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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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## **U.S. Tariffs**

### **Statement from Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO**

3 April 2025 Speech

*Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO, issued the following statement on 3 April:*

**"The WTO Secretariat is closely monitoring and analysing the measures announced by the United States on April 2, 2025.** Many members have reached out to us and we are actively engaging with them in response to their questions about the potential impact on their economies and the global trading system.

The recent announcements will have substantial implications for global trade and economic growth prospects. While the situation is rapidly evolving, our initial estimates suggest that these measures, coupled with those introduced since the beginning of the year, **could lead to an overall contraction of around 1% in global merchandise trade volumes this year, representing a downward revision of nearly four percentage points from previous projections.**

**I'm deeply concerned about this decline and the potential for escalation into a tariff war with a cycle of retaliatory measures that lead to further declines in trade.**

It is important to remember that, despite these new measures, the vast majority of global trade still flows under the WTO's Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) terms. Our estimates now indicate that this share currently stands at 74%, down from around 80% at the beginning of the year. WTO members must stand together to safeguard these gains.

**Trade measures of this magnitude have the potential to create significant trade diversion effects.** I call on Members to manage the resulting pressures responsibly to prevent trade tensions from proliferating.

The WTO was established to serve precisely in moments like this — as a platform for dialogue, to prevent trade conflicts from escalating, and to support an open and predictable trading environment. I encourage Members to utilize this forum to engage constructively and seek cooperative solutions."

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### **UN Trade and Development Alerts: the Poor and the Vulnerable Risk Being Overlooked in Escalating Trade Tensions**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2025/004

*Geneva, Switzerland, 4 April 2025*

**:: Global economic growth could decline further:** In a low-growth, high-debt global economy, higher tariffs risk weakening investment and trade flows - adding uncertainty to an already fragile

context. This could erode confidence, slow investment, and threaten development gains, particularly in the most vulnerable economies.

**:: The most vulnerable will bear the highest cost:** Economies with minimal responsibility for global trade imbalances are facing severe penalties - despite being the least equipped to absorb new shocks.

**:: Dialogue - not escalation - is the only path forward:** The need for trade reform is clear. Trade imbalances, concentrated gains, and outdated rules must be addressed – without affecting those least responsible.

As major economies are set to impose sweeping new tariffs, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) alerts that **the global trade system is entering a critical phase - threatening growth, investment, and development progress, particularly for the most vulnerable economies.**

"This hurts the vulnerable and the poor," said UNCTAD Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan. "Trade must not become another source of instability. It should serve development and global growth."

**For businesses and policymakers alike, unpredictability and uncertainty in trade and investment is becoming a serious obstacle to growth and planning.**

*Vulnerable countries most impacted*

Just 10 of the nearly 200 U.S. trade partners account for almost 90% of its trade deficit. Yet, for example, least developed countries and small island developing states - responsible for just 1.6% and 0.4% of the deficit, respectively - are being affected. They will neither help balance the trade deficit nor generate significant revenue.

**Many low-income economies now face a "perfect storm" of worsening external conditions, unsustainable debt levels, and slowing domestic growth.**

*Time for dialogue, not escalation*

While the need for trade reform is clear, UNCTAD stresses that the solution must come through dialogue and negotiation. Trade imbalances, concentrated gains, and outdated rules must be addressed - without sacrificing those least responsible.

"This is a time for cooperation - not escalation," Grynspan said. "Global trade rules must evolve to reflect today's challenges, but they must do so with predictability and development at their core, protecting the most vulnerable."

**UNCTAD calls on decision makers to urgently reconsider the tariffs imposed on the vulnerable countries, as these measures could inflict great pain on millions of people.**

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**[Statement by President von der Leyen on the announcement of universal tariffs by the US](#)**

European Commission *Statement* April 2, 2025

**President Trump's announcement of universal tariffs on the whole world, including the EU, is a major blow to the world economy. I deeply regret this choice.**

Let's be clear-eyed about the immense consequences.

**The global economy will massively suffer. Uncertainty will spiral and trigger the rise of further protectionism. The consequences will be dire for millions of people around the**

**globe.** Also for the most vulnerable countries, which are now subject to some of the highest US tariffs...

**And what is more, there seems to be no order in the disorder.** No clear path through the complexity and chaos that is being created as all US trading partners are hit.

In the past eighty years, trade between Europe and the United States has created millions of jobs. Consumers across the Atlantic have benefited from reduced prices. Businesses have benefited from huge opportunities leading to unprecedented growth and prosperity.

**At the same time, we know that the global trading system has serious deficiencies.** I agree with President Trump, that others are taking unfair advantage of the current rules. And I am ready to support any efforts to make the global trading system fit for the realities of the global economy.

**But I also want to be clear: Reaching for tariffs as your first and last tool will not fix it.**

That is why, from the outset, we have always been ready to negotiate with the US, to remove any remaining barriers to Transatlantic trade. At the same time, we are prepared to respond...

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## **ICC – Hungary**

### **Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties responds to announcement of withdrawal from the Rome Statute by Hungary**

Press Release: 3 April 2025

The Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute **expresses concern in response to the announcement that the Government of Hungary has taken steps for Hungary to withdraw from the Rome Statute**, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court ("ICC").

The Presidency regrets this turn of events. **When a State Party withdraws from the Rome Statute, it clouds our shared quest for justice and weakens our resolve to fight impunity. The ICC is at the centre of the global commitment to accountability, and in order to maintain its strength, it is imperative that the international community support it without reservation. Justice requires our unity.**

The Presidency urges Hungary to continue to be a resolute party to the Rome Statute. Every State Party has the right to voice its concerns before the Assembly, and the Presidency strongly encourages Hungary to have a meaningful discussion on this issue.

**The Presidency reminds that a State Party shall not be discharged, by reason of its withdrawal, from the obligations arising from the Rome Statute while it was a Party to the Statute.**

The Presidency recalls that Hungary has participated actively in the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute since becoming a State Party in 2001, and **as recently as December 2024, in resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, reconfirmed together with other States Parties its unwavering support for the Court as an independent and impartial judicial institution.**

*The Assembly of States Parties is the management oversight and legislative body of the ICC. It is comprised of representatives of States that have ratified and acceded to the Rome Statute. The Presidency of the Assembly is currently composed of President H.E. Ms Päivi Kaukoranta (Finland), and Vice-Presidents H.E. Ms Margareta Kassangana (Poland) and H.E. Mr. Michael Kanu (Sierra Leone).*

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## Older Persons: Human Rights

### [A victory for older people everywhere: UN takes significant step toward a global rights convention](#)

HelpAge 3 April 2025

In a landmark moment for the global movement to protect the rights of older people, the **UN Human Rights Council has adopted a resolution to establish an intergovernmental working group tasked with drafting a new, legally binding international convention.**

This breakthrough follows years of sustained advocacy by older people, members of the HelpAge global network, civil society organisations, and human rights defenders who have long argued for a dedicated instrument to address the discrimination, neglect, and systemic ageism faced by older persons worldwide...A new convention would:

- :: Establish clear legal obligations for governments to uphold the rights of older people.
- :: Combat ageism and prevent discrimination in all aspects of life.
- :: Ensure older individuals can seek justice when their rights are violated.

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## Rules-Based International Order

### [Competing visions of international order](#)

Chatham House *Research paper*

*As the Trump administration turns away from the US-led post-war international order, how are other states envisioning 'international order' and what are their plans for adapting to new realities?*

27 March 2025

*Summary*

**The 'liberal international order' that has been predominant, if often controversial, since 1945 is being challenged as never before.** This reflects factors both long-standing and recent: the rise of China; the frustrations and ambitions of countries – including many in the Global South – that associate the US-led liberal international order with deep hypocrisy; inequality within liberal democracies that has given rise to populism; Russian revanchism; and perhaps above all, the US's more nationalist outlook and disruptive foreign policy since Donald Trump took office for the second time in early 2025.

**This paper takes stock of these developments, examines the US's changing role and ambitions as a global power, and explores how 11 other key states are adapting.** It examines how states are positioning themselves in this more fractured world, and how some are seeking to disrupt or even undermine the existing order.

The paper, based originally on research for the US National Intelligence Council but revised and updated in this public version, **considers how adversaries of the US seek to exploit what they**

**see as the US's declining global power, or to promote alternative visions.** It also examines the challenges for US allies such as France, Germany and Japan, which have long been pillars of cooperative multilateralism but need to develop new ways to protect their interests and project power.

**And it explores how rising or middle powers, from Brazil to Saudi Arabia to India, are pursuing visions of international order that include elements of non-alignment, strategic autonomy, and selective or transactional cooperation with the current order.**

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### ***...The reinvention of the liberal international order and of the West?***

Few today are considering the possibility that the rise of President Trump is merely an aberration, and that his disruption will be limited to a four-year term. **Scholars, policy analysts and policymakers are converging, instead, on the assumption that a more transformative and enduring shift is taking place.**

There is one exception presented in this research paper. In her chapter on Japan, Jennifer Lind argues that Japan benefits from the US-led international order but would prefer an order that is slimmed down, rules-based, embraces sovereignty, and focuses on developmental imperatives and human security. In this vision, human rights and democracy promotion are best left to sovereign states.

**It is also possible that democracy in the US proves to be far more resilient than today's sceptics anticipate. A new US Republican or Democratic Party may still embrace a more calibrated US engagement with the rest of the world.** This could see a US leadership make the case for a form of internationalism that is grounded in shared interests and that, while defined by the US national interest, is also in the interests of other states.

**Conceivably, this agenda might focus on international cooperation to address major global public challenges: technological change (including artificial intelligence), climate change,**

**public health, and of course peace and security.** This newly envisioned liberal international order might also provide more scope for regionalism, minilateralism and plurilateralism. It could empower coalitions of the willing, respect sovereignty, and place less emphasis on enforcing human rights or exporting (and imposing) values.

### ***The importance of agency and contingency***

The US and those 11 adversaries, partners and allies that we consider in this paper will be among the most influential in determining the nature and structures of the future international order. But other states will be critical in shaping the resilience of any potential for global governance or international order. Africa deserves an entire paper of its own, for its likely future significance. Technological advance, climate change, immigration and demographic change will test the ability of states to cooperate.

**In all of this, it is essential not to discount the role of agency and contingency. Structures matter; leadership is too often underestimated.** The people, coalitions and resources that political leaders mobilize may also have a large impact – whether by design or by accident – on the effort to forge a future that is desirable, sustainable and prosperous. We should, where we can, take this lesson to heart and choose our leaders wisely.

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### **UN OCHA – Aid Workers**

#### **UN Deputy Relief Chief demands concrete action be taken to ensure safety of aid workers**

*Briefing to the Security Council on the protection of humanitarian, United Nations and associated personnel by Joyce Msuya, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, on behalf of Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator*

*New York, 2 April 2025*

*As delivered*

**Mr. President, Members of the Security Council, allow me to go straight to the point: Attacks on aid workers must end. Perpetrators must be held to account.**

**Humanitarian workers are being killed in unprecedented numbers.** According to available data, 2024 was the worst year on record, with 377 aid workers killed across 20 countries. This was almost 100 more fatalities than in 2023, which already saw a 137 per cent increase from 2022. Many more were injured, kidnapped, attacked and arbitrarily detained.

The last two years have been particularly brutal. In Sudan, at least [84] humanitarian workers – all Sudanese nationals – have been killed since the current conflict began in April 2023. And just three days ago, on 30 March in Rafah, teams from OCHA and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society recovered from a mass grave the bodies of 15 emergency and aid workers – from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Civil Defense, and the United Nations – killed several days earlier by Israeli forces while trying to save lives.

Their clearly marked vehicles were found destroyed and crushed. The OCHA team also witnessed civilians being shot while fleeing.

This tragedy comes just 11 days after another deadly incident – on 19 March, when yet another United Nations colleague was killed, and six others were injured in Gaza. These deaths bring the number of aid workers killed in the Strip since 7 October 2023 to more than 408. Gaza is the most dangerous place for humanitarian workers ever.

We extend our condolences to the families of the victims. We demand answers and call for justice. And since we are here today to discuss the protection of aid workers, I must ask this Council: What are you going to do to help us find those answers and achieve justice? And avoid more killings?

**Mr. President, let us be clear: There is no shortage of robust international legal frameworks to protect humanitarian and UN workers.** Human rights law and standards, Conventions relating to the UN's activities and personnel, and international humanitarian law together provide clear obligations to safeguard humanitarian personnel, assets and operations.

**What is lacking is the political will to comply.**

The vast majority of those killed – about 95 per cent – are local aid workers, the cornerstone of relief efforts. Any humanitarian response would collapse without them...

**We have become numb to this violence. Being shot at is not – I repeat, NOT – part of our job.**

Mr. President, as if death, injury and kidnapping were not enough, **humanitarian workers also face the criminalization of their work.** More and more are detained, interrogated, and accused of supporting terrorism simply for delivering aid to people in need.

There is more. **Disinformation and misinformation campaigns** targeting aid organizations have surged, such as in Haiti, the Occupied Palestinian Territory or Yemen. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, disinformation campaigns **have undermined the UN's credibility, fueled public unrest, and strained its relationship with local communities...**

Mr. President, Members of the Council, the adoption of Security Council Resolution 2730 was an important step in the right direction, and the Secretary-General's recommendations show a way forward. **I come to you and the broader UN membership with three asks:**

**First, act to ensure respect for international law and to protect humanitarian and UN workers.** From Security Council visits to fact-finding missions, or withholding of arms transfers, to name only these, there are many tangible steps this Council and Member States can take to protect humanitarian workers. We count on your leadership.

**Second, speak out. We need the voice of the Council and the broader UN Membership to be loud, clear and consistent in condemning harm to UN and humanitarian personnel,** including local staff. Silence, inconsistency and selective outrage only embolden perpetrators. We also need this Council and the broader UN membership to come in defense of UN and humanitarian organizations when these come under attack or are targeted by smear campaigns.

**Third, request accountability. Perpetrators of violations must face consequences of their actions – without exception.** Member States must strengthen domestic and international legal frameworks to investigate and prosecute international crimes. The Security Council should play a key role in pushing for accountability; for instance, by asking concerned governments to pursue justice and



by following up with them. When national jurisdictions fail, the Council can use international mechanisms, including by referring situations to the International Criminal Court.

**But accountability is not only about prosecution. It must also centre on those who survive.**

I want to reiterate the Secretary-General's recommendation to adopt a survivor-centred approach, ensuring that those affected have a voice in global discussions. Survivors and their families urgently need legal aid, reparations, and access to services such as mental health support and trauma counselling.

Mr. President, today, as we mourn the loss of our colleagues, **we must demand that concrete action be taken to ensure our teams can work safely. We owe it to the families of the victims and survivors, to the communities we serve, and to all humanitarian colleagues risking their lives every day.**

Thank you.

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### **Türk warns UN Security Council of increasing risk of atrocity crimes being committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

*Statements and speeches* 03 April 2025

*[Delivered partly in French]*

Monsieur le Président,

**It pains me to brief this Council once again on the catastrophic suffering of people in Gaza. The temporary relief of the ceasefire, which gave Palestinians a moment to breathe, has been shattered.**

Since 1 March, Israeli military operations have killed more than 1,200 Palestinians, including at least 320 children, according to the Ministry of Health in Gaza.

And bombardments continue – of residential buildings, tents, hospitals and schools, including places where Palestinians have been ordered to move. There was no let-up, even as Palestinian families celebrated Eid.

**I am appalled by the recent killings of 15 medical personnel and humanitarian aid workers, which raise further concerns over the commission of war crimes by the Israeli military.**

There must be an independent, prompt and thorough investigation into the killings, and those responsible for any violation of international law must be held to account.

The Israeli military continues to strike camps for people who have been displaced numerous times, who have nowhere safe to go. The Israeli military also continues to force civilians to move. Half of Gaza is now under mandatory evacuation orders or has been declared a no-go zone. These orders fail to comply with the requirements of international humanitarian law.

**Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups continue to launch indiscriminate rockets from Gaza into Israel, in breach of international humanitarian law.**

I am also deeply concerned about the fate and wellbeing of Israeli hostages still held in Gaza.

Monsieur le Président, ..

As of 1 April, the World Food Programme shut its 25 bakeries in Gaza, leaving many families without access to bread. Community tensions over food shortages are palpable, alongside reports of excessive

use of force by local police. We are witnessing a return to the breakdown of social order that preceded the ceasefire.

**I am alarmed by the inflammatory rhetoric by senior Israeli officials around seizing, annexing and dividing territory, and about transferring Palestinians outside Gaza.** This raises grave concerns about the commission of international crimes and runs counter to the fundamental principle of international law against the acquisition of territory by force...

**The situation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is also extremely alarming.** Israeli operations in the northern West Bank have killed hundreds of people, destroyed entire refugee camps and makeshift medical sites, and displaced over 40,000 Palestinians. The announcement that residents must not return to their homes for a year raises serious concerns about long-term mass displacement. Since 7 October 2023, my Office has verified that State and settler violence has killed 909 Palestinians across the West Bank, including 191 children and 5 people with disabilities, some of which may amount to extrajudicial and other unlawful killings...

**Within Israel, the severe crackdown on civic space, including against organisations defending the human rights of Palestinians, is also alarming.**

*Monsieur le Président,*

Nothing can justify the horrific attacks committed against Israeli communities on 7 October 2023. And nothing can justify the collective punishment of the Palestinian people. According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, Israeli military operations since 7 October 2023 have killed more than 50,400 Palestinians in Gaza, and injured more than 114,000.

**I urge the immediate restoration of the ceasefire and unimpeded humanitarian access throughout Gaza. I warn again that there is a high and increasing risk that atrocity crimes are being committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.**

Under the Geneva Conventions, States have an obligation to act when a serious violation of international humanitarian law has been committed. Under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, State parties have the responsibility to act to prevent such a crime, when risk becomes apparent.

**I urge all those with influence to ensure the protection of civilians as a matter of absolute priority.**

**It is essential that there is full accountability for all violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.**

:: All hostages must be released immediately and unconditionally.

:: All those arbitrarily detained must also be released.

:: Israel must refrain from any acts amounting to forcible transfer of Gaza's population.

The last 18 months of violence have made abundantly clear that there is no military path out of this crisis. **The only way forward is a political settlement, based on two states living side by side in equal dignity and rights, in line with UN resolutions and international law.**

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## [Amid escalating horror, UN experts urge States to take concrete action to end impunity for Israel](#)

*Press releases* 03 April 2025

GENEVA – **More States must join the Hague Group, a bloc of states that is coordinating efforts to ensure accountability for Israeli breaches of international law** and uphold decisions by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), a group of independent human rights experts\* said today.

The Hague Group was established on 31 January 2025, creating a historic precedent demonstrating how States can unite to avert the tangible risk of erosion of the international legal system, the rule of law and the protection of all human rights. That system is being endangered by the general inaction of the international community in the face of the most egregious violations of international law perpetrated by the State of Israel.

"At this historical crossroads, protecting the international human rights system requires decisive, principled and concerted action," the experts said. "If States fail to act, the multilateral system will be set back decades". "Since the creation of the State of Israel, violations of international law and lack of accountability have been the norm, rather than the exception," the experts said. "Israel's assault against the Palestinian people, the United Nations and basic tenets of international law, undermines the foundations of the multilateral order."...

**They welcomed efforts by some States since October 2023 to protect human rights and preserve multilateralism, most notably the case filed by South Africa and Nicaragua at the ICJ with third States joining proceedings.** The experts also cited referrals on the Situation of Palestine to the ICC by South Africa, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Comoros, Djibouti, Chile and Mexico; the backing of the arrest warrants issued against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant of November 2024; the revision of diplomatic and economic ties with Israel; reaffirmation of support to UNRWA's mandate and recognition of Palestinian Statehood by some States: Armenia, Bahamas, Barbados, Ireland, Jamaica, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago...

**The founding members of the Hague Group were Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Honduras, Malaysia, Namibia, Senegal and South Africa.** These states have committed to implementing the ICJ provisional measures in the case of South Africa v. Israel and complying with the ICC arrest warrants of November 2024. They have also pledged to abide by the ICJ Advisory Opinion of July 2024 by particularly preventing the transfer of arms, munitions and related goods to Israel. The Hague Group will also prevent the docking of vessels under their territorial jurisdiction when there is the risk that they would be used to carry fuel or weapons to Israel...

**The experts stressed that violations of international law disproportionately impact persons and groups in vulnerable conditions, particularly women and children.** "All States have an obligation to prevent harm to civilians and ensure the protection of all individuals without discrimination," they said. "Ensuring accountability for violations is essential to safeguarding fundamental human rights and preserving international peace and security."

**"We strongly encourage other States to join The Hague Group or articulate similar initiatives and operationalise these actions,** if they no longer want to represent the legal, political and moral shield of Israeli atrocities," the experts said.

***\*The experts:***

:: Francesca Albanese, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

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

:: Jovana Jezdimirovic Ranito (Chair-Rapporteur), Ravindran Daniel, Michelle Small, Joana de Deus Pereira, Andrés Macías Tolosa, Working Group on the use of mercenaries;

:: Astrid Puentes Riaño, Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment;

:: Attiya Waris, Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights;

:: Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation;

:: Reem Alsalem, Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences;

:: George Katrougalos, Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;

:: Surya Deva, Special Rapporteur on the right to development ;

:: Paula Gaviria Betancur, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;

:: Elisa Morgera, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change;

:: Siobhán Mullally, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;

:: Laura Nyirinkindi (Chair), Claudia Flores (Vice-Chair), Dorothy Estrada Tanck, Ivana Krstić, and Haina Lu, Working group on discrimination against women and girls; and

:: Barbara G. Reynolds, Isabelle Mamadou, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

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[\*\*Security Council Press Statement on Myanmar\*\*](#)

3 April 2025 SC/16037

## **Following Discovery of Mass Grave in Gaza with Bodies of 15 Aid Workers, Human Rights Chief Warns Security Council about Heightened Risk of Atrocity Crimes**

Following the recent discovery of a mass grave in Gaza — in which the bodies of 15 humanitarian workers were interred — the United Nations human-rights Chief warned the Security Council today of a high and increasing risk that atrocity crimes are being committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

2 April 2025 SC/16035

## **Amid Record High Killing of Humanitarian Workers, Speakers Implore Security Council to Ensure Accountability for Attacks on Personnel in Conflict Zones**

What is the Council going to do to ensure accountability for the killing of aid workers and to prevent more such deaths, a senior United Nations humanitarian official asked the 15-member body today, as she detailed the unprecedented attacks that such workers face in conflict zones around the world.

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Statements, Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News*

03 Apr 2025 *Press releases*

[\*\*Amid escalating horror, UN experts urge States to take concrete action to end impunity for Israel\*\*](#)

**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News*

03 Apr 2025 *Press releases*

[\*\*Amid escalating horror, UN experts urge States to take concrete action to end impunity for Israel\*\*](#)

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest news*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News and Stories [Selected]*

*Featured*

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

4 April 2025

*Featured*

**[UN Deputy Relief Chief demands concrete action be taken to ensure safety of aid workers](#)**

2 April 2025

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest Stories*

*Impact Story*

**[HDX Signals: Alerting Humanitarians to Deteriorating Crises](#)**

... To address these challenges, OCHA's Centre for Humanitarian Data developed HDX Signals, a product that gives humanitarians the insights they need to act quickly and decisively. It monitors key datasets and generates automated alerts, or 'signals', when significant negative changes occur in a particular location.

Launched publicly in June 2024, HDX Signals uses advanced analysis and AI-powered summaries to provide actionable insights, helping organizations allocate resources and respond to needs faster than ever. As of February 2025, HDX Signals covers 200 locations and five topics: agricultural hotspots, conflict events, displacement, food insecurity and market prices...

**IOM [International Organization for Migration]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://www.iom.int>

*Press Releases – Selected News*

News 04 Apr 2025

**EU, IOM Senior Officials in Brussels for Eleventh Strategic Cooperation Meeting on Migration**

News 03 Apr 2025

**IOM Urgently Seeks USD 17.3 Million to Support Communities Hit Hardest by Myanmar**

**UNAIDS** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Feature Story

**Groundbreaking ruling in Spain overturns discrimination based on HIV status**

04 April 2025

**UNICEF** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Press release 05 April 2025

**More than a million children in the Gaza Strip deprived of lifesaving aid for over one month**

AMMAN, 5 April 2025 – , The blockade of humanitarian aid is having terrible consequences for one million children in the Gaza Strip. No aid has been allowed into the Gaza Strip since 2 March 2025 – representing the longest period of aid blockage since the start of the war – leading to shortages of food, safe water...

Statement 05 April 2025

**UNICEF calls for immediate end to attacks on civilian areas in Ukraine as nine children reportedly killed in Kryvyi Rih**

GENEVA, 5 April 2025 – , "We are devastated by the horrific attack in Kryvyi Rih that reportedly killed at least nine children and injured many more, including one as young as three months old. "A missile reportedly struck a residential neighbourhood in the Saksahanskyi district in the early evening, a time when m...

Remarks 01 April 2025

**Geneva Palais briefing note: The impact of the earthquake in Myanmar on children**

YANGON/GENEVA, 1 April 2025 – , "The deadliest earthquake to hit Myanmar in many decades has hit children the hardest. "I have just returned from some of the worst-affected locations, where I joined our teams in the delivery of initial assistance. What I saw was devastating. "Entire communities have been flattened....

Press release 31 March 2025

**At least 322 children reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip following breakdown of ceasefire**

NEW YORK/AMMAN, 31 March 2025, – The breakdown of the ceasefire and resumption of intense bombardments and ground operations in the Gaza Strip has reportedly left at least 322 children dead and 609 injured – constituting a daily average of around 100 children killed or maimed over the past 10 days. Most of these c...

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## **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Selected News/Announcements/Statements*

4 April 2025 *News release*

**[WHO brings countries together to test collective pandemic response](#)**

1 April 2025 *News release*

**[WHO issues its first-ever reports on tests and treatments for fungal infections](#)**

31 March 2025 *Medical product alert*

**[WHO information notice for users of malaria IVDs 2025/1](#)**

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## **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

### **WHO African Region AFRO**

:: 04 April 2025

**[Côte d'Ivoire: self-testing extends cervical cancer screening services](#)**

:: 02 April 2025

**[Uganda launches largest malaria vaccine introduction to date](#)**

### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: 2 Apr 2025

**[As the humanitarian crisis continues, PAHO sends almost three tons of essential medicines and health supplies to Haiti](#)**

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 2 April 2025, (PAHO/WHO) - As part of its commitment to address the prolonged humanitarian crisis in Haiti, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) sent a new shipment of almost three tons of essential medicines and health supplies from its Strategic Reserve in Panama, which arrived in the country today. The shipment...

:: 31 Mar 2025

**[PAHO issues new epidemiological alert amid rising yellow fever cases in the Americas](#)**

Washington, D.C., March 31, 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued a new epidemiological alert in response to an increase in yellow fever cases across the Americas during the first months of 2025. The number of confirmed human cases as of March 22 has more than doubled compared to the total recorded in all of 2024,...

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

:: 4 April 2025 *News release*

**[WHO scales up emergency response in earthquake-hit Myanmar, provides 100 tons of medicines and supplies, coordination of Emergency Medical Teams on the ground](#)**

### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: 4 April 2025 *News release*

**[EU-funded water stations sustain health services for over a million people in Kharkiv region, Ukraine](#)**

### **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

:: **[Fatima: crossing deserts to protect mothers and newborns in Pakistan](#)**

3 April 2025

:: **[Improving health care for Afghan refugees and host communities in Pakistan](#)**

2 April 2025

**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.*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Disease Outbreak News (DONs)**

*Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Weekly Epidemiological Record**

Vol. 100, Nos. 13/14, pp. 103–122 28 March 2025

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

*Reviewed earlier.*

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**New WHO Publications**

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

*Selected*

2 April 2025

**[Antimicrobial resistance prevention and education in schools: a brief for education policy-makers and...](#)**

1 April 2025

**[Report of the fifth meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on NCD-related Research and Innovation](#)**

1 April 2025

**[Landscape analysis of commercially available and pipeline in vitro diagnostics for fungal priority pathogens](#)**

1 April 2025

**[Antifungal agents in clinical and preclinical development: overview and analysis](#)**

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**World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

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

**UNFPA United Nations Population Fund** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Selected Press Releases [Selected]*

04 Apr 2025 *Press Release*

**[At least 173,855 pregnant women at risk following Myanmar Earthquake](#)**

New York, April 4, 2025 – The 7.7-magnitude earthquake that hit Myanmar on March 28th has killed thousands of people and upended the lives of millions more, including at least 173,855 pregnant women...

**UNDP United Nations Development Programme** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Centre*

**[Statement by UNDP Administrator on the situation in South Sudan](#)**

April 1, 2025

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Resources [Selected]*

2 Apr 2025 | *Press Release*

**[European Commission, UNEP boost cooperation on environment and climate as a key enabler for competitiveness, security and resilience](#)**

Brussels, 28 March 2025 - In a move to strengthen global environmental cooperation in increasingly challenging geopolitical circumstances, European Commissioner for the Environment, Water Resilience, and a Competitive Circular Economy, Jessika Roswall, met with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Inger Andersen, in Brussels today. This high-level dialogue aims to align strategic priorities between the European Commission and UNEP during a critical period for environmental multilateralism.

**UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]*

*Statements and messages* 1 April 2025

**Statement on Myanmar earthquake by Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR**

I am profoundly saddened by the tragic loss of life and the growing number of injuries caused by the earthquake that struck Myanmar on 28 March. My heart goes out to the victims, their families, and all those affected by this devastating event.

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Articles - Selected*

04-04-2025 | DESA

**We live longer than ever, but many health-related SDG targets are off-track ahead of 2030 deadline**

4 April 2025 - Global health has improved significantly over the past 30 years thanks to advances in disease control, public safety, nutrition, personal hygiene and medical therapies. Progress towards universal health coverage and emphasizing primary healthcare, has contributed to rising life expectancies worldwide.

04-04-2025 | DESA

**Using governance perspectives to advance the Sustainable Development Goals**

4 April 2025 - The Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) will hold its 24th session at UN Headquarters in New York from 7 to 11 April 2025. They will discuss governance and institutional perspectives on advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs.

01-04-2025 | DESA

**UN-backed forum seeks to boost resilience of world's Least Developed Countries**

1 April 2025 - Policymakers, researchers, the private sector and other stakeholders are meeting in Zambia's capital, Lusaka, over the next three days to chart a path toward sustainable development and resilience for the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

**Advancing disability inclusion in the global labour market**

Global Disability Summit 2025

4 April 2025

People with disabilities make up an estimated one billion, or 15 per cent, of the world's population. The right of people with disabilities to decent work, however, is frequently denied.

**UNESCO** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected] - Observatory of Killed Journalists*

**The teaching shortage in Latin America and the Caribbean: UNESCO launches a global report and a strategy to strengthen the profession**

4 April 2025

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Announcements [Selected]*

**Save the date: AGA2025 in Lumbini NEPAL**

This year, the ICOMOS Annual General Assembly, Advisory Committee meetings and Scientific Symposium will take place in Lumbini, Nepal, from 11 to 19 October 2025, organized by ICOMOS Nepal.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*Press Releases, Statements [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

**FAO Food Price Index remains stable in March**

Rising vegetable oil quotations offset lower prices for wheat, maize, rice and sugar

**Transforming our agrifood systems holds the key to helping the world's poorest**

*FAO Director-General addresses the UN Finance for Development Summit at the Vatican*

02/04/2025

"... larger, more efficient, equitable and innovative financing landscape for agrifood systems transformation is key to address the most pressing global challenges and to reach the poorest of the poor and reduce hunger and malnutrition," Qu said. "Together, we can build a financial architecture that leaves no one behind and ensures that every investment contributes to a future where food security, economic development, environmental sustainability, and social equity go hand in hand."

**World Food Programme** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases [Selected]*

3 April 2025

**WFP delivers aid to hardest-hit areas in earthquake-stricken Myanmar**

MANDALAY, Myanmar – Within 48 hours of the powerful earthquake that struck central Myanmar on Friday afternoon, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) began emergency food distributions to affected communities. WFP has so far reached over 24,000 earthquake survivors in four areas, Mandalay, Naypyitaw, Sagaing and Shan, and is scaling up efforts to assist 850,000 affected people.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights [Selected]*

**[African aviation leaders establish digital transformation and regional connectivity as key priorities for air transport development](#)**

2/4/25

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*What's New*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]*

**[03.04.2025 // 2025-044 Invitation to submit information on the inclusion of additional headline, component and complementary indicators for the monitoring framework for the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.](#)**

**[03.04.2025 // 2025-045 Invitation to submit inputs and relevant information to support the development of a methodology for additional component indicators for headline indicators](#)**

**for headline indicators 18.1 and 18.2 of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://www.usaid.gov/>

*Announcements/Press Releases [Selected]*

**Notification of Administrative Leave**

USAID Office of Inspector General

As of 11:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, February 23, 2025, all USAID direct hire personnel, with the exception of designated personnel responsible for mission-critical functions, core leadership and/or specially designated programs, will be placed on administrative leave globally.

Concurrently, USAID is beginning to implement a Reduction-in-Force that will affect approximately 1,600 USAID personnel with duty stations in the United States.

Individuals that are impacted will receive specific notifications on February 23, 2025, with further instructions and information about their benefits and rights.

Designated essential personnel who are expected to continue working will be informed by Agency leadership February 23, 2025, by 5 p.m. EST.

For overseas personnel, USAID intends a voluntary Agency-funded return travel program and other benefits. USAID is committed to keeping its overseas personnel safe. Until they return home, personnel will retain access to Agency systems and to diplomatic and other resources.

In the coming week, we will provide details on how to retrieve personal items from the former USAID workspaces and return government issued devices.

Additional guidance is forthcoming, and all future updates/notices will continue to be communicated through official USAID channels and posted on USAID.gov for those without access to USAID systems.

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.]** [nee DFID] [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press release*

**NATO must be 'stronger, fairer, and more lethal' Foreign Secretary to say**

3 April 2025 — *Press release*

UK to highlight ironclad support for Alliance and push Allies to increase defence spending

**ECHO** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*News article* 4 April 2025

**EU pledges additional humanitarian aid at roundtable on the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

The European Commission has pledged a further €40 million in humanitarian assistance for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), subject to the approval of the budgetary authority.

*News article 2 April 2025*

**EU launches Humanitarian Air Bridge after Myanmar earthquake and provides further assistance**

Following the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck Myanmar and the broader region last Friday, the EU is channelling further assistance to strengthen relief efforts.

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**African Union** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

*Press releases [Selected]*

**Repatriate Africa's climate-smart wisdom that was suppressed by colonialism.**

April 03, 2025

The urgency of climate change compels us to revisit lost wisdom in the African Agricultural Sector. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki is African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems observes that extreme weather, erratic rainfall, and rising temperatures threaten the staple crops that dominate global agriculture

**Zambia launches the End Learning Poverty for All in Africa Campaign**

April 03, 2025

**Speech: Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy at Global AI Summit on Africa**

April 03, 2025

**Innovation and Evidence in African Education: Key Symposium Findings**

April 02, 2025

**Validation of the Africa Union Ocean Governance Strategy and Implementation Plan**

April 01, 2025 to April 04, 2025

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Secretariat News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission**

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

*Latest [Selected]*

*Statement April 2, 2025*

**Statement by President von der Leyen on the announcement of universal tariffs by the US**

President Trump's announcement of universal tariffs on the whole world, including the EU, is a major blow to the world economy. I deeply regret this choice. Let's be clear-eyed about the immense consequences. The global economy will massively suffer. Uncertainty will spiral and trigger the rise of further protectionism. The consequences will be dire for millions of people around the globe. Also for the most vulnerable countries, which are now subject to some of the highest US tariffs.

*Press release Apr 1, 2025*



### **EU launches Humanitarian Air Bridge after Myanmar earthquake and provides further assistance**

Following the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck Myanmar and the broader region last Friday, the EU is channelling further assistance to strengthen relief efforts.

**OECD** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

### **OIC General Secretariat Welcomes Formation of New Syria Government**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the formation of the new Syrian government. The Secretary-General of the OIC, Mr. Hissein  
2025-04-01

### **OECD urges strengthened co-operation to sustain trillion-dollar ocean economy**

Press release 31 March 2025

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*Website not responding at inquiry.*

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

### **OIC Condemns Extremist Israeli Minister's Incursion into Al-Aqsa Mosque, Calls for Israeli Occupation to be held Accountable for Heinous Crimes against Palestinians**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) strongly condemned the incursion by the extremist minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, and hundreds of extremist settlers into the blessed Al-Aqsa  
2025-04-03

### **Israeli Attacks Reach 2,637 Crimes in a Single Week Across the Palestinian Territories----- Al-Aqsa and Ibrahimi Mosques subject to violations, and the occupation forces arrest and injure 14 children in the West Bank**

The Israeli occupation forces committed mass crimes in the West Bank. The blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque was subjected to daily raids by settlers and Israeli occupation  
2025-04-01

### **OIC Condemns Israeli Settlement Plans in Occupied Al-Quds, Calls on International Community to Assume Responsibilities**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) strongly condemned the Israeli authorities' ratification of a settlement road-building project in the occupied Al-Quds to reinforce the link  
2025-04-01

### **OIC General Secretariat Welcomes Formation of New Syria Government**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the formation of the new Syrian government. The Secretary-General of the OIC, Mr. Hissein  
2025-04-01

**Group of 77** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**UNCTAD** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://unctad.org/>

*Press Releases*

04 Apr 2025 –

**UN Trade and Development Alerts: the Poor and the Vulnerable Risk Being Overlooked in Escalating Trade Tensions**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2025/004

Geneva, Switzerland

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

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*Americas*

**UN Tourism and CAF Launch Indigenous Tourism Challenge for Latin America and the Caribbean**

02 Apr 2025

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 05 Apr 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]*

**Statement from Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO**

3 April 2025 Speech

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press releases*

06/04/2025

**Belize becomes the 182nd IPU Member Parliament**

**International Court of Justice** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Case Documentation*

**Press release No. 2025/15**

3 April 2025

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the **Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel) - Nicaragua withdraws its Application** for permission to intervene in the proceedings

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

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

*News [Selected]*

**Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties responds to announcement of withdrawal from the Rome Statute by Hungary**

*Press Release* 3 April 2025

Assembly of States Parties

**International Law Commission** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Recent Developments*

**2024 Topical summary**

4 April 2025

The Topical Summary of the debate in the Sixth Committee on the 2024 ILC report, has been issued (A/CN.4/778).

*[See "E. Non-legally binding international agreements", p.15]*

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Bank** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*All News [Selected]*

**Ghana To Host ACE@10: Celebrating a Decade of Impact and Innovation of Africa Centers of Excellence Program**

MEDIA ADVISORY ACCRA, APRIL 2nd, 2025 - The Government of Ghana will be hosting a High-Level Forum on Africa's Higher Education Centers of Excellence (ACE) program from April 7-9, 2025, at...

Date: April 02, 2025 Type: Press Release

**World Bank to Provide \$500 Million to Create Jobs and Support Businesses in Earthquake-Hit Areas in Türkiye**

WASHINGTON, April 1, 2025—The World Bank Board has approved \$500 million in funding to create inclusive jobs and revitalize the economy in areas that were devastated by the February 2023 earthquakes in...

Date: April 01, 2025 Type: Press Release L

**IMF** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

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April 3, 2025

**Statement by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva**

Washington, DC – April 3, 2025: Today, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva issued the following statement on yesterday's announcement of U.S. tariffs:

April 3, 2025

**Korea's Rapid Aging Doesn't Have to Be Economic Destiny**

Boosting AI adoption, increasing labor participation, and allocating resources more efficiently can help offset the economic drag from an aging population

March 31, 2025

**Seven Success Mantras for Public Financial Management Reforms**

March 31, 2025 ... For example, poor commitment controls and accumulating arrears can result in ... Often, major IT solutions are embarked upon as solutions to relatively simpler challenges.

**African Development Bank** [to 05 Apr 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]*

04-Apr-2025

**African Development Bank and Mozambique launch drone-based initiative to strengthen country's disaster preparedness**

02-Apr-2025

**African Development Bank-Supported Projects in Senegal, Rwanda Clinch Top Honors at 2025 Bonds, Loans & ESG Capital Markets Africa Awards**

01-Apr-2025

**African Development Bank and Lake Chad Basin Commission Sign \$10 Million Grant Agreement to Revitalize Lake Chad**

**Asian Development Bank** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

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01 Apr 2025

**ADB to Provide \$3 Million for Earthquake Relief in Myanmar**

ADB is preparing a \$3 million grant to support emergency and humanitarian needs of the people of Myanmar affected by the 7.7 magnitude earthquake on 28 March.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 05 Apr 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]*

News

Beijing, April 01, 2025

### **AIIB Statement on Myanmar and Thailand Earthquake**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) expresses its sincere condolences to all those affected by the recent earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand.

**IDB** – Inter-American Development Bank [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

News

### **IDB Report Highlights Regional Opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean Amid Global Shifts**

Economic growth in Latin America and the Caribbean has returned to more stable historical averages since the pandemic. However, amid global shifts, the region needs to embrace a series of reforms to seize growth opportunities and chart a course toward greater prosperity for their citizens, according...  
April 3, 2025

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

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:: Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch - *Selected Updates from 30+ entities*

:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch - *Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research*

:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch - *Selected Updates*

:: Journal Watch - *Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals*

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

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

**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Myanmar*

**Séisme : une urgence humanitaire sans précédent**

Publié le 4 avril 2025

Une semaine après le violent séisme de magnitude 7,7 qui a frappé le Myanmar, le bilan dépasse 3 000 morts, avec des milliers de blessés et de nombreuses personnes toujours portées disparues.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*Our Latest News*

**N4G Summit : ALIMA Calls for Urgent and Sustainable Investment to Fight Malnutrition**

Every year, millions of children suffer from acute malnutrition — a public health emergency still heavily reliant on fragile humanitarian aid. At the Nutrition for  
04/03/2025

**Amref Health Africa** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*BS International News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://pro.drc.ngo/resources/news/?t=Press+Release>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://ecpat.org/>  
*ECPAT News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://www.eifl.net/>  
*EIFL works with libraries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://www.fountainhouse.org/news>  
*News*  
**[Fountain House Announces Four New Board Members as it Expands Awareness of the Clubhouse Model](#)**  
April 1, 2025

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 05 Apr 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 – April 2025](#)  
:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 20 Mar 2025](#)  
:: [Genomics :: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Digest – March 2025](#)

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://hi.org/en/>  
*News*  
**[Transforming schools to better accommodate children with disabilities in Uganda share](#)**  
*Inclusion / Rehabilitation / Uganda | PUBLISHED ON April 3rd 2025*  
With HI's support, the Malembo school aims to give children with disabilities the opportunity to go to school.

**Heifer International** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://www.heifer.org/about-us/news.html>  
*News*  
**[Remembering Pierre Ferrari, Former President and CEO of Heifer International](#)**

Pierre Ferrari, the former President and CEO of Heifer International who fought passionately to end world hunger, has passed away at the age of 74.

Ferrari served as President and CEO of Heifer International, an organization that supports rural communities through sustainable farming and training. In 2022, after 12 years in this role, he retired in Serenbe, Georgia.

"His impact on our organization—and the global movement to end hunger and poverty—was profound and enduring," Heifer International shared in a statement following Ferrari's passing...

**HelpAge International** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**A victory for older people everywhere: UN takes significant step toward a global rights convention**

3 April 2025

The UN has taken a historic step toward a global convention to protect the rights of older people.

**Ensuring older people's wellbeing in rural Kenya: the role of social protection**

1 April 2025

This study highlights the barriers older people encounter in accessing social protection in Kenya and provides recommendations to improve their wellbeing.

**Older people must be central to Myanmar's earthquake relief efforts**

31 March 2025

A powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar. The quake, the worst in over a century, was followed by strong aftershocks, further shaking a region already grappling with conflict and displacement.

**ICRC** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest press releases and statements [Selected]*

**Myanmar: ICRC calls for courageous decisions to bring respite to suffering communities**

*News release* 04-04-2025

**Landmines and explosive remnants cast a long shadow over Iraq amid recovery efforts**

*News release* 04-04-2025

**With too many wars raging and tensions rising, we must uphold international humanitarian law and the vision of a mine-free world**

*News release* 04-04-2025

**IFRC** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press release* 04/04/2025

**One Week On: IFRC Scales Up Myanmar Earthquake Response Amid Massive Humanitarian Needs**

*Press release* 04/04/2025



**With too many wars raging and tensions rising, we must uphold international humanitarian law and the vision of a mine-free world**

*Press release 30/03/2025*

**IFRC condemns the killing of eight Palestine Red Crescent medics in Gaza**

**International Medical Corps (IMC)**

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

*Selected Press Releases/Updates/Alerts*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 05 Apr 2025]**

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

*Press Releases*

**The IRC is deeply concerned by new wave of forced displacement amid military escalation in Gaza**

April 4, 2025

*Press Release*

**Myanmar Earthquake: IRC Teams Report Unprecedented Destruction**

March 31, 2025

**IRCT [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]**

[https://islamic-relief.org/news\\_category/news/](https://islamic-relief.org/news_category/news/)

*Latest news and updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Mercy Corps [to 05 Apr 2025]**

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

April 02, 2025

**Gaza's Lifeline Severed: One Month Without Aid Deepens Humanitarian Crisis**

One month since humanitarian aid last entered Gaza, the situation has become increasingly dire. The closure of all...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 05 Apr 2025]**

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Gaza-Israel war*

**MSF mourns the killing of eleventh colleague in Gaza**

Statement 4 Apr 2025

*Bangladesh*

**MSF hands over decade-long programme in Kamrangirchar**

Project Update 3 Apr 2025

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**Civilians and MSF teams trapped by violence in Walikale, DRC**

Press Release 2 Apr 2025

*Colombia*

**Worsening conflict leaves tens of thousands without essential care in Colombia**

Press Release 2 Apr 2025

*Gaza-Israel war*

**One month into deadly Israeli-imposed blockade, critical medicines in Gaza start to run out**

Press Release 2 Apr 2025

*Mali*

**MSF resumes medical activities in central Mali**

Interview 1 Apr 2025

*Cholera*

**People affected by violence and cholera in South Sudan arrive exhausted in Ethiopia**

Press Release 31 Mar 2025

**The New Humanitarian** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet*

04 April 2025

**Myanmar response challenges, Gaza aid worker killings, and Trump tariff impacts in Africa**

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

**Norwegian Refugee Council**

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

*Latest News*

*Press release*

**DR Congo: Millions facing destitution as violence forces people to flee multiple times**

02. Apr 2025 | DR Congo

**OXFAM** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Stories*

**Myanmar Earthquake: Devastating Crisis, Immediate Response Underway**

31 March 2025

Oxfam in Myanmar has activated its Emergency Response Team and is providing hygiene, dignity and family kits in the areas affected.

**Pact** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News & Stories*

**How Federal Funding Cuts are Undermining Public Health Infrastructure**

Take action today to tell Congress to reverse these harmful cuts and restore critical public health funding to our communities.

April 3, 2025

**Standing with Haiti**

PIH CEO Dr. Sheila Davis shares an update on the work of Zanmi Lasante, amid ongoing violence threatening the city of Mirebalais, Haiti.

April 3, 2025

**Community-Based Gardens Address Nutritional Needs on the Navajo Nation**

Demonstration gardens encourage healthy lifestyles, community building within the Navajo Nation.

April 3, 2025

**PATH** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

**Boosting advanced-stage clinical trial capacity in East and Central Africa to combat regional epidemic threats**

*The CEPI-backed Research Preparedness Program in East and Central Africa aims to bolster regional clinical trial capacity and disease outbreak readiness.*

March 31, 2025

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Top stories*

02 Apr 2025 *GLOBAL*

**ABOUT 130 CHILDREN BORN DAILY IN GAZA AMID TOTAL SIEGE ON AID AND GOODS**

About 130 babies will be born in Gaza every day over a month into a healthcare system driven to the verge of collapse, where some may not survive complications at birth.

02 Apr 2025 *Myanmar*

### **MYANMAR: Children living in the open face additional risk of heat related illnesses after deadly earthquake**

Children living in the open in Myanmar after being forced from their homes by the deadly earthquake are at additional risk of heat related illnesses as temperatures in parts of the country climb to 40°C (104 F), Save the Children said.

02 Apr 2025 *Kenya, Rwanda, Democratic Congo*

### **Save the Children's investment in VIEBEG to help more African children access essential medical equipment**

Children in Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya will benefit from new paediatric medical equipment as a result of a child-lens investment by Save the Children Global Ventures (SCGV).

30 Mar 2025 *Myanmar*

### **'Young children screamed in fear': Save the Children responds in Myanmar with lifesaving aid in earthquake affected areas**

Save the Children is collaborating with partners to respond to the urgent needs of children and families in some of the affected areas.

**Tostan** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Articles*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases & Resources*

*Press Release | April 3, 2025*

### **Judge Rejects Government's Attempt to Dismiss EFF Lawsuit Against OPM, DOGE, and Musk**

NEW YORK—A lawsuit seeking to stop the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) from disclosing tens of millions of Americans' private, sensitive information to Elon Musk's "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) can continue, a federal judge ruled Thursday. Judge Denise L. Cote of the U.S. District...

*Press Release | March 31, 2025*

### **EFF Installs Border Technology Exhibit at Angel Island Immigration Station**

SAN FRANCISCO—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has installed a photographic and informational exhibit on border surveillance technology for public viewing at Angel Island State Park—the first such display ever in a California State Park and a National Historic Landmark. The "Border Surveillance: Places, People, and Technology" exh

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Our Work*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Releases/Spotlight*

*Spotlight*

March 10, 2025 | *Feature*

**[Podcast: Rights & Wrongs](#)**

On the newest episode of Human Rights Watch's podcast, host Ngofeen Mputubwele revisits last year's episode on shipbreaking in Bangladesh, sometimes called the most dangerous job in the world, and catches up with researcher Julia Bleckner to understand how the important political moment that has unfolded in Bangladesh over the last year will impact shipbreaking.

April 3, 2025 | *News Release*

**[Iran: UN Expands Investigations into Rights Violations](#)**

April 3, 2025 | *Commentary*

**[Slashing UK Aid is Morally Bankrupt](#)**

April 3, 2025 | *Dispatches*

**[States Take Steps Toward Reforming Economic Approaches with Rights](#)**

April 2, 2025 | *Dispatches*

**[Burkina Faso's Relentless Crackdown on Dissent, Media](#)**

**Transparency International** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Elder's Statements, News*

**Leaders must uphold scientific integrity over political opportunism**

Gro Harlem Brundtland

1 April 2025

Gro Harlem Brundtland discusses how disinformation threatens pandemic preparedness

**Global Fund** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Releases*

02 April 2025

**Global Fund Secures First Eighth Replenishment Pledge – A Historic Private Sector Commitment from Children's Investment Fund Foundation**

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) today announced the first pledge to its Eighth Replenishment Campaign – and it comes from the private sector. The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) has made a ground...

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest Resources/Upcoming Events*

**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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*In the News*

*Blog Post*

**Statement on the Trump Administration's Plan to Abolish USAID**

InterAction | Mar 31, 2025

*WASHINGTON, D.C. – InterAction, the leading alliance of international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and partners in the United States, issued the following statement in response to the Trump administration's plans to abolish the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).*

*"On Friday, the Trump administration notified Congress of their intent to formally 'abolish USAID as an independent establishment.' They also notified Congress of their 'intent to undertake a reorganization that would involve realigning certain USAID functions to the [State] Department by July 1, 2025.'*

*"InterAction urges Congress to ensure the administration does not take further unilateral action to abolish USAID. Congressional action and agreement are required to legally abolish the agency as it was created by Congress.*

"We recognize and have supported the need for foreign aid reform. As Congress contemplates the congressional notification, several critical matters require thorough consideration. The following points warrant attention to ensure effective and sustainable policy changes:

"Independence is needed for delivering effective humanitarian assistance where needs drive life-saving action and demonstrate America's values. When foreign aid becomes politically motivated, it often fails to achieve its intended outcomes and save lives.

"Diffusing humanitarian and development programs and operations across the United States government means foreign assistance will be less coordinated and coherent. This will slow results, add inefficiencies, create duplication, and dilute impact.

"Technical expertise and program management is crucial for the design and oversight of assistance programs. Success depends on this expertise for lasting results, but much of this expertise—currently housed at USAID—risks being lost.

"We know already that the administration's actions regarding USAID are having real world costs. Reducing harm and restoring confidence in the U.S. as a reliable partner is central to achieving impactful results in future foreign assistance.

"The U.S. government's response to the Myanmar earthquake this past weekend was muted, while other countries have rushed to assist people across the region. Many NGOs operating in the region are having difficulty funding life-saving actions due to issues and confusion brought on by the foreign aid review—funding terminated, payments not received, or stocks depleted.

"We urge the administration to prioritize and safeguard rapid response capabilities, like what is currently needed in Myanmar, while ensuring U.S. humanitarian and development assistance maintains technical leadership and expertise for maximum effectiveness. America must uphold its global leadership and continue to reach the people most in need."

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### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*What's New/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **CHS Alliance** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

[\*\*DEC Myanmar Earthquake Appeal raises £7.5 million on first day, as Their Majesties The King and Queen donate\*\*](#)

Press release 4 April 2025

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 05 Apr 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**

04 April 2025 *[text bolding from original]*

This week we share reflections on crises unfolding across multiple regions. **As Myanmar reels from the devastating earthquake**, one post warns that **aid must reach people in need directly** and not be filtered through the military junta, especially in light of further cuts to USAID under the Trump administration. In Sudan, nearly two years into the civil war, **a genocide case has reached the ICJ**. The court should act quickly and not confine itself to the specific demands made by the Sudanese military leader. Another post analyzes **why peace negotiations have stalled** and how **competing interests among international mediators continue to undermine ceasefire efforts**.

From Gaza, posts reflect on yet **another Eid marked by violence and loss**, questioning the real impact of the recent ceasefires. Finally, a post asks: **what future remains for humanitarian studies?** This piece explores the sector's deepening crisis – organizational, institutional, normative, and political – and what may come next. **This week's posts are yet another call to confront the current crises and reimagine the role of humanitarianism today.**

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

*News/Events/Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Brookings** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Reports, Events*

*Research*

**[How the war in Ukraine changed Russia's global standing](#)**

Angela Stent

April 2, 2025

**Center for Global Development** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*All Research*

*WORKING PAPER*

**[Cash and Small Business Groups for Ugandans and Refugees](#)**

Travis Baseler et al.

March 31, 2025

Constraints that inhibit small business growth are potentially amplified for groups with limited access to existing business networks like refugees and women. Programs that facilitate intergroup contact, in addition to capital, could potentially raise welfare, especially if incentives are aligned fo...

**Chatham House** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**[Independent Thinking: Are Donald Trump's tariffs the end of globalization?](#)**

Jason Furman, Dame DeAnne Julius and David Lubin discuss the impact of Donald Trump's 'liberation day' tariffs on the United States and the global economy.

4 April 2025 30 minute listen Audio

*Featured content*

*Expert comment*

**Trump's 'liberation day' tariffs are likely just the beginning of a longer-term vision**

Amid strident rhetoric and shifting targets, many observers have written off Trump's tariff agenda either as a thoughtless time bomb that may wreck the global economy or as a negotiating tactic. But they are missing the bigger picture.

3 April 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**Myanmar's military prioritizes its own survival in earthquake response**

The devastating earthquake has put further strain on the embattled military regime as it fights a civil war. It is unlikely to collapse imminently, but the country's crisis will only get worse.

2 April 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**Putting the Digital Services Tax on the table in US negotiations sends worrying signal on UK digital sovereignty**

It would likely be unpopular for a government that has cut welfare services and introduced new taxes on UK businesses, but it also risks undermining wider attempts to regulate big tech.

2 April 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**The false economy of DOGE**

Criticism of US government inefficiency is justified. But rapid cuts made by the Department of Government Efficiency threaten US resilience and competitiveness.

2 April 2025 4 minute READ

*Research paper*

**Conflict prevention under pressure**

As overseas aid budgets are cut, how can policymakers make sure their conflict prevention interventions are effective?

2 April 2025

**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CSIS** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**A Partnership for Progress: Expanding U.S.-Brazil Student Exchange**

Student exchanges between Brazil and the U.S. are driving innovation, boosting economies, and strengthening diplomacy. Expanding these programs is key to deepening ties and building a new generation committed to strong U.S.-Brazil relations.

Brief by Julie Baer, Juliana Rubio, and Eitan Casaverde — April 4, 2025

### **After the Virginia AI Bill Was Vetoed, What's Next for State-Level AI Legislation?**

Would Virginia's vetoed AI bill have imported the EU's AI Act to the United States? Dr. Laura Caroli unpacks the comparisons and cuts through the noise—revealing that while the bill echoed some EU language, the differences ran deeper than headlines suggest.

Report by Laura Caroli — April 3, 2025

### **CSIS European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogues**

Political shifts and a rapidly changing security environment continue to reinforce the importance of close collaboration and unity between the United States, the United Kingdom, and France as responsible nuclear weapons states and NATO alliance members.

Report by Heather Williams — April 1, 2025

### **Assessing Guatemala as a Nearshoring Destination**

CSIS Americas Deputy Director and Senior Fellow Christopher Hernandez-Roy examines the business landscape in Guatemala and how the country can bolster its nearshoring attractiveness.

Report by Christopher Hernandez-Roy, Andrea Casique, and Natalia Hidalgo — April 1, 2025

### **Could Allies Decide the Future of the Indo-Pacific?**

In this Marshall Paper, Phillips P. O'Brien assesses the critical importance of allies in deciding major conflicts. O'Brien argues that the U.S. allies appear strong on paper, but a long conflict may hinge more on commitment than on capability.

Brief by Phillips O'Brien — April 1, 2025

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI [Overseas Development Institute]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Publications [Selected]*

**Financial access challenges specific to non-profit organisations, notably local and faith-based organisations**

04 April 2025

Meeting/conference report

**Sri Lanka: from debt default to transformative growth (second edition)**

02 April 2025

Book/book chapter

**Pew Research Center** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest Publications [Selected]*

*Report Apr 3, 2025*

**How the U.S. Public and AI Experts View Artificial Intelligence**

These groups are far apart in their enthusiasm and predictions for AI, but both want more personal control and worry about too little regulation.

**Rand** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Commentary Apr 4, 2025*

### **Are AI-Generated Medical Notes Really Any Worse?**

AI may be just as (un)reliable as our current methods of medical documentation, but it is also much, much faster. This speed can bring about many benefits.

*Commentary Apr 4, 2025*

### **Building Societal Resilience Through Wargaming**

Wargaming is far more than a tool for military strategy—it's a dynamic, hands-on approach to tackling complex challenges in nearly any sector. From preparing for natural disasters to safeguarding supply chains, wargaming is helping organisations across industries anticipate crises, test strategies, and strengthen their response capabilities.

... Wargames can be tailored to the complexities of resilience planning, drawing on a wide range of approaches. We have found that established methods originally developed for military strategic and operational competition—such as 'Day-After,' '360,' and 'Will to Fight'—can be adapted alongside bespoke and innovative designs. Integrating wargaming with creative thinking techniques can further help participants explore effective crisis responses and enhance decisionmaking in complex scenarios...

*Research Apr 2, 2025*

### **Applying History to Inform Anticipatory AI Governance: Using Foresight and Hindsight to Inform Policymaking**

How do lessons from past technologically driven transformations inform today's artificial intelligence governance challenges? These conference proceedings address this question with a novel combination of methods—backcasting and the use of history.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*RoRI News, Events*

*Website not enabled to allow content capture via links.*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alan Turing Institute**

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

**New Research Publications - Selected**

**The Wistar Institute** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://agenda.weforum.org/press/>  
*Media [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

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**ISC / International Science Council** [to 05 Apr 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*

**Tipping points or turning point? Science-based priorities for the ocean we need**

April 3, 2025

As we approach the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC-3) in early June, the International Science Council (ISC) and its multidisciplinary ocean expert group are releasing a set of science-based priorities to inform negotiations and guide outcomes.

**Global Research Council** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://www.nae.edu/31222/MediaRoom>  
*Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academy of Medicine - USA** [to 05 Apr 2025]  
<https://nam.edu/programs/>  
*News [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

**Reports Events Monthly Calendar - April 2025**

“Reports & Events” is a monthly tip sheet for the news media that highlights selected meetings of interest and reports from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Date

2025-03-31

**Implications of Recent Supreme Court Decisions for Agency Decision-Making**

April 7 and 8

In recent decisions, the Supreme Court moved away from the traditional deference afforded government agencies under the 1984 case *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council* — ultimately overturning the decision in June 2024 and embracing the “major questions doctrine” (MQD). This workshop will examine the implications of the MQD and the overturning of Chevron deference for agency decision-making.

**Data-Informed Decision-Making: Shaping the Future of Science and Technology**

April 30

This webinar will bring together experts from multiple sectors to discuss how a data-informed approaches are transforming the accessibility, agility, and competitiveness of the science and technology ecosystem.

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 05 Apr 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*

*No new digest content identified. [most recent press release – February 24, 2025]*

**NIH** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Releases*

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

**Jay Bhattacharya Begins Tenure as 18th Director of the National Institutes of Health**

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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 05

Apr 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

*News; Publications; Events*

[CIOMS March 2025 Newsletter](#)

### **Hastings Center** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Events*

*Event – April 11, 2025, 1:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT*

[Tom Beauchamp Celebration of Life](#)

### **INSERM** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*Published on 30 March 2025*

[Artificial intelligence in the prevention of sudden death](#)

### **ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News and blogs*

*No new digest content identified*

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

<https://www.unescobiochair.org/>  
*Activities and News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>  
*Press Releases*  
[Health workforce safety is patient safety](#)  
03.04.2025

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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 05 Apr 2025]

<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>  
*News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>  
*Press Releases & Statements*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://www.bluemeridian.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.*  
*No new digest content identified.*



**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News & Updates*

*Press | April 1, 2025*

**[Responding to Earthquakes in Myanmar and Thailand: How You Can Help](#)**

**Co Impact** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News & Press*

*News 03 April 2025*

**[Ford Foundation, RIIF Launch \\$5 Million Initiative to Empower Next Generation of Appalachian Investors](#)**

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

### **Hewlett Foundation Welcomes Nicole Cordan as a Program Officer with the Environment Program**

The Hewlett Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Cordan as Program Officer in Environment. Beginning April 8, Cordan will lead the Foundation's western conservation grantmaking strategy, focusing on preserving landscapes and waterways across the Western United States to safeguard the health and well-being of both people and wildlife. Cordan brings a wealth...

*Environment April 1, 2025*

### **Eli Sugarman to Join Hewlett Foundation as Director of Special Projects**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced today that Eli Sugarman, who previously led the foundation's Cyber Initiative, will join the foundation as Director of Special Projects. In this role, he will support the foundation's president, Amber D. Miller, in managing the institution's Special Projects portfolio, which has been used for unique catalytic opportunities, collaborative...

*Special Projects March 28, 2025*

### **HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **IKEA Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

### **Statement From Dr. Richard Besser on the Mass Firings at HHS**

*Statement Apr-01-2025 / 2-min read*

PRINCETON—The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today fired as many as 10,000 workers across its agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Richard Besser, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, released the following statement in response.

HHS has a mission to improve and protect Americans' health and wellbeing. Its leadership should be working nonstop to ensure health is no longer a privilege but a right. Instead, they are systematically and cruelly dismantling our nation's public health system and workforce, which threatens the health and wellbeing of everyone in America.

This is not a so-called restructuring. These are reckless, thoughtless cuts that will only make American communities less healthy and less safe. They represent an abdication of the department's essential responsibility to promote and protect health. And they present a

fundamentally different vision of what government can and should do to improve people's lives. Americans deserve better.

Our governmental institutions can always do better and must always look to make sure resources are well spent. However, these cuts are not about increasing efficiency. These indiscriminate firings of our nation's health officials are a recipe for disaster that will especially harm those who already face the greatest barriers to health: Lower-income working families that are disproportionately uninsured. Rural communities, where hospitals and health centers are few and far between. Older adults and disabled people, who may need greater care and experience higher risks of illness.

I am confident that the remaining staff at federal health agencies will perform their jobs as best they can. They know what it means to be a public servant. But the services people depend on—services that aim to prevent gun violence and reduce smoking, or help families have healthy babies—will be significantly impaired as result of these cuts.

It is clear that political leaders in this administration are neither committed to nor serious about improving everyday people's lives and health.

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 05 Apr 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 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News & Media*

04.04.25 Every Child Thrives

[Empowering girls to become community leaders](#)

04.02.25 Community Engagement

Every Child Thrives

[Documentary told through music tells the real story of Haitians](#)

04.02.25 Impact Investing

Every Child Thrives

[Creative approaches to employment and community enrichment](#)

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Releases*

5 April 2025|2 Min

[Aga Khan Master Musicians dazzle Paris with new collaborations](#)

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Latest News & Related Content*

*Grantee Publications*

[Big Picture Facts about U.S. Incarceration](#)

April 1, 2025

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### *Press Releases*

#### **Juan Salgado Elected to Chair MacArthur Board**

March 31, 2025

### *Perspectives*

#### **Women Making History Work to Improve Justice System**

By NeAngela Dixon March 31, 2025

Criminal Justice

#### **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Recent News*

**What is needed for a fire to turn into an urban disaster, and how to prevent future widespread loss**

April 1, 2025

#### **Open Society Foundations** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Rockefeller Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*News and Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 05 Apr 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..."*

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://wellcome.org/news/all>

*News, Opinion, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 05 Apr 2025]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 05 Apr 2025]

<https://cof.org/news-blog>

*News, Press Releases [Selected]*

*Blog*

**[This is What Philanthropy Is Built for](#)**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 2:17 pm

Kathleen Enright

When change and uncertainty abound, it's hard to know what to do. For many philanthropic organizations, and especially our nonprofit partners, so much is at stake right now. But times like these are precisely what philanthropy is built for. Philanthropy consistently steps up during difficult times: from recessions, to pandemics, to shifts in federal priorities.

A survey of our members last month shows, once again, you are doing just that: giving more, faster, and with fewer restrictions:

:: Grantmakers are increasing their focus on partnership, with over half of respondents saying they are seeking new opportunities to collaborate with other funders;

:: 44% have or are considering shifting grantmaking priorities to address new or worsening funding gaps;

:: 39% have or are considering increasing flexibility in grantmaking processes; and

:: 27% have or are considering increasing their overall grantmaking budget.

We also inquired about how our members are responding to the shifting federal stance on diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion. We found that most respondents (64%) are not considering changes at this time.

:: [Download a summary of the survey results.](#)

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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**

March 2025 Volume 27, Number 3: E167-236

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/regret-moral-psychology-surgical-professionalism>

### **Issue Theme: Surgical Care of Incarcerated Patients**

The United States incarcerates more people per capita than any other nation. Developing and maintaining clinically and ethically appropriate surgical care for incarcerated individuals requires clinicians, health care organizations, and governments to actively resist historically entrenched patterns of devaluing incarcerated individuals' humanity and personhood. Neglect of carceral patients' surgical care needs, in particular, remains systematized to the persistent detriment of incarcerated individuals' perioperative and surgical care, recovery, outcomes, and overall health. Carceral surgical patients' risk/benefit profiles must be contextualized at every stage of their care by their diminished legal agency, restricted liberty, and increased environmental risk for a range of abuses and trauma. Carceral surgical patients' vulnerabilities can be exacerbated by uncertainty or conflict about the scope and applicability of state authority relative to clinicians' authority, which can manifest in fraught interactions among clinicians, law enforcement and security personnel, and carceral facility employees tasked with monitoring incarcerated individuals outside carceral settings.

[Reviewed earlier]

## **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Apr 03, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 4 p725-964

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

[\*\*This month in The Journal\*\*](#)

Alyson B. Barnes, Sara B. Cullinan

Genomic medicine has the potential to transform lives, but its integration into healthcare systems requires organization, coordination of regional and national efforts, and consistent funding. Moreover, the many different cultures and political structures, as well as health and health-care disparities, present around the world pose challenges to the adoption of a one-size-fits-all genomics program. Yet, the goals of improving health outcomes by meeting the specific needs of the community in a sustainable and equitable manner are shared by many national and international programs.

*Perspective*

**The expanding global genomics landscape: Converging priorities from national genomics programs**

Caitlin Howley, et al.

As the global landscape of genomics continues to expand, evaluation is needed to inform the design of current and future genomics initiatives. Six key priorities emerged from reviewing and synthesizing information on several national genomics programs. This contributes to the knowledge base and highlights a range of approaches being implemented.

**American Journal of Infection Control**

April 2025 Volume 53 Issue 4 p415-536

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

April 2025 Volume 68 Issue 4 p645-858

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

*Research Articles*

**Early Childhood Vaccination Coverage and Patterns by Rural–Urban Commuting Area**

Sophia R. Newcomer, et al.

Published online: January 13, 2025

p773-783

**American Journal of Public Health**

April 2025 115(S1)

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 112 (2025): Issue 4 (Apr 2025)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/112/4/tpmd.112.issue-4.xml>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

March 2025 Volume 178, Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Issue 403 - February 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **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 340 March 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/340/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

### **[Overcoming HPV vaccine hesitancy: insights from a successful school-based vaccination campaign in the Saa health district of Cameroon](#)**

*Vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV) represents a critical strategy in the global effort to eradicate cervical cancer. Nonetheless, the uptake of HPV vaccination in Cameroon has been slow, resulting ...*

*Authors: Eposi C. Haddison, Doris B. Engoung, Carole B. Bodo and Victor M. Njie*



Citation: *BMC Infectious Diseases* 2025 25:465  
Content type: Research Published on: 4 April 2025

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

**[Barriers, facilitators, needs, and preferences in seeking information regarding cervical cancer prevention programs among Turkish, Moroccan, and Syrian immigrant women: a scoping review](#)**

*Cervical cancer (CC) is the fourth most frequently diagnosed cancer in women worldwide. Immigrant women are often disproportionately affected by CC but show low participation in CC screening and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination...*

Authors: Tharsini Veeravagu, Nora Hamdiui, Mart L. Stein, Rik Crutzen and Aura Timen

Citation: *BMC Public Health* 2025 25:1242

Content type: Systematic Review Published on: 2 April 2025

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 05 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

April 2025 - Volume 30 - 2

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/30/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMJ Global Health**

March 2025 - Volume 10 - 3

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/10/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - March 2025

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-03/>

#### **Is scientific reticence hindering climate understanding?**

By David Spratt

The bulk of climate research has tended to underplay worst-case scenarios, preferring cautious projections and scholarly reticence. This reticence is clearly displayed in the work of the IPCC, which consistently errs on the side of "least drama," and downplays the more extreme possibilities. Increasing numbers of scientists have spoken out on the dangers of such an approach.

#### **"Fragile, impermanent things": Joseph Tainter on what makes civilizations fall**

By Jessica McKenzie

Do civilizations have tipping points that determine their rise and fall?

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

2025 Mar 1; 103(3)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 51, Issue 2 March 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 161 March 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/161/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 117, Issue 4 Pages: 859-1148 April 2025

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

#### ***Bench to Budget***

*Editorial*

#### **Bench to Budget: Integrated Evidence Generation for Medications**

Sebastian Schneeweiss, Rebecca Miksad

Pages: 869-871

First Published: 20 March 2025

*State of the Art Review*

#### **Modern Evidence Generation on Medication Effectiveness and Safety During Pregnancy: Study Design Considerations**

Krista F. Huybrechts, Brian T. Bateman, Sonia Hernández-Díaz

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Authors: Stefan Jansen, Japhet Niyonsenga, Epaphrodite Nsabimana, Mediatrice Kagaba, Eugene Rutembesa, Henny Slegh, Bonaventure Mihigo and Jean Mutabaruka

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### **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>

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***Will Trump Change the World?***

## **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 52, 2025 - Issue 1

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Volume 32 Issue 2, March 2025

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Joss B. Murray, Patrick T. Harrison, Janine Scholefield

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

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### **Georgia: Parliament Enacts New Limits on Conduct at Public Demonstrations**

On December 13, 2024, the Parliament of Georgia adopted amendments to the Law on Assemblies and Demonstrations. That law regulates the conduct of people exercising their constitutional right to gather publicly, without weapons, indoors and outdoors without prior permission. The amendments place new restrictions on participants at such gatherings. They took effect on December 29, 2024.

The amendments were passed after protests in Tbilisi that began on November 28, 2024. Demonstrators gathered after the government postponed negotiations for membership in the European Union until the end of 2028 and declined the receipt of EU budget grants. Reportedly, protesters used lasers, pyrotechnic devices, face masks, and other equipment to impede authorities, prompting the government to introduce the amendments...

Contributor: Roudik, Peter

Date: 2025-04-04

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***Special Section: Distress Migration and the Right to Health***

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**[The availability of essential medicines in public healthcare facilities in Afghanistan: navigating sociopolitical and geographical challenges](#)**

Margo van Gurp and others

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



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Authors: Wario Wako and Dejene Gemechu Chala

Pages: 7–80

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#### **[Children's Rights and the "Power" of Power Over](#)**

Author: Hannah Hirst

Pages: 136–169

Online Publication Date: 20 Mar 2025

#### **[Children's Responsibilities in the era of Children's Rights: Perspectives of South African Learners](#)**

Author: Lucia Munongi

Pages: 229–253

Online Publication Date: 20 Mar 2025

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Vol. 12 No. 4 (2025): April 2025

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/123>

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#### **[Confidentiality in the era of electronic health records: ethical challenges and solutions](#)**

Ziad Saleh Alhomidan, Nasser Mathyab Albaqami, Abdulrahman Abdulkhaliq Alshehri, Abdullah Abdulaziz Aldubaib, Abdulaziz Bandar Alsuwailem, Khalid Faisal Al Ghadam  
1904-1910

DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20250945](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20250945)

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

Volume 118 15 February 2025

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Volume 54, Issue 1, February 2025

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IRRC No. 927 March 2025

<https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-927-ihl-and-peace>

#### ***IHL & Peace***

[23 articles]

...this issue of the Review examines the intricate relationship between IHL and peace, touching also on the role of humanitarian organizations in this interplay. The diverse contributions featured in this issue reveal that this relationship is far more nuanced and multi-dimensional than it might initially appear. To conclude, this issue features various contributions pertaining to the October 2024 Council of Delegates and the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

### **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**

April 1, 2025, Vol 333, No. 13, Pages 1101-1184

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>

*Editorial*

February 20, 2025

### **Reaffirming the JAMA Network Commitment to the Health of Patients and the Public**

Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, PhD, MD, MAS<sup>1</sup>; Robert O. Bonow, MD, MS<sup>2</sup>; Neil M. Bressler, MD<sup>3</sup>; et al Linda Brubaker, MD, MS<sup>4</sup>; Dimitri Christakis, MD, MPH<sup>5</sup>; Stacy L. Christiansen, MA<sup>6</sup>; Gregory Curfman, MD<sup>7</sup>; Mary L. (Nora) Disis, MD<sup>8</sup>; Annette Flanagan, RN, MA<sup>9</sup>; Sandro Galea, MD, DrPH<sup>10</sup>; Sharon K. Inouye, MD, MPH<sup>11</sup>; S. Andrew Josephson, MD<sup>12</sup>; Melina R. Kibbe, MD<sup>13</sup>; Tracy A. Lieu, MD, MPH<sup>4</sup>; Preeti N. Malani, MD, MSJ<sup>4</sup>; Mary M. McDermott, MD<sup>4</sup>; Christopher C. Muth, MD<sup>4</sup>; Dost Öngür, MD, PhD<sup>14</sup>; Hannah Park<sup>15</sup>; Jay F. Piccirillo, MD<sup>16</sup>; Eli N. Perencevich, MD, MS<sup>17</sup>; Roy H. Perlis, MD, MSc<sup>18</sup>; Joseph S. Ross, MD<sup>4</sup>; Kanade Shinkai, MD, PhD<sup>19</sup>; Kristin L. Walter, MD, MS<sup>4</sup> JAMA. 2025;333(13):1121-1122. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.2405

In the first month of the new administration responsible for leading the US, the executive branch has issued a flurry of orders, including ones associated with the dismissal or resignation of tens of thousands of federal employees. Many of these have substantial consequences for science, medicine, and public health. Amidst the dizzying array of actions, it is difficult to know where to focus and how best to respond.<sup>1,2</sup> However, the silencing of science and health-related communications through suppression or erasure of information, and the corresponding silence by many in the fields of biomedicine and public health, deserve special consideration.

Multiple infectious threats remain active across the globe, but the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been prohibited from communicating with other public health agencies, such as the World Health Organization, to coordinate a response and from advising the public about the nature of these threats and how to best take protective action.<sup>3</sup> US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) websites that contain health surveillance data, details on enrollment in clinical trials, and other critical information to guide clinical decision-making have been taken down or expunged. Although a number have been ordered to return to service, some of these sites bear an ideological disclaimer that is unrelated to health. For example, one site currently states, "Per a court order, HHS is required to restore this website as of 11:59PM ET, February 11, 2025. Any information on this page promoting gender ideology is extremely inaccurate and disconnected from the immutable biological reality that there are two sexes, male and female. The Trump Administration rejects gender ideology and condemns the harms it causes to children, by promoting their chemical and surgical mutilation, and to women, by depriving them of their dignity, safety, well-being, and opportunities. This page does not reflect biological reality and therefore the Administration and this Department rejects it."<sup>4</sup>

Some authors of scientific works in process have had to remove their names from publications for these publications to proceed; others have chosen to pause or withdraw their publications. While some of these actions are directly related to the executive order to HHS employees to cease communications,

many have been undertaken preemptively by authors who are not subject to the order but are presumably fearful of the challenges of communicating complex findings in this current environment. Some authors are engaging in anticipatory compliance by scrubbing from their manuscripts words they fear may be deemed, in the moment, politically unacceptable. Some have done this because they have been ordered to do so and others have been propelled by perhaps justifiable fear that in this environment, their association with the concepts underlying these words could well mean loss of employment, loss of funding, or other retaliatory action in the future.

Until the recent draconian reductions in indirect cost rates for federally funded grants that support needed research and infrastructure at academic medical centers,<sup>5,6</sup> the response of most biomedical institutions to the ongoing actions threatening scientific integrity and the health of the public had been muted. Presumably, this subdued response stemmed from an interest in these institutions maintaining a nonpartisan stance for fear of retribution. While many are calling attention to the harms to health research that would be caused by such substantial cost reductions and a judicial hold has been placed, disruptive uncertainty continues.<sup>6</sup>

The free exchange of ideas is essential to scientific progress, just as it is integral to the founding ideals of the US. The integrity of the scientific process does not depend on blind trust in science or on an assumption that a scientific finding is always right. Rather, this integrity hinges on the confidence that the free exchange of scientific ideas grounded in rigorously conducted scientific inquiry, including the discussion, debate, and disagreement that results in further inquiry, ultimately leads to insights that are likely to be true. For those of us who are part of the biomedical enterprise, the silencing of this scientific discourse and the prohibition of communication of information for patients and clinicians directly threaten the professional oaths that many have taken to protect the health of patients and the public. The silence with which many of us and our institutions are meeting this moment must be challenged.

As leaders of JAMA and the JAMA Network, we offer these core commitments.

First, we reaffirm the principles and values found on our mastheads that have held us in good stead for decades. At JAMA, our mission is to advance the science and art of medicine and the betterment of public health, and includes specific objectives to “maintain the highest standards of editorial integrity and quality independent of any special interests,” “to foster responsible and balanced debate on important issues that affect medicine, health, health care, and health policy,” and “the social responsibility to improve equity and the total human condition, promulgate truth in science and medicine, and promote the integrity of science.”<sup>7</sup> Our commitment to diversity of thought, expertise, and background on our teams and to aim for the highest integrity in the editorial process are essential to ensuring the open scientific dialogue and exchange of ideas that are core to robust scientific discourse.<sup>8</sup>

Second, we remain steadfast in our guidance to authors and readers across the JAMA Network journals<sup>9</sup> and endorse and adhere to the standards set by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.<sup>10</sup> We also recognize the realities of the current environment and the specific injunctions some authors may be under and the broader concerns of others. We are committed to working with authors to publish in accordance with the highest standards for scientific and editorial integrity. We will act flexibly, where appropriate, to ensure that censoring efforts will not silence the integrity of the scientific process or clear communication of scientific information important for health. Authors and editors have a shared goal of ensuring the broad and faithful dissemination of scientific findings, and we will strive to pursue this goal regardless of the external environment.

The JAMA Network publishes science, opinion, and educational materials with the foundational goal of advancing health. JAMA Network journals have always aspired to provide essential health information to guide both science and clinical practice, and we will continue to do so, even in the setting of real and perceived challenging government actions. We shall, as an editorial team, stay abreast of changes in this very dynamic environment and adapt as needed to ensure that we will continue to meet the needs of science and health communication, guided always by our responsibility to the health of patients and the public worldwide.

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*...a peer-reviewed, international journal for the rapid publication of original research on new and existing drugs and therapies, and post-marketing investigations. Equivalence, safety and efficacy/effectiveness studies are especially encouraged.*

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Volume 174 May 2025

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**[Beyond the records: Data quality and COVID-19 vaccination progress in low- and middle-income countries](#)**

Yannick Markhof, Philip Wollburg, Alberto Zezza

Article 103449

*Research article Abstract only*

**[The long shadow of conflict on human capital: Intergenerational evidence from Peru](#)**

Alessandra Hidalgo-Aréstegui, Catherine Porter, Alan Sánchez, Saurabh Singhal

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Erik Gustavsson, Lars Lindblom

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April 2025 Volume 22 Issue 225

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**[Unlocking the secrets of scenic beauty: a quantitative analysis of object variety and connections in scenic images](#)**

Junjun Yin, Guangqing Chi and Bin Jiang

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**Journal of Travel Medicine**

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*Editor's Choice*

**Vaccination perspectives: the Qdenga® dilemma**

Rachael Fletcher and others

*Journal of Travel Medicine*, Volume 32, Issue 3, April 2025, taaf023,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaf023>

The introduction of the Qdenga® dengue vaccine presents both opportunities and challenges. Debate regarding efficacy, safety, and potential risks for dengue-naïve individuals continues. With varying international guidelines and evolving evidence, advising travellers requires detailed risk assessment, up-to-date evidence based decisions, and clear communication.

**Journal on Education in Emergencies**

Volume 9, Number 1 - (Dec 2023)

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**The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health**

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*Health Policy*

**Simplifying medicine dosing for children by harmonising weight bands across therapeutic areas**

Hylke Waalewijn, et al. and the members of the expert panels

*Summary*

Generally, dose recommendations for children are expressed as fixed dosing increments related to bodyweight, known as weight bands. The weight bands recommended in WHO treatment guidelines vary between diseases, leading to complexity and potential dosing errors when treating children for multiple diseases simultaneously. The introduction of a harmonised weight banding approach for orally administered drugs across disease areas could streamline dosing for young children, but implementing such an approach would require changes in current dosing recommendations. In this Health Policy, we describe the process we conducted to: identify therapeutic areas for harmonisation of weight bands; propose a harmonised weight-banding system to align with current use of weight bands in antibiotic guidance; and simulate the expected effect of dose adjustments due to weight-band harmonisation. Each step of this process, along with the effect and feasibility of weight-band harmonisation was discussed with clinical, policy, and pharmacology experts convened by WHO, representing four therapeutic areas: tuberculosis, HIV, malaria, and hepatitis C. Dosing according to harmonised weight bands across the targeted therapeutic areas was found to be feasible and should be considered for implementation by WHO disease programmes through their appropriate normative processes.

**Lancet Digital Health**

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*Viewpoint*

## **The importance of microbiology reference laboratories and adequate funding for infectious disease surveillance**

David Shaw,

*Summary*

Microbiology reference laboratories perform a crucial role within public health systems. This role was especially evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this Viewpoint, we emphasise the importance of microbiology reference laboratories and highlight the types of digital data and expertise they provide, which benefit national and international public health. We also highlight the value of surveillance initiatives among collaborative international partners, who work together to share, analyse, and interpret data, and then disseminate their findings in a timely manner. Microbiology reference laboratories have substantial impact at regional, national, and international levels, and sustained support for these laboratories is essential for public health in both pandemic and non-pandemic times.

## **Lancet Global Health**

Apr 2025 Volume 13 Number 4 e599-e777

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

*Editorial*

## **Redefining implementation science for global health decolonisation**

The Lancet Global Health

*Comment*

## **A call for an Africa-centric health research ethics framework: a way forward for shaping global health research**

Mosoka Papa Fallah, Nebiyu Dereje, Elvis Temfack, Raji Tajudeen, Jean Kaseya

*Series*

*Clinical Trials in Global Health*

## **Better engagement, better evidence: working in partnership with patients, the public, and communities in clinical trials with involvement and good participatory practice**

Nina Gobat, et al.

*Clinical Trials in Global Health*

## **Strengthening the paediatric clinical trial ecosystem to better inform policy and programmes**

James A Berkley, et al.

*Clinical Trials in Global Health*

## **Advancing maternal and perinatal health through clinical trials: key insights from a WHO global consultation**

Teesta Dey, et al.

*Clinical Trials in Global Health*

## **Democratising clinical trials research to strengthen primary health care**

Christopher C Butler, et al.

*Clinical Trials in Global Health*

## **Reporting summary results in clinical trial registries: updated guidance from WHO**

An-Wen Chan, et al.

## **Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Apr 2025 Volume 25 Number 4 p357-470, e191-e254

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

*Editorial*

## **Facts and myths about measles**

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

### **Lancet Public Health**

Apr 2025 Volume 10 Number 4 e264-e346

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

*Editorial*

### **Public health under Trump 2.0: the first 50 days**

The Lancet Public Health

... These past 50 days saw an array of decisions and proposed or paused policies that undermine science and expertise, weaken protection for vulnerable populations, risk worsening health inequities, and threaten public health across the USA and abroad. As a journal dedicated to public health and improving health equity, at The Lancet Public Health we stand for the communities we serve, we will continue to report, document, support researchers and practitioners, and advocate for better health for all.

### **Lancet Respiratory Medicine**

Mar 2025 Volume 13 Number 3 p189-288, e17-e19

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

*Editorial*

### **Pneumonia: a neglected global threat**

The Lancet Respiratory Medicine

... At the intersection between research activities and public health interventions lies the problem of AMR. Bacterial pneumonia can be treated with antibiotics, although deaths attributable to AMR have increased globally for some causative pathogens, such as *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and are projected to grow.

Another important route to reduce pneumonia is through vaccination. Increasing global coverage of existing vaccines, both those that are part of routine immunisation programmes, such as the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, and for those at high risk, pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, can reduce the risk of contracting pneumonia and thus the need for antimicrobials in clinical practice. In addition, accelerating research on the new generation of vaccines should be a priority to ensure a long-term plan to tackle AMR and develop alternative means of protection.

After more than two centuries since its discovery, pneumonia remains a global health threat, with an upward trajectory. We urgently need a multisectoral effort to reverse this trend and tackle the disease with the support of primary care, public health experts, researchers, and clinicians. The fight against pneumonia is challenging, but with coordinated efforts we can start moving towards a healthier future for all.

### **Maternal and Child Health Journal**

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### **Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

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*Editorial* 01 Apr 2025

#### **[A brain drain would impoverish the United States and diminish world science](#)**

Europe is advertising itself as a destination for embattled US scientists. It seems many are considering leaving.

*Comment* 26 Mar 2025

#### **[The full lethal impact of massive cuts to international food aid](#)**

The sudden withdrawal of almost half of global funding for nutrition suddenly will have dire consequences for decades.

Saskia Osendarp, Marie Ruel, Lawrence Haddad

### **Nature Biotechnology**

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### ***Nature Reviews Drug Discovery***

Volume 24 Issue 4, April 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/24/issues/4>

*Comment* 16 Dec 2024

#### **[IRDiRC perspectives on the application of digital biomarkers in therapeutic development for rare diseases](#)**

New approaches are needed to streamline clinical trials of drugs for patients with rare diseases. Digital biomarkers offer one such approach, but several challenges must be addressed to realize their potential.

Rajesh Krishna, Anneliëne H. Jonker, Daniel O'Connor

### ***Nature Reviews Genetics***

Volume 26 Issue 4, April 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/26/issues/4>

*Comment* 03 Feb 2025

#### **[Integrating ELSI study teams in paediatric genomic research efforts](#)**

The promise of paediatric genomics depends on proactively addressing complex ethical and equity issues with sustained community engagement. Hernandez et al. advocate for the integration of ELSI scholars into paediatric genomic study teams to catalyse timely discovery in genomics.

Raquel G. Hernandez, Simoné Guambaña, Melissa A. Faith

### ***Nature Reviews Immunology***

Volume 25 Issue 4, April 2025

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

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*Editorials*

#### **[Working at Cross-PURPOSEs to Ending HIV](#)**

G.E. Gray and W.F. Venter

Almost 15 years ago, the results of the Preexposure Prophylaxis Initiative (iPrEx) trial, which showed the efficacy of oral antiretroviral agents as preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP), were reported in the Journal.<sup>1</sup> However, only 15% of persons who would benefit from PrEP currently receive it.<sup>2</sup> The recent modest fall in the global incidence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection obscures the ongoing epidemic among key populations in high-income, middle-income, and low-income countries, including continued high infection rates among young women in southern Africa. The United Nations 2030 prevention targets will not be met unless something different is done, and soon.

The results of the PURPOSE 2 trial, reported by Kelley et al. in this issue of the Journal<sup>3</sup> essentially mirror those of the PURPOSE 1 trial, which was conducted in Uganda and South Africa. The PURPOSE 1 trial showed near-total protection from HIV infection among participants who received subcutaneous lenacapavir every 6 months.<sup>4</sup>...

*Original Articles*

#### **[Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir for HIV Prevention in Men and Gender-Diverse Persons](#)**

C.F. Kelley and Others

### **NEJM Evidence**

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*Leading Article*

**[A Framework for Using Cost-effectiveness Analysis to Support Pricing and Reimbursement Decisions for New Pharmaceuticals in a Context of Evolving Treatments, Prices, and Evidence](#)**

Beth Woods, Alfredo Palacios, Mark Sculpher

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## **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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### **The transdisciplinary research process and participatory research approaches used in the field of neglected tropical diseases: A scoping review**

Norana Abdul Rahman, Vaikunthan Rajaratnam, George L. Burchell, Karen Morgan, Mohamed Rusli Abdullah, Marjolein B. M. Zweekhorst, Ruth M. H. Peters

Research Article | published 01 Apr 2025 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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*Perspective* March 28, 2025

### **Meltdown of trust in weakly governed economies**

Stephen Polasky, Marten Scheffer and John M. Anderies

*Abstract*

A well-functioning society requires well-functioning institutions that ensure prosperity, fair distribution of wealth, social participation, security, and informative media. Such institutions are built on a foundation of trust. However, while trust is essential for economic success and good governance, interconnected mechanisms inherent in weakly governed market economies tend to undermine the very trust on which such success depends. These mechanisms include the intrinsic tendency for inequality to grow, media to boost perceived unfairness, and self-interest to gain rewards at the expense of others. These mechanisms, if left unchecked, allow wealth concentration to result in state capture where institutions facilitate further wealth concentration instead of the promoting the common good. As a result, people may become alienated and untrusting of fellow citizens and of institutions. Several democracies now experience such dynamics, the United States being a prime example. We discuss ways in which well-functioning democracies can design institutions to help avoid this social trap, and the much harder challenge of escaping the trap once in it. Successful cases such as the ability of Scandinavian democracies to maintain high-trust, and the US progressive era in the early 20th century provide instructive examples.

## **PNAS Nexus**

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## *Perspective*

### **The rebound curve is a poor model of resilience**

Daniel A Eisenberg and others

*PNAS Nexus*, Volume 4, Issue 3, March 2025, pgaf052, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgaf052>

#### *Abstract*

The rebound curve remains the most prevalent model for conceptualizing, measuring, and explaining resilience for engineering and community systems by tracking the functional robustness and recovery of systems over time. (It also goes by many names, including the resilience curve, the resilience triangle, and the system functionality curve, among others.) Despite longstanding recognition that resilience is more than rebound, the curve remains highly used, cited, and taught. In this article, we challenge the efficacy of this model for resilience and identify fundamental shortcomings in how it handles system function, time, dynamics, and decisions — the key elements that make up the curve. These oversimplifications reinforce misconceptions about resilience that are unhelpful for understanding complex systems and are potentially dangerous for guiding decisions. We argue that models of resilience should abandon the use of this curve and instead be reframed to open new lines of inquiry that center on improving adaptive capacity in complex systems, rather than on functional rebound. We provide a list of questions to help future researchers communicate these limitations and address any implications on recommendations derived from its use.

### **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

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*In Depth*

#### **Killed NIH grants could waste billions of dollars**

BY Sara Reardon

03 Apr 2025: 12-13

More than \$1.4 billion in sunk research costs may produce few results, analysis suggests

#### **NSF has awarded almost 50% fewer grants**

BY Jeffrey Mervis

03 Apr 2025: 13-14

An analysis shows a drastic falloff since Trump took office. The finding conflicts with the director's claims

*Policy Forum*

#### **Rubella and measles: The beginning of the endgame**

BY Matthew J. Ferrari, William J. Moss

03 Apr 2025: 32-34

*Benchmarks must be established and progress tracked to set a global target and take action*

A September 2024 recommendation from the World Health Organization (WHO) for universal introduction of rubella-containing vaccines (RCVs) into childhood vaccination programs in all countries paves the way to dramatically reduce, and ultimately eradicate, congenital rubella syndrome (CRS), which affects tens of thousands of families each year ([1](#)). It removes a critical barrier to the introduction of rubella vaccination in most of the remaining 19 countries yet to do so. Because rubella vaccine is delivered in combination with measles vaccine and introduction will involve large campaigns to vaccinate all children under 15 years of age, this recommendation provides an opportunity to move much closer to the ultimate goal: a world without measles or rubella. With planning for this goal currently paused, the programmatic, operational, and research communities must come together to establish empirical benchmarks that countries have progressed far enough for a global target to be set and the "endgame" to begin...

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Spring 2025 Volume 23, Number 2  
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Read about how community-based organizations around the world are healing the social fragmentation behind mass atrocities, genocide, and identity-based violence; how a small farm outside Dallas demonstrated how place-based neighborhood transformation can succeed; how nonprofit leaders can use programmatic asset transfers for greater social impact; how one Latin American organization repeatedly pivoted over 40 years to better serve the region's small businesses; and other topics in the Spring 2025 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

### **Systematic Reviews**

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#### **[Involving adolescents in evidence syntheses: an umbrella review](#)**

Stakeholder involvement in evidence syntheses has the potential to enhance the quality and relevance of reviews. However, adolescents rarely participate in evidence synthesis, mainly because their role and inf...

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**[Leveling the Playing Field: Inspiring Change through Sport](#)**

Charles Katoanga

Sport diplomacy moves beyond the competitive element of sport to leverage sport's spirit of collaboration and shared commitments.

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

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**[Adapting the Women's empowerment in nutrition index: Lessons from Kenya](#)**

Erin Lentz, Nathan Jensen, Watson Lepariyo, Sudha Narayanan, Elizabeth Bageant

Article 106887

*Research article Abstract only*

## **Subnational democracy, protest, and welfare**

Julia Smith Coyoli, Candelaria Garay

Article 106784

### *Abstract*

What accounts for subnational variation in the provision of social services and welfare outcomes? Taking inspiration from the literature explaining national-level variation, we look to the subnational political regime to help understand welfare disparities. Broadly consistent with the argument at the national level, we find that more democratic subnational units are more welfare-enhancing. Through a quantitative analysis of Argentine provinces, which show wide variation in regime type as well as welfare provision and outcomes, we find that democratic provinces have better welfare outcomes, measured as the infant mortality rate. By disaggregating different aspects of the regime, we show the effect is driven by permissive rules regarding gubernatorial term limits. We also find that, while the political regime is not systematically related to the provision of healthcare services, protest does have a positive effect on health service delivery, regardless of the subnational regime.

## **World Heritage Review**

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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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**[AI Regulation and Capitalist Growth: Balancing Innovation, Ethics, and Global Governance](#)**

[Vikram Kulothungan](#), [Priya Ranjani Mohan](#), [Deepti Gupta](#)

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[Jacy Reese Anthis](#), [Ryan Liu](#), [Sean M. Richardson](#), [Austin C. Kozlowski](#), [Bernard Koch](#), [James Evans](#), [Erik Brynjolfsson](#), [Michael Bernstein](#)

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[Silvia Fernandez-Sabido](#), [Laura Peniche-Sabido](#)

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**[Are clinicians ethically obligated to disclose their use of medical machine learning systems to patients?](#)**

[Joshua Hatherley](#)

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**[The Risks of Using Large Language Models for Text Annotation in Social Science Research](#)**

[Hao Lin](#), [Yongjun Zhang](#)

Generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) or large language models (LLMs) have the potential to revolutionize computational social science, particularly in automated textual analysis. In this paper, we conduct a systematic evaluation of the promises and risks of using LLMs for diverse coding tasks, with social movement studies serving as a case example. We propose a framework for social scientists to incorporate LLMs into text annotation, either as the primary coding decision-maker or as a coding assistant. This framework provides tools for researchers to develop the optimal prompt, and to examine and report the validity and reliability of LLMs as a methodological tool. Additionally, we discuss the associated epistemic risks related to validity, reliability, replicability, and transparency. We conclude with several practical guidelines for using LLMs in text annotation tasks, and how we can better communicate the epistemic risks in research.

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### **[A Conceptual Framework for Human-AI Collaborative Genome Annotation](#)**

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Genome annotation is essential for understanding the functional elements within genomes. While automated methods are indispensable for processing large-scale genomic data, they often face challenges in accurately predicting gene structures and functions. Consequently, manual curation by domain experts remains crucial for validating and refining these predictions. These combined outcomes from automated tools and manual curation highlight the importance of integrating human expertise with AI capabilities to improve both the accuracy and efficiency of genome annotation. However, the manual curation process is inherently labor-intensive and time-consuming, making it difficult to scale for large datasets. To address these challenges, we propose a conceptual framework, Human-AI Collaborative Genome Annotation (HAICoGA), which leverages the synergistic partnership between humans and artificial intelligence to enhance human capabilities and accelerate the genome annotation process. Additionally, we explore the potential of integrating Large Language Models (LLMs) into this framework to support and augment specific tasks. Finally, we discuss emerging challenges and outline open research questions to guide further exploration in this area.

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### **[Evaluation synthesis analysis can be accelerated through text mining, searching, and highlighting: A case-study on data extraction from 631 UNICEF evaluation reports](#)**

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UNICEF works to protect children's rights and improve their well-being by partnering with governments and communities through various programs. These include protection, education, health, water, sanitation, and emergency support. Publicly available evaluation reports provide insights on results, recommendations, and lessons learned. Objective: This article describes semi-automated methods to synthesize UNICEF's extensive evaluation report collection to assess UNICEF's impact, identify achievements, challenges, and inform future strategy. Methods: A semi-automated approach was used to extract data from 631 evaluation reports across 64 outcomes in UNICEF's 2022-2025

Strategic Plan. Text pre-processing involved PDF-to-text extraction, section parsing, and neural network sentence mining. Data extraction was facilitated by SWIFT-Review using adjacency-search queries for outcome-based filtering. Results: We reduced text volume by 92%, identified relevant sentences with high recall (0.93), and outcomes within evaluation texts with median precision 0.6 (reading 21 reports per outcome). Conclusions: Semi-automation accelerates synthesis while maintaining scientific rigor and reproducibility.

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### **Tracing the Childhood Roots of Adult Purpose and Meaning: A Cross-National Analysis of 22 Countries in the Global Flourishing Study**

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*Abstract*

How might we cultivate a life imbued with purpose and meaning? Though common experience indicates purpose and meaning are inherently important, empirical evidence confirms they are also linked to improved health/well-being. However, childhood antecedents of purpose and meaning in adulthood are understudied. We analyzed nationally representative data from 22 countries in the Global Flourishing Study (N=202,898) and evaluated if 11 aspects of a child's upbringing predict purpose and meaning in adulthood, and if these associations vary by country. Some childhood factors were associated with increased purpose and meaning, including: good health, good relationship with parents, economic stability, regular religious service attendance, being female, and older birth cohorts. Childhood factors associated with decreased purpose and meaning, included: abuse, feeling alienated, only fair health, economic hardship, and loss of a parent. These findings may inform the development of programs designed to foster purpose and meaning that are globally adaptable, and locally nuanced.

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### **Ethical considerations in the routine identification of human remains in forensic mortuaries**

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*Abstract*

A core component of medico-legal investigation is the identification of the deceased, which may assist in preliminary criminal investigation, as well as in the delivery of justice- a fundamental right to of every person to recognised as an individual, which includes having their identity acknowledged even after death. The process of forensic human identification can be complex, and each case poses different legal, social and ethical dilemmas. This article provides an overview of ethical issues surrounding the fair delivery of forensic human identification in a routine post-mortem setting affecting professionals worldwide. The discussion on ethical issues surrounding human identification is divided into four key themes: (1) respect for the dignity of the deceased, particularly surrounding religious beliefs, and the delivery of social justice to next-of-kin; (2) the delivery of fair and equal care to the unidentified person(s); (3) doing no harm – impact of misrepresentation of the deceased, through misinterpretation of biological findings and (4) ethical concerns surrounding the role of databases in



identification. Despite the variety of scientific identification methodologies in existence, the resources for these are not always available or financially feasible at forensic facilities across the world. This is noticeable in the high number of unidentified human remains reported in middle-low-income countries when compared to higher income countries. While this article raises questions surrounding a number of ethical concerns, further research is required to explore solutions to these issues that are practical, feasible and appropriate.

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**Co-designing the consent process of critical care trials with patients and the public: Project protocol**

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***Abstract***

**Background**

Informed consent processes in critical care trials can be overwhelming for patients and their families as decisions about participation need to be made under distressing circumstances. Existing consent processes have been developed for and by White Western populations, making them less relevant for racialized groups from low- and middle-income countries. One solution is involving patients, their relatives and members of the public from diverse backgrounds in co-designing informed consent processes.

**Methods**

This project aims to co-design the consent materials and processes for two ongoing critical care trials with an existing Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement group at Ziauddin University in Pakistan. Using experience-based co-design and participatory action research, the process will follow six stages for each trial: (i) Introduction to trial and consent, (ii) Review of existing materials, (iii) Process mapping & recommendations, (iv) Creation of new materials, (v) Vetting, and (vi) Finalization. The final two steps involve collaboration with clinicians, trial teams, sponsors, and members of ethics review boards.

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