

Volume 43, Issue 3 March 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/volumes-and-issues/43-3>

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## **PLoS Biology**

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## **PLoS Global Public Health**

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### **[Perceptions and predictors of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among healthcare providers across five countries in sub-Saharan Africa](#)**

Isabel Madzorera, Livesy Naafoe Abokyi, Edward Apraku, Temesgen Azemraw, Valentin Boudo, Christabel James, Dongqing Wang, Frank Mapendo, Ourohiré Millogo, Nega Assefa, Angela Chukwu, Firehiwot Workneh, Bruno Lankoande, Elena C. Hemler, Abbas Ismail, Sulemana Abubakari, Kwaku Poku Asante, Yemane Berhane, Japhet Killewo, Ayoade Oduola, Ali Sie, Abdramane Soura, Mary Mwanyika-Sando, Said Vuai, Emily Smith, Till Baernighausen, Raji Tajudeen, Wafaie W. Fawzi  
Research Article | published 21 Feb 2025 PLOS Global Public Health

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0003956>

### **[Trends and determinants of complete vaccination coverage among children aged 12–59 months: An analysis of Bénin Demographic and Health Surveys from 1996 to 2018](#)**

Jean-Pierre Gnimatin, Shiméa M. Agossou, Lauryn L. A. Hinde, Joyce Aputere Ndago, Emmanuel Owusu Dankwah, Joël Segnon, Quynh Ngoc Thuy Ho, Martin Nyaaba Adokiya

Research Article | published 20 Feb 2025 PLOS Global Public Health

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0004206>

### **[Global and national actions to prevent trade in substandard and adulterated medicines](#)**

Richard Wilder, Sam Halabi, Lawrence O. Gostin

Essay | published 20 Feb 2025 PLOS Global Public Health

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0004024>

## **PLoS Medicine**

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

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## **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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

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### **[Revisiting What Constitutes a Neglected Tropical Disease?](#)**

Paul J. Brindley, Peter J. Hotez, Shaden Kamhawi

Editorial | published 20 Feb 2025 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0012794>

### **[Impact of a multi-pronged cholera intervention in an endemic setting](#)**

Alexandre Blake, Adam Walder, Ephraim M. Hanks, Placide Okitayemba Welo, Francisco Luquero, Didier Bompangue, Nita Bharti

Research Article | published 19 Feb 2025 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0012867>

## **PLoS One**

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

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### **[Multi-level quality assessment of United States COVID-19 epidemiological surveillance](#)**

Megan S. Irgens, Riley M. O'Neill, John M. Ruiz

Research Article | published 21 Feb 2025 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0319263>

## **PLoS Pathogens**

<http://journals.plos.org/plospathogens/>

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## **PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States**

February 25, 2025 | vol. 122 | no. 8

<https://www.pnas.org/toc/pnas/122/8>

*Research Article* February 21, 2025

### **[Weak individual preferences stabilize culture](#)**

Outcomes in the cultural arena are due to many factors but are there general rules that can suggest what makes some cultural traits successful and others not? Research in cultural evolution theory distinguishes factors related to social influence (such as ...

[Alberto Acerbi](#) and [Benoît de Courson](#)

## **PNAS Nexus**

Volume 4, Issue 1, January 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/pnasnexus/issue/4/1>

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### **A direct hit**

BY H. Holden Thorp

11 Feb 2025

*[Excerpt]*

Earlier this month, the Trump administration set off a frenzy in the US scientific community when the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced that indirect cost reimbursement for federally funded research would be capped at 15%, a drastic cut from a usual range of 50 to 70%. In the American system, a federal research grant comes with one component that pays the direct costs of research—covering salaries of the researchers and supplies and equipment they use—and a so-called indirect component that represents the government’s contribution to facilities and administration—the overhead necessary to do the work. The indirect contribution does not cover everything needed to support the research; the remainder is provided by the university. This agreement between higher education and the government has been a hallmark of the funding system for 70 years. The scientific community must unite in speaking out against this betrayal of a partnership that has enabled American innovation and progress...

These cuts should be a rallying cry for higher education to come together to make the case for the American system of research and teaching. Leaders have an opportunity to step forward and marshal their campuses in the effort. Conflicts between faculty and administrators, no matter how justifiable, should be set aside to focus attention on this ruthless takedown of academia. All disciplines will be affected by these cuts, not just science. This is a moment to unite.

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Read about how funders can achieve greater impact through the collective ownership of strategies; how the community development field should rethink financing to prioritize impact, flexibility, and local empowerment; how development professionals should work with the existing assets of informal economies; how Kenyan fishing villages are using mangrove conservation to fund local development; and other topics in the Winter 2025 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*. Plus: Two special supplements from the Skoll Foundation ([Social Innovation and the Journey to Transformation](#)) and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation ([Practices for Transitions in a Time Between Worlds](#)).

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**World Heritage**

UNESCO's World Heritage is much more than a List of remarkable sites. It represents the common heritage of humanity – a collection of cultural and natural treasures that transcend borders and

generations. These sites tell the story of our world, illustrating our diversity, creativity and resilience through the ages.

India, a land of millennia of history, is a living witness to the cultural richness of humanity. Home to 42 sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List, including 34 cultural, 7 natural and one mixed, each site tells a unique story of its evolution, influenced by various dynasties, religions and artistic movements. An emblematic example of this universality is Santiniketan, inscribed on this prestigious List in 2023. Founded by Rabindranath Tagore, this site is a center of learning and culture that embodies the ideals of holistic education and harmony between man and nature. Santiniketan is not only a place of education, but a symbol of commitment to educational innovation and artistic development.

This year, the country is hosting the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee and two Forums dedicated to young World Heritage professionals and site managers. The 2024 session of the Committee highlights the importance of continuing global efforts to strengthen actions to preserve cultural and natural heritage, with particular emphasis on the integration of local communities and Indigenous peoples. It is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of the role of World Heritage in providing sustainable responses to the global challenges it faces, such as climate change and armed conflict. World Heritage offers us extraordinary mechanisms and policies for preserving our heritage from the past and passing it on to future generations...

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### **On the Trustworthiness of Generative Foundation Models: Guideline, Assessment, and Perspective**

Yue Huang, Chujie Gao, Siyuan Wu, Haoran Wang, Xiangqi Wang, Yujun Zhou, Yanbo Wang, Jiayi Ye, Jiawen Shi, Qihui Zhang, Yuan Li, Han Bao, Zhaoyi Liu, Tianrui Guan, Dongping Chen, Ruoxi Chen, Kehan Guo, Andy Zou, Bryan Hooi Kuen-Yew, Caiming Xiong, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Hongyang Zhang, Hongzhi Yin, Huan Zhang, Huaxiu Yao, Jaehong Yoon, Jieyu Zhang, Kai Shu, Kaijie Zhu, Ranjay Krishna, Swabha Swayamdipta, Taiwei Shi, Weijia Shi, Xiang Li, Yiwei Li, Yuexing Hao, Yuexing Hao, Zhihao Jia, Zhize Li, Xiuying Chen, Zhengzhong Tu, Xiyang Hu, Tianyi Zhou, Jieyu Zhao, Lichao Sun, Furong Huang, Or Cohen Sasson, Prasanna Sattigeri, Anka Reuel, Max Lamparth, Yue Zhao, Nouha Dziri, Yu Su, Huan Sun, Heng Ji, Chaowei Xiao, Mohit Bansal, Nitesh V. Chawla, Jian Pei, Jianfeng Gao, Michael Backes, Philip S. Yu, Neil Zhenqiang Gong, Pin-Yu Chen, Bo Li, Xiangliang Zhang

Generative Foundation Models (GenFMs) have emerged as transformative tools. However, their widespread adoption raises critical concerns regarding trustworthiness across dimensions. This paper presents a comprehensive framework to address these challenges through three key contributions.

First, we systematically review global AI governance laws and policies from governments and regulatory bodies, as well as industry practices and standards. Based on this analysis, we propose a set of guiding principles for GenFMs, developed through extensive multidisciplinary collaboration that integrates technical, ethical, legal, and societal perspectives.

Second, we introduce TrustGen, the first dynamic benchmarking platform designed to evaluate trustworthiness across multiple dimensions and model types, including text-to-image, large language,

and vision-language models. TrustGen leverages modular components--metadata curation, test case generation, and contextual variation--to enable adaptive and iterative assessments, overcoming the limitations of static evaluation methods. Using TrustGen, we reveal significant progress in trustworthiness while identifying persistent challenges.

Finally, we provide an in-depth discussion of the challenges and future directions for trustworthy GenFMs, which reveals the complex, evolving nature of trustworthiness, highlighting the nuanced trade-offs between utility and trustworthiness, and consideration for various downstream applications, identifying persistent challenges and providing a strategic roadmap for future research. This work establishes a holistic framework for advancing trustworthiness in GenAI, paving the way for safer and more responsible integration of GenFMs into critical applications. To facilitate advancement in the community, we release the toolkit for dynamic evaluation.

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### **Benchmarking LLMs for Political Science: A United Nations Perspective**

Yueqing Liang, Liangwei Yang, Chen Wang, Congying Xia, Rui Meng, Xiong Xiao Xu, Haoran Wang, Ali Payani, Kai Shu

Large Language Models (LLMs) have achieved significant advances in natural language processing, yet their potential for high-stake political decision-making remains largely unexplored. This paper addresses the gap by focusing on the application of LLMs to the United Nations (UN) decision-making process, where the stakes are particularly high and political decisions can have far-reaching consequences. We introduce a novel dataset comprising publicly available UN Security Council (UNSC) records from 1994 to 2024, including draft resolutions, voting records, and diplomatic speeches. Using this dataset, we propose the United Nations Benchmark (UNBench), the first comprehensive benchmark designed to evaluate LLMs across four interconnected political science tasks: co-penholder judgment, representative voting simulation, draft adoption prediction, and representative statement generation. These tasks span the three stages of the UN decision-making process--drafting, voting, and discussing--and aim to assess LLMs' ability to understand and simulate political dynamics. Our experimental analysis demonstrates the potential and challenges of applying LLMs in this domain, providing insights into their strengths and limitations in political science. This work contributes to the growing intersection of AI and political science, opening new avenues for research and practical applications in global governance. The UNBench Repository can be accessed at: [this https URL](#).

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### **Genetic Data Governance in Crisis: Policy Recommendations for Safeguarding Privacy and Preventing Discrimination**

Vivek Ramanan, Ria Vinod, Cole Williams, Sohini Ramachandran, Suresh Venkatasubramanian

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Genetic data collection has become ubiquitous today. The ability to meaningfully interpret genetic data has motivated its widespread use, providing crucial insights into human health and ancestry while driving important public health initiatives. Easy access to genetic testing has fueled a rapid expansion of recreational direct-to-consumer offerings. However, the growth of genetic datasets and their applications has created significant privacy and discrimination risks, as our understanding of the scientific basis for genetic traits continues to evolve. In this paper, we organize the uses of genetic data along four distinct "pillars": clinical practice, research, forensic and government use, and recreational use. Using our scientific understanding of genetics, genetic inference methods and their associated risks, and current public protections, we build a risk assessment framework that identifies key values that any governance system must preserve. We analyze case studies using this framework to assess how well existing regulatory frameworks preserve desired values. Our investigation reveals critical gaps in these frameworks and identifies specific threats to privacy and personal liberties, particularly through genetic discrimination. We propose comprehensive policy reforms to: (1) update

the legal definition of genetic data to protect against modern technological capabilities, (2) expand the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) to cover currently unprotected domains, and (3) establish a unified regulatory framework under a single governing body to oversee all applications of genetic data. We conclude with three open questions about genetic data: the challenges posed by its relational nature, including consent for relatives and minors; the complexities of international data transfer; and its potential integration into large language models.

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### **REVISED - Embedding voices of under-served communities in Health Research Priority Setting in Thailand**

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Napat Khirikoekkong, et al.

#### *Abstract*

Health research is needed to develop new treatments, diagnostic methods and prevention strategies for many diseases, but resources are limited particularly in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). Our proposed project involves in-depth engagement with community advisory boards and existing community groups in healthcare research priority setting in Thailand. We will use Wellcome's "Responsive Dialogues" engagement approach, focusing on "under-served" groups, as their voices are seldom heard in healthcare research priority setting. We estimate that we will engage with 6–8 community groups involving 48–80 participants. Our objectives are firstly, to contribute to the health research agenda setting in Thailand for government, non-governmental actors, academia, and others who conduct health research in the next 5 to 10 years. Secondly, we aim to identify ethical and practical issues related to healthcare research priority setting, specifically in relation to involving under-served communities.

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