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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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UN World Social Report – New UN report warns of global social crisis driven by insecurity, inequality, and distrust

A new policy consensus is needed to restore trust and social cohesion

24-04-2025 | DESA

[Editor's text bolding]

Economic insecurity, staggering levels of inequality, declining social trust and social fragmentation are destabilizing societies worldwide. The *World Social Report 2025*, reveals trends that are threatening communities and demand immediate, decisive policy action.

Despite significant gains in poverty reduction, many people teeter on the brink of poverty, even as they move up the income ladder. Over 2.8 billion people—more than a third of the global population—live on \$2.15 to \$6.85 a day.

Over half of the global population has little or no trust in their government. Alarming, trust levels have been declining from one cohort to the next, indicating a systemic breakdown of social cohesion. The rapid spread of misinformation and disinformation is exacerbating these troubling trends.

The report calls for a new policy consensus anchored in three principles—equity, economic security for all, and solidarity—that are essential to strengthen the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The report is the first to be co-produced with the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER). This collaboration brings new research insights into the report, particularly on the far-reaching impacts of inequality and declining trust.

The upcoming Second World Summit for Social Development, to be held in Doha, Qatar from 4 to 6 November 2025, will offer a crucial platform for governments to assess progress and take concrete action to address these critical social challenges...

Restoring trust and social cohesion demands transformative solutions

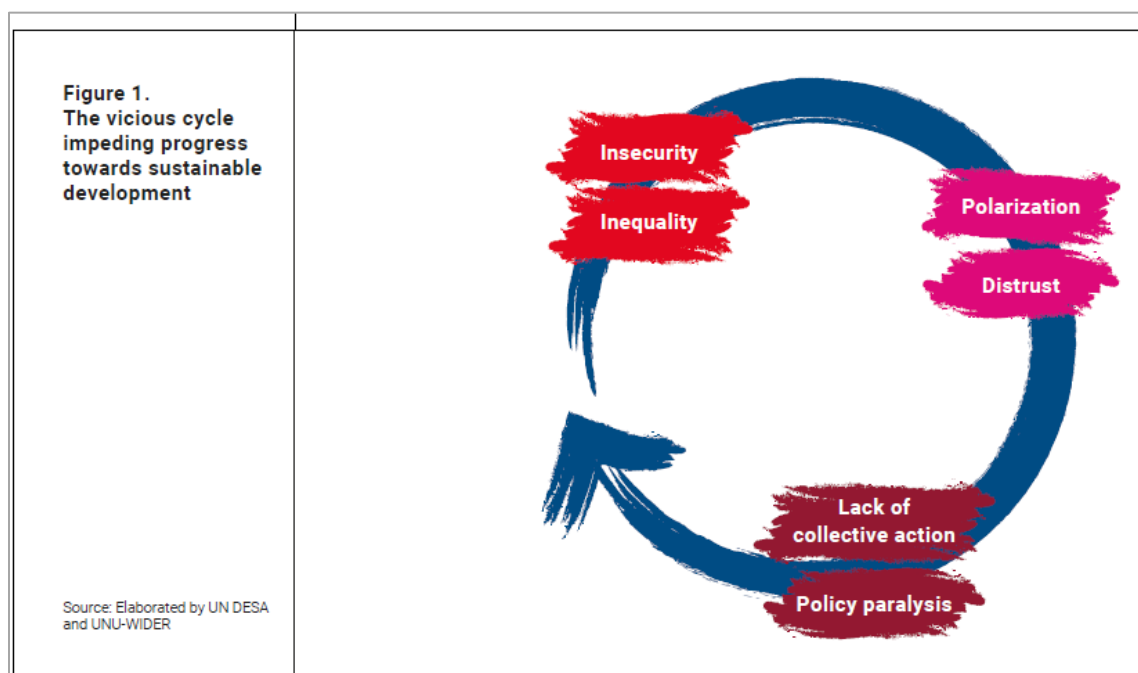
While recent crises have brought insecurity and distrust into sharp focus, the report emphasizes that **these social challenges run deep and have been building over decades.**

"As highlighted in this year's *World Social Report*, **inequality, insecurity and deep distrust are rife across the world.** Countless people are struggling to make ends meet while wealth and power are concentrated at the top. Economic shocks, conflict and climate disasters continue to erase hard-won development gains. For too many, life is marked by uncertainty and insecurity, which, in turn, are fuelling frustration and deepening divisions. The Sustainable Development Goals are woefully off track", said United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

Overcoming these challenges—and accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—will require fundamental shifts in policy, institutions, norms and mindsets.

“Ultimately, the report calls for an assessment of policy approaches. **Current institutions and policy frameworks are being outpaced by societal transformations.** Sustaining progress towards the SDGs requires **breaking the vicious cycle of insecurity, low trust, and shrinking policy space.**

Governments and the international community must critically evaluate how economic and social policies are falling short—or even exacerbating insecurity”, said United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs Li Junhua.



Report Thematic Area :: Key Messages

Insecure livelihoods and enduring poverty risks

KEY MESSAGES

- :: Economic insecurity is not only a problem for some unfortunate “others”; it affects most of us.
- :: Many people are still one misfortune away from falling into poverty. Strengthening the resilience of families and communities to prevent descents into poverty is key to its eradication.
- :: Employment insecurity and precariousness, along with the social and economic uncertainties they generate, are putting pressure on societies, affecting trust in institutions and polarizing political discourses.
- :: Development and growth paths that approach work solely as a commodity are not socially sustainable.

Persistent and deep inequalities

KEY MESSAGES

- :: Income and wealth inequality within countries are extremely high but are not rising everywhere. :: Inequality trends differ even among countries at similar levels of development: policies matter.
- :: The Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing economic crisis have increased inequality between countries: while high-income countries bounced back quickly, middle- and low-income countries lost ground.
- :: Rapid technological innovation brings opportunities, but it is also marginalizing large segments of the labour force, with impacts on inequality. There are, however, important differences across countries on how these innovations and their effects on labour markets are managed.

:: Climate change exacerbates inequality. The people who contribute the least to greenhouse gas emissions suffer the most income loss due to climate change.

:: There has been progress in reducing group-based inequality and promoting the social inclusion of some groups. However, unless progress accelerates, leaving no one behind will remain a distant goal by 2030.

Social cohesion at risk: a trust deficit

KEY MESSAGES

:: The weakening of social cohesion undermines capacities for collective action, threatening social progress and the achievement of the SDGs.

:: Trust, a core dimension of social cohesion, is low and declining, both among people and toward institutions.

:: Over half of the global population has little or no trust in their government. Each consecutive cohort, from those born in the 1930s to those born in the 1990s, has been less trusting of government than the one before.

:: Less than 30 per cent of people believe others can be trusted. Difference and disagreement often turn into animosity and mistrust, carving new fault lines in societies.

:: Delivering on public services and social protection matters for trust. Perceptions of inequality, public expenditure, and one's economic situation correlate with trust in institutions.

:: Despite their potential, new technologies are contributing to the erosion of social cohesion and trust.

:: Widespread mis- and disinformation are fuelling polarization and obstructing public dialogue and civic participation.

The case for a new policy consensus

KEY MESSAGES

:: Recent crises have brought insecurity and distrust into sharp focus, but these deep-rooted social challenges have been building for a long time.

:: Decades of leaving individuals, families and communities to confront growing risks on their own have sparked social backlash and political anger, and are now driving policy paralysis.

:: The vicious cycle of insecurity, staggering inequality and eroding trust cannot be addressed through fragmented efforts. A new policy consensus based on equity, economic security for all, and solidarity is essential to breaking this cycle and accelerating progress towards

Embedding a social lens into policymaking

KEY MESSAGES

:: A social lens calls for putting the reduction of inequality and economic insecurity, and the creation of decent work, at the centre of integrated and coherent policymaking.

:: There is broad agreement on the importance of universal access to quality education, healthcare and other services to break the intergenerational cycle of growing inequality and economic insecurity.

:: Sadly, the quality of such services is often lacking, even where there is universal access. Improving access to social protection through a mix of contributory and tax-financed schemes is essential to promote economic security.

:: The level of social investments varies widely among countries at similar income levels, suggesting that such choices are driven by factors other than fiscal capacity alone.

:: Tax systems and more progressive fiscal policies should play a stronger redistributive role to reduce poverty and inequality. There is a need to enhance the fairness of taxation, including by ensuring that people living in or at the margins of poverty are not paying more into the system than they receive.

Institutions and norms for social cohesion

KEY MESSAGES

:: Promoting equity, participation, solidarity and other foundations of social cohesion requires changes in institutions, norms and values.
:: Governments play a key role in fostering the institutional conditions for social cohesion.
:: Inclusive and participatory political institutions, together with well-functioning governments, are often the main trigger of other normative changes. Once in place, they tend to create checks and balances that prevent the concentration of power and support the creation of inclusive economic, social and cultural institutions.

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The World Social Report is the flagship publication of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) on social development issues. It serves as a background document for discussion and policy analysis of socio-economic matters at the intergovernmental level. It identifies emerging social trends of global concern and analyzes relationships among major development issues with international and national dimensions.

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*Thematic papers supporting the World Social Report 2025 are also available on the UN DESA website: <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/world-social-report/thematic-papers>
For more information: <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/world-social-report>*

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Public Health – Vaccine-Preventable Disease Outbreaks

[Increases in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks threaten years of progress, warn WHO, UNICEF, Gavi](#)

*Agencies call for sustained investments in immunization efforts amidst looming funding cuts
News release, 24 April 2025 Geneva, Switzerland; New York, United States of America*

Immunization efforts are under growing threat as misinformation, population growth, humanitarian crises and funding cuts jeopardize progress and leave millions of children, adolescents and adults at risk, warn WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi during World Immunization Week, 24–30 April.

Outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, meningitis and yellow fever are rising globally, and diseases like diphtheria, that have long been held at bay or virtually disappeared in many countries, are at risk of re-emerging. In response, **the agencies are calling for urgent and sustained political attention and investment to strengthen immunization programmes and protect significant progress achieved in reducing child mortality over the past 50 years...**

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Disinformation/Truth/Tech

arXiv:2504.17204 PRE-PRINT

[Factually: Exploring Wearable Fact-Checking for Augmented Truth Discernment](#)

Chitralekha Gupta, Hanjun Wu, Praveen Sasikumar, Shreyas Sridhar, Priambudi Bagaskara, Suranga Nanayakkara

Comments: Presented at the 2025 ACM Workshop on Human-AI Interaction for Augmented Reasoning, Report Number: CHI25-WS-AUGMENTED-REASONING

Wearable devices are transforming human capabilities by seamlessly augmenting cognitive functions. In this position paper, **we propose a voice-based, interactive learning companion designed to amplify and extend cognitive abilities through informal learning.**

Our vision is threefold:

- (1) to enable users to discover new knowledge on-the-go through contextual interactive quizzes, fostering critical thinking and mindfulness,
- (2) to proactively detect misinformation, empowering users to critically assess information in real time, and
- (3) to provide spoken language correction and prompting hints for second language learning and effective communication.

As an initial step toward this vision, **we present Factually - a proactive, wearable fact-checking system integrated into devices like smartwatches or rings. Factually discreetly alerts users to potential falsehoods via vibrotactile feedback, helping them assess information critically.**

We demonstrate its utility through three illustrative scenarios, highlighting its **potential to extend cognitive abilities for real-time misinformation detection**. Early qualitative feedback suggests that Factually can enhance users' fact-checking capabilities, offering both practical and experiential benefits.

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Free Expression – Global Survey

[Free Expression Seen as Important Globally, but Not Everyone Thinks Their Country Has Press, Speech and Internet Freedoms](#)

Made-up news and information seen as pervasive across the globe

Pew Research Center - Report Apr 24, 2025

By Jacob Poushter, Maria Smerkovich, Moira Fagan and Andrew Prozorovsky

Report PDF: https://www.pewresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2025/04/pg_2025.04.24_free-speech_report.pdf

Amid global debates about press freedom, free speech and freedom on the internet, new surveys of 35 countries show there is a disconnect between how people rate the importance of these freedoms and how free they actually feel to express themselves.

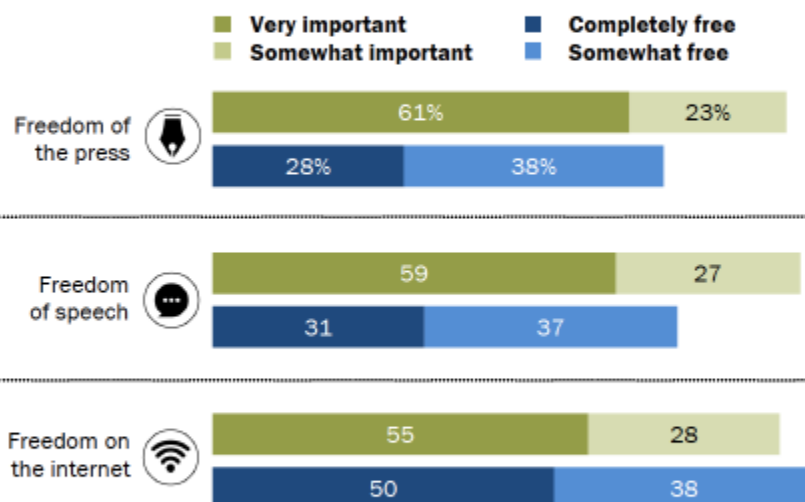
Overall, a median of 61% of adults across 35 countries say having freedom of the press in their country is very important, with another 23% saying it is somewhat important.

But only 28% say the media are *completely free* to report the news in their country, with an additional 38% saying the media are somewhat free.

Similarly, a median of **59% globally say having freedom of speech in their country is very important**, while 31% say speech is completely free where they live. This so-called “**freedom gap**” – where the share of people who value free speech is larger than the share who believe they have it – appears in 31 of the 35 countries surveyed.

Most say free press, speech and internet are important, but not everyone says they have these freedoms in their country

Median % who say each is ___ in their country



Note: Percentages are medians based on 35 countries.

Source: Spring 2024 Global Attitudes Survey; surveys of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 24–March 2, 2025, and March 24–30, 2025.

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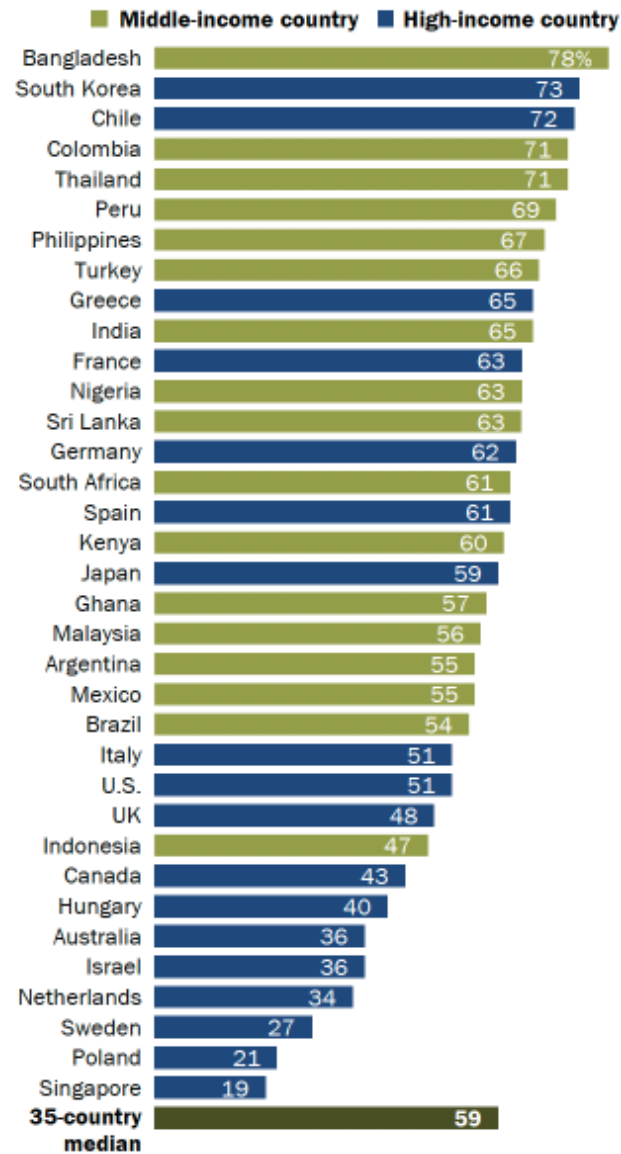
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On the subject of **freedom on the internet**, a median of 55% say the ability to use the internet freely is very important, while 50% say they are completely free to use the internet in their country.

Majorities in over half the nations surveyed also say **made-up news and information is a very big problem** in their country.

Majorities in many countries see made-up news as a very big problem

% who say made-up news and information is a **very big problem** in their country



Source: Spring 2024 Global Attitudes Survey; survey of U.S. adults conducted March 24-30, 2025.

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Haiti

Haiti 'Running Out of Time', Delegate Warns Security Council, Noting Possible Fall of Capital to Gangs Cannot Be Allowed

21 April 2025 SC/16047

The situation in Haiti has reached a pivotal moment and is **further deteriorating and approaching what is likely to become "a point of no return"**, requiring urgent international attention and political will to address the rapid erosion of that country's statehood, briefers told the Security Council today..

Highlighting how organized criminal groups since late January have launched coordinated attacks to expand territorial control, undermine State authority and stretch national forces, **María Isabel Salvador, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Haiti and Head of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), said the most recent attack in Mirebalais saw gangs seizing that city and orchestrating a prison break — the fifth in under a year — in which over 500 inmates were released.** Meanwhile, in February and March 2025, 1,086 people were killed, 383 injured and more than 60,000 forcibly displaced — added to the 1 million as of December 2024.

She underscored the importance of future measures aimed at strengthening security institutions, noting that **"any effort by the Haitian Government will not be enough to significantly reduce the intensity and violence of criminal groups"**. **Therefore, the international community must ramp up support for the Caribbean nation, "particularly through increased funding and operational capacity for the Multinational Security Support mission"**. Calling on the Security Council to renew its engagement and support for the Sanctions Committee and Panel of Experts — including by adding names to the Sanctions List and urging Member States to fully enforce the arms embargo, she urged the 15-member organ to "remain engaged and answer the urgent needs of the country and its people"...

Monica Juma, National Security Adviser to the President of Kenya, said that the gangs, under the Viv Ansanm coalition, are coordinating attacks within and beyond Port Au Prince. **The Kenya-led Multinational Security Support mission is therefore working on strengthening Haiti's national capabilities, although the current deployment stands at 1,000 personnel, less than 40 per cent of the anticipated 2, 500 personnel provided for in the concept of operations.**

Despite considerable challenges, she continued, the Haitian National Police, in collaboration with mission forces, has launched intensive anti-gang operations, denying gangs a stronghold on the country. And because **the mission "is operating at suboptimal level in terms of numbers of officers in theatre, types and range of assets available to the mission", an urgent expansion of its personnel is essential.**

While the mission is working on curbing the flow of illegal weapons and ammunitions to spoilers and gangs, the Council must take a more assertive role in Haiti's stabilization and continue to demonstrate the same unity of purpose in the upcoming deliberations on the country...

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Gaza

Aid to Gaza: E3 foreign ministers' statement, 23 April 2025

23 April 2025 — Press release

Joint statement on behalf of the Foreign Ministers of France, Germany and the UK on more than 50 days of Israel's block on aid to Gaza

[Editor's text bolding]

Israel has now fully blocked the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza for over fifty days. **Essential supplies are either no longer available or quickly running out. Palestinian civilians - including one million children – face an acute risk of starvation, epidemic disease and death. This must end.**

We urge Israel to immediately re-start a rapid and unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza in order to meet the needs of all civilians. During the last ceasefire, the UN and INGO system was able to deliver aid at scale. The Israeli decision to block aid from entering Gaza is intolerable. Minister Katz's recent comments politicising humanitarian aid and Israeli plans to remain in Gaza after the war are unacceptable - they harm prospects for peace. **Humanitarian aid must never be used as a political tool and Palestinian territory must not be reduced nor subjected to any demographic change.** Israel is bound under international law to allow the unhindered passage of humanitarian aid.

Humanitarians must be able to deliver aid to those who need it most, independent of parties to the conflict and in accordance with their humanitarian principles. Israel must ensure unhindered access for the UN and humanitarian organisations to operate safely across Gaza. Hamas must not divert aid for their own financial gain or use civilian infrastructure for military purposes.

We reiterate our outrage at recent strikes by Israeli forces on humanitarian personnel, infrastructure, premises and healthcare facilities. Israel must do much more to protect the civilian population, infrastructure and humanitarian workers. This includes restoring deconfliction systems, allowing humanitarian workers free movement within Gaza. And Israel must prevent harm to medical personnel and premises in the course of their military operations. They must allow the urgent healthcare needs of the population to be met, while allowing the sick and wounded to temporarily leave the Gaza Strip to receive treatment.

Crucially, we urge all parties to return to a ceasefire. We continue to call on Hamas for the immediate release of all the remaining hostages, who are enduring terrible suffering. We must all work towards the implementation of a two-state solution, which is the only way to bring long-lasting peace and security to both Israelis and Palestinians and ensure long-term stability in the region.

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WFP runs out of food stocks in Gaza as border crossings remain closed

25 April 2025

GAZA, Palestine – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has depleted all its food stocks for families in Gaza.

Today, WFP delivered its last remaining food stocks to hot meals kitchens in the Gaza Strip. These kitchens are expected to fully run out of food in the coming days.

...The situation inside the Gaza Strip has once again reached a breaking point: people are running out of ways to cope, and the fragile gains made during the short ceasefire have unravelled. Without urgent action to open borders for aid and trade to enter, WFP's critical assistance may be forced to end...



OCHA warns of “deliberate dismantling” of life in Gaza

Opening Remarks at Press Briefing to Palestinian Journalists by Jonathan Whittall, OCHA Head of Office for the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza city, 26 April 2025

As prepared for delivery [Editor’s text bolding]

Today, people are not surviving in Gaza – those who aren’t shot or bombed are slowly dying. They are being suffocated.

What we see around us is endless suffering under a total and complete blockade, **a total closure that has lasted now for almost two months while air strikes and ground operations intensify and displacement orders increase.**

We know that hospitals are overwhelmed, yet supplies are running out, and some of the sick and injured can’t be treated.

We know that people are hungry and malnutrition rates are rising, but our warehouses are empty, bakeries are closed, and soon, community kitchens will be closing.

We know that people are thirsty, but water wells are out of reach.

We know that solid waste is piling up and sanitation conditions are deteriorating, but we can’t move the waste because landfills are unreachable and equipment unavailable.

We know that people are trapped under the rubble, but there is limited fuel and limited machinery to rescue them.

We know that land is shrinking with displacement orders, fishers shot at sea, and that nowhere is safe.

We know that sewage is flowing in the streets, and we don’t have all the supplies needed to repair networks.

We know that children need to learn, but schools are destroyed or inaccessible, and we don’t have education supplies.

We know that prices of remaining goods are rising, but there is no cash available in Gaza.

We know that there is no cooking gas or fuel and that people are burning trash to generate some energy.

We know that UNRWA is irreplaceable but is under unprecedented pressure.

We know that people are living on rubble, but we have no more tents to distribute.

We know that this is not only about humanitarian needs but also about dignity. There is an assault on people’s dignity.

We know that humanitarian workers, first responders and journalists – who should be protected, just like all civilians – are being killed in a war that appears to be fought without limits.

People in Gaza tell me that they feel like it’s the deliberate dismantling of Palestinian life – in plain sight. Documented daily by all of you, Palestinian journalists.

We have seen the images of children’s bodies being thrown from one building to another due to the force of a bombing.

We have seen the videos of families being burnt alive.

We have seen the bodies of our colleagues who have been killed.

We have seen the total and complete destruction of infrastructure in Gaza all around us.

We have seen patients having to be turned away after a hospital has been bombed and taken out of service.

We can see every day, family members and friends of everyone in Gaza being killed or displaced.

Together with you, we are witnessing these atrocities. As humanitarians, we can see that aid is being weaponized through its denial. There is no justification for this, and it has to stop. Lives depend on the blockade ending, aid flowing and a ceasefire being reinstated.

I hope that we see real accountability – real accountability – before we see history judge those who watched what is happening in Gaza and did nothing.

Posted on 26 April 2025

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

25 April 2025 SC/16049

[Situation in Syria 'Extremely Fragile', UN Envoy Tells Security Council, Stressing Rule of Law, New Social Contract, Fair Elections Are Yet to Materialize](#)

Four and a half months since the fall of the Assad regime, the situation in Syria is “extremely fragile”, the United Nations top official for the country warned the Security Council today.

23 April 2025 HR/5491

[Mining Companies Must Obtain Free, Prior, Informed Consent, Partner with Indigenous Peoples to Ensure Responsible, Ethical Land Use, Speakers Tell Permanent Forum](#)

Mining companies must obtain free, prior and informed consent from Indigenous Peoples when pursuing projects on their ancestral lands, speakers emphasized at the 2025 session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues — a high-level advisory body to the Economic and Social Council. Participants also discussed how partnerships can mobilize adequate development finance for Indigenous communities.

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UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

Press releases 25 April 2025

[Sudan: Türk gravely concerned at rising civilian deaths and widespread sexual violence in North Darfur](#)

Media advisories 25 April 2025

Enforced and involuntary disappearances

[Enforced disappearances: UN expert group to review 1189 cases from 32 countries at its 136th Session](#)

Meeting summaries 24 April 2025

[Experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Commend Ukraine’s Presence Despite the Prevailing Circumstances, Raise Questions on the Treatment of Ukraine’s Indigenous Peoples and the Roma Population](#)

UN Human Rights Council [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 26 Apr 2025]

<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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News

24 Apr 2025 *Press releases*

[UAE: UN expert welcomes strong commitment against sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children](#)

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

[DRC: UN Officials Raise Alarm at the Dramatic Impact of Prolonged Conflict on Women and Children, Including Increased Risk of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence on Displaced People](#)

Wednesday, 23 April 2025

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Statements, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News

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[Belarus: Experts alarmed at reports of coercive psychiatric treatment as punishment for political dissent](#)

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/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

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News and Stories [Selected]

Featured

OCHA warns of "deliberate dismantling" of life in Gaza

26 April 2025

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At China's Tsinghua University, UN Relief Chief urges 'radical renewal' of humanitarian movement

25 April 2025

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At Security Council, UN Deputy Relief Chief urges greater support for Syria as millions remain in crisis

25 April 2025

Featured

Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Nigeria, Syria

25 April 2025

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest Stories

No new digest content identified.

IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 26 Apr 2025]

<http://www.iom.int>

Press Releases – Selected News

News 25 April 2025

During Her Visit to Mozambique, IOM Deputy Chief Amplifies Need for Lasting Solutions for Displaced Communities

UNAIDS [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Press Statement

UNAIDS statement at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

24th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on indigenous issues, Agenda item 4: Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Feature Story

Impact of US funding cuts on HIV programmes in Ukraine

22 April 2025

UNICEF [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Statement 24 April 2025

Horrific strikes reportedly kill three children and injure at least six others in Kyiv

KYIV, 24 April 2025 –, “The latest in a series of attacks across Ukraine has reportedly killed three children and injured six more in the capital, Kyiv. These tragic deaths come amid reports of another child killed today in Kostyantynivka, a boy who died in Kherson following an earlier attack, and at least 16 chi...

Press release 23 April 2025

Increases in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks threaten years of progress, warn WHO, UNICEF, Gavi

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 24 April 2025 – , Immunization efforts are under growing threat as misinformation, population growth, humanitarian crises, and funding cuts jeopardize progress and leave millions of children, adolescents, and adults at risk, warn WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi during World Immunization Week, 24-30 April. O...

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

24 April 2025 *News release*

WHO calls for revitalized efforts to end malaria

24 April 2025 *News release*

Increases in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks threaten years of progress, warn WHO, UNICEF, Gavi

23 April 2025 *Medical product alert*

Medical Product Alert N°2/2025: Falsified HEALMOXY (Amoxicillin) Capsules 500mg

23 April 2025 *News release*

WHO releases new guideline to prevent adolescent pregnancies and improve girls' health

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 25 April 2025

Mali pioneers novel hybrid vaccine delivery approach to combat malaria

On World Malaria Day, Mali becomes the 20th African country to introduce the malaria vaccine. Mali had 3.1% (8.15 million) of global malaria cases and 2.4% (14, 328) of global malaria deaths in 2023, and it was one of the 11 countries with the highest burden of malaria globally.

The hybrid approach will see children in Mali receive the first three doses based on age, with the fourth and fifth doses administered seasonally ahead of the high malaria transmission season.

:: 24 April 2025

Vaccination progress helps save millions of lives in African region

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 25 Apr 2025

PAHO urges expanded access to malaria diagnosis and treatment to accelerate elimination in the Americas

Washington, D.C., April 25, 2025 (PAHO) – On World Malaria Day, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) calls on countries to strengthen efforts and revitalize strategies to accelerate progress toward malaria elimination in the Region of the Americas. Although countries in the region have made significant progress in the fight against...

:: 24 Apr 2025

Recent outbreaks in the Americas underscore need to urgently address immunization gaps, PAHO Director says

Over 66 million vaccine doses to be administered during Vaccination Week in the Americas, including 2.7 million doses of measles-containing vaccine

Washington D.C., 24 April 2025 (PAHO) – As countries in the Americas confront outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles and yellow fever, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director...

:: 22 Apr 2025

PAHO and CAF sign agreement to strengthen malaria response in Amazon border regions

Washington D.C. April 22, 2025 – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and CAF Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding today to strengthen malaria control activities in Amazon border regions of countries of the Americas. The aim of the agreement is to address some of the main barriers to...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 25 April 2025 *Statement*

World Malaria Day 2025: 'Malaria Ends with Us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite'

:: 24 April 2025 *Statement*

World Immunization Week 2025

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: **World Malaria Day 2025**

25 April 2025

:: **WHO and Pakistan warn climate change is worsening malaria amid 2 million annual cases**

24 April 2025

:: **Somalia launches lifesaving vaccines to prevent pneumonia and diarrhoea in children**

23 April 2025

:: **Laila's journey: crossing rivers and fields to vaccinate every child**

23 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.

Multi-country outbreak of cholera, external situation report #25 -22 April 2025

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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.

[26 April 2025 | Sudan virus disease - Uganda](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

Vol. 100, Nos. 16-17, pp. 131–144 18 April 2025

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

:: Impact of using the Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) system for early detection of public health threats in the Americas

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

23 April 2025

[WHO consolidated operational handbook on tuberculosis: module 4: treatment and care](#)

22 April 2025

[WHO guideline on preventing early pregnancy and poor reproductive outcomes among adolescents in low-...](#)

22 April 2025

[WHO guideline on preventing early pregnancy and poor reproductive outcomes among adolescents in low-...](#)

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Selected Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Centre

[Heightened Human Rights Due Diligence is not just important, but indispensable](#)

Statement by Marcos Neto, UN Assistant Secretary-General, and Director of UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, for the session on 'Responsible business and armed conflict: what does enhanced due diligence entail?' at a seminar on Business and Human Rights in Oslo, Norway.
April 24, 2025

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Resources [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Articles - Selected

25-04-2025 | DESA

[Indigenous Peoples sidelined in global climate fight, UN warns](#)

24 April 2025 - As the planet heats up and the push to decarbonise gathers pace, Indigenous Peoples – long among the world's most effective environmental stewards – are once again being left behind, a new UN report reveals

25-04-2025 | DESA

["Future of the World" Policy Brief series supports countries in navigating policy choices](#)

25 April 2025 - As the United Nations marks its 80th anniversary this year, the world continues to face a daunting set of challenges that require innovative and bold solutions. Amidst the current strained context of global cooperation, April 2025 also marks the fifth anniversary of the launch of the latest phase of UN DESA's [Policy Brief Series](#).

24-04-2025 | DESA

[New UN report warns of global social crisis driven by insecurity, inequality, and distrust](#)

24 April 2025 - Economic insecurity, staggering levels of inequality, declining social trust and social fragmentation are destabilizing societies worldwide. The *World Social Report 2025*, released today, reveals trends that are threatening communities and demand immediate, decisive policy action.

23-04-2025 | DESA

World leaders rally for 'full-speed' climate action ahead of COP30

23 April 2025 - At a high-stakes virtual summit on Wednesday, UN Secretary-General António Guterres and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva brought together 17 national leaders from major economies and climate-vulnerable countries. The goal was to accelerate global climate ambition ahead of COP30, which will be hosted in Brazil.

22-04-2025 | DESA

Challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples, 'an affront to dignity and justice'

21 April 2025 - Too many Indigenous Peoples are still being excluded from decisions that directly affect their lands, territories, cultures, and the future of their communities, a top UN forum heard on Monday.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News [Selected]

ILO Director-General calls for an integrated approach to jobs, rights, and growth

Decent work must be an explicit target of economic policy, Gilbert F. Houngbo tells IMF and World Bank Spring Meetings.

25 April 2025

ILO reaffirms social and solidarity economy as a key driver of social innovation

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UNESCO [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected] - Observatory of Killed Journalists

Kyrgyzstan accedes to the First Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

23 April 2025

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Announcements [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

[New blog highlights how multilateralism can accelerate urban climate action](#)

April 25th, 2025

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

[FAO launches AIM4NatuRe to improve monitoring of ecosystem restoration](#)

Cutting-edge technology and data will bring transparency and accountability to global restoration commitments under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

16/04/2025

World Food Programme [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

25 April 2025

[WFP runs out of food stocks in Gaza as border crossings remain closed](#)

GAZA, Palestine – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has depleted all its food stocks for families in Gaza.

22 April 2025

[WFP warns of rising hunger and malnutrition in Ethiopia as humanitarian needs outpace resources](#)

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia – Hunger and malnutrition are on the rise in Ethiopia as ongoing conflict, regional instability, displacement, drought and economic shocks, leave millions without sufficient nutritious food, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) warned today. The organization's life-saving response has been severely hampered by critical funding shortfalls as 3.6 million of the most vulnerable are at imminent risk of losing food assistance, including malnutrition treatment for 650,000 women and children.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

[Landmark Doha Declaration Sets Vision for Aviation's Digital Future and Enhanced Passenger Experience](#)

24/4/25

[States plan robust and sustainable future for global air cargo sector](#)

22/4/25

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

What's New

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News [Selected]

[Virtual pre-COP30 summit calls for more ambitious climate action](#)

News 25 April 2025

A Virtual Climate Ambition Summit took place on 23 April with leaders from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe and Oceania, hosted by UN Secretary-General António Guterres and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press releases [Selected]

[World Intellectual Property Day 2025 Celebrates Musicians](#)

Pop music continues to dominate global charts while reggaeton and K-pop are gaining fans among the ranks of the most-popular musical genres, according to new WIPO data released to mark World Intellectual Property (IP) Day, which is commemorated each April 26.

Apr 25, 2025 [PR/2025/935](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]

Notification 2025-055

[Extension of Deadline: Further operationalising the voluntary peer review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans: call for reviewees and reviewers and updating the methodology](#)

The deadline for submission has been extended to 15 May 2025.

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DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press release

Aid to Gaza: E3 foreign ministers' statement, 23 April 2025

23 April 2025 — Press release

Joint statement on behalf of the Foreign Ministers of France, Germany and the UK on more than 50 days of Israel's block on aid to Gaza

ECHO [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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African Union [to 26 Apr 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

From Algorithms to Accountability: 4th Africa Media Convention Sets Agenda

April 25, 2025

The 4th Africa Media Convention (AMC4) is set to take center stage in Marrakech, Morocco, from May 29–31, 2025, bringing together the continent's most influential media voices to tackle one of the most pressing issues of our time: Artificial Intelligence and its impact on African journalism.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 26 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]

No new digest content identified.

OECD [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

[The OAS Electoral Observation Mission in Ecuador Acknowledges the Certification of the Presidential Election Results](#)

April 26, 2025

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

[OIC Condemns Continued Genocide; Urges International Community to Assume Its Responsibility to Stop Israeli Occupation's Crimes](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned in the strongest terms the continued systematic genocide committed by the Israeli occupation in the Gaza Strip and

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Group of 77 [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://unctad.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases/Case Documentation

25 April 2025

[**Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in Sudan \(Sudan v. United Arab Emirates\) - Serbia files a declaration of intervention**](#) in the proceedings under Article 63 of the Statute

Press release No. 2025/19

23 April 2025

[**Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory \(Request for Advisory Opinion\)**](#) - Revised schedule for the public hearings – 28 April 2025 – 2 May 2025

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 26 Apr 2025]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

[**Situation in the State of Palestine: Appeals Chamber reverses the Pre-Trial Chamber's decision on Israel's challenge to the jurisdiction of the Court and remands the matter to the Pre-Trial Chamber**](#)

Press Release 24 April 2025

...the Appeals Chamber dismissed, as moot, Israel's request for suspensive effect of two arrest warrants issued after the Impugned Decision and "any other legal acts taken by the Court based thereon".

In addition, today the Appeals Chamber, by majority, dismissed Israel's appeal against Pre-Trial Chamber I's decision rejecting Israel's request for an order to the Prosecutor to issue a new notice pursuant to article 18(1) of the Statute. The Appeals Chamber, by majority, Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza and Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa dissenting, found the appeal to be inadmissible, considering that the Pre-Trial Chamber's decision was not a decision with respect to admissibility pursuant to article 82(1)(a) of the Statute...

Finland strengthens its commitment to reparative justice for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and former child soldiers

Press Release 24 April 2025

Trust Fund for Victims

International Law Commission [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Recent Developments

Subsidiary means

25 April 2025 Third report on subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law by Charles Chernor Jalloh, Special Rapporteur, has been issued ([A/CN.4/781](#) + [Add.1](#)).

General principles of law

24 April 2025 Fourth report on general principles of law by Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez, Special Rapporteur, has been issued ([A/CN.4/785](#)).

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

All News [Selected]

Chair's Statement: 111th Meeting of the Development Committee

Ms. Elisabeth Svantesson, Minister for Finance, Sweden In the context of 111th Development Committee Meeting that took place in Washington, D.C. on the 24th April, DC members welcomed the ongoing efforts...

Date: April 25, 2025 Type: Statement

Italy Increases IDA Commitment, Launches Africa Partnership with World Bank

Co-financing agreement to turbocharge Italy's Mattei Plan, targeting energy access, jobs, and climate resilience WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24, 2025—The World Bank and Italy today signed an agreement to advance...

Date: April 24, 2025 Type: Press Release

Ireland Announces 33% Increase to World Bank's IDA Fund, Bolstering Support for Low-income Countries

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24, 2025—Ireland increased its pledge to the International Development Association (IDA) by 33 percent to €141.4 million, reinforcing its commitment to improving lives in the world's...

Date: April 24, 2025 Type: Press Release

East Asia and Pacific: Technology, Reforms, and Cooperation Pathways to Future Prosperity

Washington DC, April 24, 2025— In 2024, East Asia and Pacific (EAP) outpaced most regions in economic growth. To sustain this momentum and generate jobs, EAP countries must navigate global uncertainty...

Date: April 24, 2025 Type: Press Release

Unlocking Subnational Finance: Overcoming Barriers to Finance for Municipalities in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Introduction Municipalities in low- and middle-income countries (L&MICs) confront financing needs that greatly exceed available flows. Investment needs for urban infrastructure in L&MICs amount...

Date: April 23, 2025 Type: Publication

Economic Growth is Speeding Up in Africa, but Uncertainty Clouds Outlook

WASHINGTON, April 23, 2025 – Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa is showing some resilience despite uncertainty in the global economy and restricted fiscal space. Regional growth is expected to reach...

Date: April 23, 2025 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank [to 26 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]

News & Events

From Aid to Investment: Africa Investment Forum Builds \$225B Momentum in Making Continent Bankable

Partners Set Stage for Expanded 2025 Market Days Following Last Year's Record \$29.2B in Investment Interest

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Asian Development Bank [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

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25 Apr 2025

ADB President Deepens US Engagement, Puts Private Sector-led Growth at Forefront of ADB–US Partnership

ADB President Masato Kanda held a series of high-level discussions in Washington, headlined by a meeting with United States Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent that underscored ADB's sharpened focus on private sector development.

24 Apr 2025

ADB Deploys Almost \$40 Billion for Development Across Asia and the Pacific in 2024

ADB committed \$24.3 billion from its own resources in 2024, coupled with \$14.9 billion in cofinancing in collaboration with its partners, to help Asia and the Pacific solve a range of complex development challenges.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

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News

No new digest content identified.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

IDB and INTERPOL Deepen Partnership against Organized Crime

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) signed a letter of intent to launch a new partnership focused on building capacities in law-enforcement agencies to address organized crime in Latin America and the Caribbean. Building on INTERPOL...

April 25, 2025

IDB and OPEC Fund Boost Co-Financing in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Bank's private-sector arm, IDB Invest, and the OPEC Fund for International Development (OPEC Fund) today announced a new collaboration framework, which will enable the institutions to explore joint co-financing opportunities in key sectors for Latin...

April 24, 2025

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

Press release 25 April 2025

Rural youth in five countries benefit from Indonesia-IFAD knowledge-sharing on successful entrepreneurship and job creation

IFAD and the Govt of Indonesia partnered on an SSTC event to share learnings from a successful project on youth in agriculture.

Islamic Development Bank [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

[At V20 Dialogue in Washington: IsDB Group Chairman's Statement Reaffirms Commitment to Climate Prosperity and Resilience](#)

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

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

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:: *INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch*

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 26 Apr 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Bangladesh

[Intelligence artificielle et climat : le Bangladesh en première ligne de l'innovation humanitaire](#)

article 23 avril 2025

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

Our Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

BS International News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://ecpat.org/>

ECPAT News

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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 – 25 April 2025](#)

:: [Genomics :: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Digest – March 2025](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest press releases and statements [Selected]

[**Russia-Ukraine international armed conflict: “The prospect of peace remains elusive for civilians who continue to face the horrors of conflict”**](#)

Statement 25-04-2025

[**Eighty Years On: Honouring the Memory, Upholding Our Humanity**](#)

Statement 23-04-2025

IFRC [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

Ninety Days Since Last Refugee Arrivals, Refugee Families and Resettlement Program Remains in Limbo

April 21, 2025

IRCT [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

https://islamic-relief.org/news_category/news/

Latest news and updates

Nepal News

Nepal earthquake 10 years on: Two aid workers remember

April 25, 2025

Mercy Corps [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

United States of America

What MSF teams see after first 100 days of US aid budget cuts

Press Release 25 Apr 2025

[Excerpt][

... **Vaccination:** The reported decision by the US to cut funding to Gavi (The Vaccine Alliance) could have disastrous consequences for children across the globe. The organisation estimated that the loss of US support is projected to deny approximately 75 million children routine vaccinations in the next five years, with more than 1.2 million children potentially dying as a result. Worldwide, more than half of the vaccines MSF uses come from local ministries of health and are procured through Gavi. We could see the impacts in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where MSF vaccinates more children than anywhere else in the world. In 2023 alone, MSF vaccinated more than 2 million people in DRC against diseases like measles and cholera...

Gaza-Israel war

No relief and no chance of recovery for Gaza's burn patients

Project Update 25 Apr 2025

War in Ukraine

The relentless and indiscriminate bombing in Ukraine must cease

Press Release 24 Apr 2025

Democratic Republic of Congo

Violence against civilians must end in DRC as second MSF staff killed in Masisi

Press Release 24 Apr 2025

South Sudan

The first 72 hours of a cholera outbreak

Voices from the Field 23 Apr 2025

Lebanon

Trapped and abused: migrant workers' experiences in Lebanon

Project Update 23 Apr 2025

The New Humanitarian [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 15 April 2025

Gaza worsens, sanctions eased on Syria, and the pope's humanitarian credentials

Norwegian Refugee Council

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

Latest News

Press release

Latin America: Displaced people facing significant risks, violence

23. Apr 2025 | *America*

OXFAM [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases/Stories

Five reasons for hope in the climate crisis

April 22, 2025 By Oxfam

Despite setbacks on climate change under the Trump presidency, here are five ways we are making progress in the climate crisis.

Pact [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News & Stories

Financing the Right to Health: How the Global Debt Crisis Impacts Global Health

Recent cuts on foreign aid have made the chronic issue of unjust global sovereign debt even more apparent, restricting the amount of money countries can allot for health care spending.

April 24, 2025

Tackling a Complex Epidemic: New Non-Communicable Disease Clinic Opens in Kono District

The clinic marks a pivotal step in providing care to people with severe chronic conditions.
April 23, 2025

PATH [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Top stories

24 Apr 2025 GLOBAL

MYANMAR: More than 40,000 people, including children, living in shelters one month after earthquake

Almost daily seismic activity has raised concerns about being able repair or rebuild structures ahead of Myanmar's rainy season which typically begins in May.

24 Apr 2025 Vanuatu

VANUATU: Families find climate-smart ways to grow crops 18 months on from cyclone devastation

Families in Vanuatu are adopting climate-smart agricultural techniques such as growing climate resistant crops to prepare for future climate-driven disasters in the wake of devastating Tropical Cyclone Lola 18 months ago.

23 Apr 2025 GLOBAL

AID CUTS THREATEN THE LIVES OF 110,000 CHILDREN WITH SEVERE MALNUTRITION RELIANT ON EMERGENCY TREATMENT FROM SAVE THE CHILDREN

In 2025, Save the Children aims to treat 260,000 children for severe acute malnutrition at outpatient sites in 10 countries that are now experiencing therapeutic food shortages.

Tostan [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Articles

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://www.worldvision.org/about-us/media-center>
Press Releases & Resources
No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]
https://www EFF.org/updates?type=press_release
Our Work
No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://freedomhouse.org/news-perspectives/press-releases-statements>
News Releases & Statements
[NEW POLICY BRIEF: Political Persecution of Judges and Lawyers Is a Global Problem](#)
April 23, 2025

Human Rights Watch [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://www.hrw.org/>
News Releases/Spotlight
Spotlight
April 23, 2025 | *News Release*
[Australia: Parties Address Human Rights Issues](#)
Voters in the upcoming Australian election on May 3, 2025, should consider where political candidates stand on key human rights issues.

April 23, 2025 | *Report*
[Lebanon: Indiscriminate Israeli Attacks on Civilians](#)

April 22, 2025 | *News Release*
[Thailand: Prime Minister Should Raise Cross-Border Abuses in Cambodia](#)

April 22, 2025 | *News Release*
[Indonesia: Increasing Attacks on the Media](#)

April 22, 2025 | *News Release*
[Tunisia: Harsh Sentences in 'Conspiracy Case' Sham Trial](#)

Transparency International [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://www.transparency.org/en/news>
News
[Golden passports on trial: Can the EU stop countries from selling citizenship?](#)
News 25 April 2025
The European Commission's case against Malta could end a gateway for corrupt money – or open EU's doors even wider to abuse.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 26 Apr 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Elder's Statements, News

Event:

[Upholding the nuclear taboo in a changing world order](#)

25 April 2025

Intergenerational dialogue on nuclear threats with Elders and youth activists.

Publications

[Annual Review 2024: Long-view leadership for long-term threats](#)

23 April 2025

The Elders' 2024 Annual Review is now available to download. It highlights our activities from the past year, including meetings with world leaders, visits to ten countries, and the promotion of long-view leadership.

Gavi [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

[Global Summit: Health & Prosperity through Immunisation](#)

Brussels, Belgium | 25 June 2025

Gavi's high-level pledging summit, to be co-hosted by the European Union and the Gates Foundation, seeks to raise at least US\$ 9 billion from our donors to fund our ambitious strategy to protect 500 million children, saving at least 8 million lives from 2026–2030, protect our world from the threat of pandemics, and protect communities from conflict, climate change and other global challenges.

25 April 2025

[Mali pioneers novel hybrid vaccine delivery approach to combat malaria](#)

24 April 2025

[Vaccination progress helps save millions of lives in African region](#)

24 April 2025

[Increases in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks threaten years of progress, warn WHO, UNICEF, Gavi](#)

22 April 2025

Somalia launches nationwide vaccination against pneumococcal disease and rotavirus diarrhoea

Global Fund [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

In the News

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

News, Events

Online

Rethinking what works: Embedding systems thinking in evaluations of environment and climate crisis

6 May 2025

Monitoring & Evaluation

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://www.dec.org.uk/>
LATEST PRESS RELEASES
No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 26 Apr 2025]
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
News, Events
No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://www.urd.org/en/>
Publications, Events, News
Website not responding at inquiry.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 26 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.

We are pleased to announce that the **Call for Panels** has opened for our **8th Humanitarian Studies Conference!** The theme for this year's conference is "Humanitarianism in Crisis: New Realities in Practices and Knowledges" and will take place in Istanbul, Türkiye (and online!) from 15 to 17 October 2025.

We invite panel proposals that contribute to this year's themes:

- :: Politics of humanitarianism: power, influence, and governance
- :: Understanding new trends in disasters, war, and polycrises
- :: International accountability and IHL
- :: Design, adaptation, and practice

The deadline for paper submissions is 28 April 2025.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 26 Apr 2025]
<https://inee.org/>
News/Events/Resources
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 26 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"

Sphere [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

News releases

[World Malaria Day: Overcoming resistance through innovation](#)

23 April 2025

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Brookings [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Reports, Events

[Gender, race, and intersectional bias in AI resume screening via language model retrieval](#)

Artificial Intelligence

Kyra Wilson, Aylin Caliskan

April 25, 2025

[Strengthening cooperation for a changing world: The evolving role of the G20 in global economic governance](#)

Global Economy & Development

Colin I. Bradford, Brahim Sangafowa Coulibaly

April 22, 2025

Center for Global Development [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

All Research

CGD NOTE

[The African Development Fund Replenishment and the Resource Curse of 2025](#)

Karen Mathiasen and Nico Martinez

April 24, 2025

In 2024, AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina urged shareholders to support a highly ambitious target of \$25 billion for ADF 17, up from \$9 billion for ADF 16 (which included \$429 million for a new climate action window). Now, even meeting ADF 16 targets would represent a major victory because the ADF's

Chatham House [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

Independent Thinking: Is the US dollar losing its dominance?

Isabelle Mateos and David Lubin join Bronwen Maddox from the IMF Spring Meetings in Washington DC to discuss the instability in the US dollar.

Audio

25 April 2025 30 minute listen

Featured content

Expert comment

The Kashmir attack will renew hostilities between India and Pakistan

Following the worst terror attack in Kashmir since 2019, military escalation is likely.

25 April 2025 4 minute READ

Expert comment

The IMF must keep pace with a changing world economy

The International Monetary Fund needs finances and governance that reflect the underlying balance in the world economy if it is to remain universal and effective.

25 April 2025 4 minute READ

Research paper

How China–India relations will shape Asia and the global order

Relations between China and India hold great long-term significance for the future of both Asia and the emerging global order. This paper details their relationship and why their competition for influence and status matters to the rest of the world.

23 April 2025

Council on Foreign Relations [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Reports [Selected]

Preserve the Dealmaking Capability of the Millennium Challenge Corporation

Modifying, not shuttering, the MCC will advance U.S. global leadership, economic interests, diplomatic influence, and a strategic “America First” agenda. Losing MCC’s capabilities cedes ground to China.

Report by Daniel F. Runde and Richard Crespin — April 25, 2025

Space Threat Assessment 2025

The 2025 Space Threat Assessment covers the growing counterspace capabilities of China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, and others. It also features analysis on GPS jamming and spoofing, satellite rendezvous and proximity operations, unintentional debris creation, and other counterspace topics.

Report by Clayton Swope, Kari A. Bingen, Makena Young, and Kendra LaFave — April 25, 2025

Unlocking Financial Inclusion

The next wave of borderless and truly digital innovations will likely be driven by emerging technologies like AI and distributed ledger technology (DLT). Both technologies hold promise to transform the financial services industry.

Report by Romina Bandura, Madeleine McLean, and Esteban Cherquis — April 23, 2025

DoD's Shifting Homeland Defense Mission Could Undermine the Military's Lethality

The Trump administration's Golden Dome executive order, along with its emphasis on DoD's role in border security, marks a major shift in U.S. defense strategy and the homeland defense mission, with significant implications for overall cost and the military's lethality.

Report by Melissa Dalton — April 22, 2025

Game On: Opportunities for Euro-Atlantic Strategic Stability and Arms Control

Europe is likely to remain a theater of instability despite pressure for a peace settlement in Ukraine. As the United States shifts toward the Indo-Pacific and Russia continues to pursue its territorial ambitions, what might arms control look like after the war in Ukraine?

Report by Heather Williams, Nicholas Adamopoulos, Lachlan MacKenzie, and Catherine Murphy — April 21, 2025

McKinsey Global Institute [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest Research

No new digest content identified.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Publications [Selected]

Public finance in the digital era - emerging themes

22 April 2025 *Research report*

This report looks at digital-era public financial management (PFM) reforms and their potential impact across six areas: public health; climate adaptation and mitigation; local governments; tax administration and domestic revenue mobilisation; the use of artificial intelligence (AI); and fiscal transparency and accountability. Each is covered in its own chapter, outlining emerging themes and identifying areas for future research.

Pew Research Center [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest Publications [Selected]

Report Apr 24, 2025

Free Expression Seen as Important Globally, but Not Everyone Thinks Their Country Has Press, Speech and Internet Freedoms

Overall, a median of 61% of adults across 35 countries say having freedom of the press in their country is very important. But only 28% say the media are completely free to report the news in their country.

Short reads Apr 24, 2025

Americans remain concerned about press freedoms, but partisan views have flipped since 2024

A majority of Democrats (60%) are highly concerned about press freedoms – about double the share of Republicans (28%).

Rand [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Commentary Apr 24, 2025

Beyond a Manhattan Project for Artificial General Intelligence

The Manhattan and Apollo programs represent starkly different approaches to technological advancement. A whole-of-society effort like the Apollo program is essential for enhancing America's global AI dominance.

Expert Insights Apr 23, 2025

Charting Multiple Courses to Artificial General Intelligence

The potential emergence of artificial general intelligence (AGI) has important national security implications. The authors examine barriers to scaling to AGI from large language models and how AGI may emerge from other technologies.

Expert Insights Apr 24, 2025

Decision Making under Deep Uncertainty and the Great Acceleration: The Role of Experts and Policy Analysis in a World in Transition

How should policy analysis best inform society's attempts to navigate tumultuous times? Decision Making under Deep Uncertainty can provide vital information while helping repair broken conversations among experts, decisionmakers, and the public.

PDF: https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/perspectives/PEA3700/PEA3789-1/RAND_PEA3789-1.pdf

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 26 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

Tech companies can do more to improve online safety without undermining user privacy

Thursday 24 Apr 2025

Urban Institute [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

The Wistar Institute [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 26 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

29 April 2025

[International Union of Immunological Societies \(IUIS\) – Day of immunology 2025 webinar](#)

Global Research Council [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News [Selected]

Apr 24, 2025

[From Vision to Action: Community-Led Solutions Bridge Climate and Health in Network's First Year](#)

The Climate Communities Network set out with a simple but bold idea: that the communities most affected by climate change are the best poised to build solutions. In the Network's first year, that idea is already yielding success.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

Heritable Genetic Modification in Food Animals: New Report

Heritable Genetic Modification in Food Animals, a new congressionally mandated report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, offers recommendations for identifying the biological basis of a wide range of potential human health risks relevant to the regulation of heritable genetic information in food animals.

Date 2025-04-23

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 26 Apr 2025]

https://www.neh.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom_content_type%3Anews

Newsroom

Press Release

An Update on NEH Funding Priorities and the Agency's Recent Implementation of Trump Administration Executive Orders

April 24, 2025

Press Release

NEH Announces Grant Opportunity to Create Statues of Iconic Americans for the National Garden of American Heroes

April 24, 2025

NIH [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

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

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

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

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

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

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

Reports. Statements, Meetings

No new digest content identified.

Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)

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

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

Reports. Statements, Meetings

Website not responding at inquiry.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified

Hastings Center [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases, Events

April 24, 2025, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm EDT

The Hastings Center Vision: A Path Forward for Bioethics

Hastings Center News

Hastings Center Unveils Strategic Plan: 2025-2029

Published April 24, 2025

The Hastings Center for Bioethics launched its five-year strategic plan at a public event in New York on April 24...Watch the video of event.

The strategic plan underscores the importance of three core areas of The Hastings Center's work: research, publications, and engagement. It also articulates the Center's vision and mission and its commitment to six values: independence, justice and equity, inclusiveness and diversity, rigor and excellence, relevance and impact, and integrity and moral courage.

INSERM [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]

ICH Meeting in Madrid, Spain

Madrid, Spain 13 - 14 May 2025

The Assembly of the International Council for Harmonisation (ICH) will convene in person from 13 - 14 May 2025, in Madrid, Spain and will be preceded by meetings of the ICH Management Committee and the MedDRA Management Committee.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News and blogs

News

24th April 2025

Nuffield Council on Bioethics raises ethical concerns about the use of polygenic indices as predictors in education

A new report from the Nuffield Council on Bioethics (NCOB) urges caution over the use of polygenic indices (PGI) data to inform educational policy and practice. We suggest next steps for policymakers and researchers considering the ethical acceptability of applying PGI research in these settings.

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights

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

Activities and News

The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights responds to the Call for input to the thematic report of the UN Special Rapporteur on surrogacy and violence against women and girls.

Apr 22, 2025 | *News*

The UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem ALSALEM, will present her report on surrogacy to the General Assembly at its 80th session in October 2025. Responding to her call ([see here](#)), the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights sent in its contribution, addressing the issues of anonymity in relation to the best interests of the child. The authors particularly emphasized the following points:

:: Anonymity concerning a child's origins through surrogacy, with or without gamete(s) donation, undermines the principle of truth. It's about hiding secrets and creating lies by falsifying objective scientific truths, through the legal system's complicity.

:: Surrogacy is a form of exploitation and a crime of human trafficking as adopted by the European Council in April 2024.

:: The anonymity does not serve the child's best interests, particularly on three levels:

- a) the construction of a the child's personal identity rooted in his origins,
- b) the child as a subject, not an object of a right, and
- c) the right to health and information. For this, it is important to think about this child's best interest before his conception and birth, not after.

Online the new IES platform

Apr 15, 2025 | IES

Knowing digital soft skills, ethics and new technologies, and Generation Z to counter educational and digital poverty.

The [IES Toolkit platform](#), a free and interactive space designed for the 'empowerment of educators trainers, social workers and students, is now online. Supporting them in designing and implementing innovative educational activities through free downloadable videos, The toolkit is divided into three macro areas: Ethics and New Technologies, Generation Z and Liquid Society, and Digital Soft Skills.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

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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:: 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News & Updates

Press Apr 22 2025

Presidential Leadership Scholars explore lessons on vision and communication in Little Rock

Co Impact [to 26 Apr 2025]

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 26 Apr 2025]

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

News & Press

News 21 April 2025

Ford Foundation Appoints Richard R. Verma to Board of Trustees

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest

A Paint Out

How Raymond Pettibon's painting methods were recorded in real time to aid future conservation efforts

By Moira Notarstefano Gray

Apr 24, 2025

GHIT Fund [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

April 23, 2025

Investment of Approx. USD 4.5 Million in Development of Diagnostics for Tuberculosis to Partners including Fujirebio and University Hospital Heidelberg

Grameen Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

Our enduring commitment to our mission, values, and the charitable sector

By Amber D. Miller

April 16, 202

[Excerpt]

... The Hewletts also believed in the importance of the charitable sector and institutions of philanthropy and civil society as bedrock elements — essential for the public good. For decades, our foundation has provided flexible funding to institutions, contributed to local community foundations, invested in philanthropic infrastructure, and partnered with givers across the ideological spectrum.

These values and commitments are more important today than ever, at a time of global change. A vibrant, nonpartisan charitable sector is critical to delivering essential services, supporting knowledge creation, and bringing communities together around shared experiences. This requires every philanthropy to have the freedom to make investment decisions and boldly pursue their unique mission and values.

In this critical moment, Hewlett remains steadfast in our support for our grantees and the charitable sector. We stand firm in our belief that philanthropy — in all its forms — must have the freedom to invest in support of solutions that address society's shared challenges.

I am proud to lead this foundation and committed to staying true to the longtime values that have guided the Hewlett Foundation throughout its giving history. In a time of uncertainty, these values make clear that we must do all we can to ensure that American generosity remains unstifled, that the nonpartisan charitable sector not only survives but thrives, and that we are, together, able to continue helping to build a better world.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

[Remembering Pope Francis](#)

[undated]

IKEA Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Newsroom

[Amid Growing Measles Outbreak, More Americans Are Encountering False Claims About the Measles Vaccine, and Many Aren't Sure What to Believe](#)

April 23, 2025 *News Release*

With health officials reporting 800 measles cases in multiple states already this year, most of the public – and most parents – report hearing at least one false claim about measles or the vaccine for it, and many of them aren't sure what to believe, the latest KFF Tracking Poll...

Kellogg Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News & Media

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Latest News & Related Content

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News Room

Press Releases & Statements

April 24, 2025

Pew Awards Nearly \$4 Million to Help More Philadelphians Secure Public Benefits

Rockefeller Foundation [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News and Announcements

ODI Global Washington Issues Call for Mission 300 Fellowship Program in Africa

Press Releases Published Date-April 23, 2025

14 highly qualified citizens of African states to be selected for two-year fellowship positions within 14 African governments to help expand energy access across the continent

Sustainable Financing Initiative With Rockefeller Foundation Support Identifies Innovative Ways To Expand School Meals Worldwide

Press Releases Published Date-April 23, 2025

New report lays out opportunities for and examples of innovative financing to support national, high-quality school meal programs, urging sustained and coordinated action.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 26 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 26 Apr 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 26 Apr 2025]

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

News, Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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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

April 2025 Volume 27, Number 4: E237-301

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/reqret-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.

American Journal of Infection Control

April 2025 Volume 53 Issue 4 p415-536

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

April 2025 Volume 68 Issue 4 p645-858

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

April 2025 115(S1)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

April 2025 Volume 178, Issue 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 404 - April 2025

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 23 (2024)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/34>

Anti-Trafficking Review is the first open access, peer reviewed journal dedicated to the issue of human trafficking. It explores trafficking in its broader context and intersections with gender, labour, and migration.

Special Issue - Following the Money II

Guest Editors: Kiril Sharapov, Suzanne Hoff, and Jonathan Mendel

This Special Issue of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* attempts to examine funding and spending on efforts to stop human trafficking, particularly, by the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. Featuring articles from academics, non-government organisations, and survivors of trafficking, this edition explores where the money comes from, who it goes to, and what it actually achieves. The eight articles in the issue suggest that the millions of dollars spent on combating human trafficking do not always reach trafficked persons or at risk groups and, in some cases, are actively harming them. Authors point to potentially more effective uses of anti-trafficking funding.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 341 April 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 26 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 26 Apr 2025)

Research and community engagement during the COVID- 19 pandemic in a resource-limited setting: a mixed methods study with epidemic preparedness implications

When WHO declared the SARS-CoV- 2 respiratory virus pandemic in 2020, Uganda was unprepared to prevent and control its spread or manage the COVID- 19 and non-COVID patients. A community trial to assess the eff...

Authors: David Kaawa-Mafigiri, Dickson Muyomba, Irene Sheila Kisakye, Daniel Semakula and Nelson K. Sewankambo

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2025 25:600

Content type: Research Published on: 25 April 2025

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 26 Apr 2025)

How did Moroccan immigrants in the Netherlands decide with regard to their COVID-19 vaccine uptake? An exploratory qualitative study

In the Netherlands, a low COVID-19 vaccination uptake was reported among Moroccan immigrants. This population also faced a higher risk of contracting COVID-19, as well as severe morbidity and mortality, compar...

Authors: Nora Hamdiui, Marion de Vries, Mart L. Stein, Rik Crutzen, Putri Hintaran, Maria van den Muijsenbergh and Aura Timen

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2025 25:602

Content type: Research Published on: 25 April 2025

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 26 Apr 2025)

Diversity in decentralized clinical trials: prioritizing inclusion of underrepresented groups

The importance of more diversity of study populations in clinical trials is currently widely acknowledged. Decentralized clinical trial (DCT) approaches are presented as a potential means to broaden diversity ...

Authors: Tessa I. van Rijssel, Johannes J. M. van Delden, Bart Lagerwaard, Mira G. P. Zuidgeest and Ghislaine J. M. W. van Thiel

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2025 26:51

Content type: Review Published on: 24 April 2025

Readability of health research informed consent forms: case of the National Health Research Ethics Committee in Tanzania

Obtaining informed consent is the practice of respect for persons that gives the right to participants to make autonomous decisions about research participation. The difficult-to-read research informed consent...

Authors: Renatha Kato, Renatha Joseph, Lazaro Haule and Mwanaidi Kafuye

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2025 26:50

Content type: Research Published on: 22 April 2025

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 26 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 26 Apr 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 26 Apr 2025)

Low Hepatitis B vaccination coverage in New Delhi, India: urgent call for Universal Adult Hepatitis B vaccination

Eliminating Hepatitis B by 2030 is achievable through vaccination. However, despite the safety of the Hepatitis B vaccine, vaccination coverage among adults in India is suboptimal.

Authors: Kanica Kaushal, Sumridhi Gautam, Priyanka Aggarwal, Guresh Kumar, Shantanu Dubey and Shiv Kumar Sarin

Citation: BMC Public Health 2025 25:1560

Content type: Research Published on: 26 April 2025

Effectiveness of catch-up vaccination from 2009 to 2011 on incidence of hepatitis B in Guangzhou, China: a time series analysis

The high prevalence of hepatitis B weighs heavily on public health in China. In 2009, a catch-up vaccination program for children aged 8–15y was implemented to curb hepatitis B, while the effectiveness of this...

Authors: Bo-Wen Ming, Wen-Hui Liu, Li Li, Jin-Lun Zhang, Jing Liu, Jia-Jun Ma, Hao-Neng Huang, Zhou-Bin Zhang and Chun-Quan Ou

Citation: *BMC Public Health* 2025 25:1551

Content type: Research Published on: 25 April 2025

Responding to the covid-19 in west bank Palestine refugee camps: lessons and role of community engagement

Global unpreparedness was noted, where even high-income countries with their established healthcare systems could not cope with the Covid-19 pandemic. In the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), especially in...

Authors: Lama Shakhshir and Weeam Hammoudeh

Citation: *BMC Public Health* 2025 25:1459

Content type: Research Published on: 20 April 2025

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 26 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

April 2025 - Volume 10 - 4

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/10/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - March 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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 3 May 2025

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

April 2025 Volume 47 Issue 4 p249-336

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 22 Issue 2, April 2025

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/22/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 151 April 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/151/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 8, Issue 2 / April 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/8/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 41, Issue 3 2025

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

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

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 25, Issue 1 Pages: 1-79 March 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 34, Issue 6, 2024

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/34/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 43, Issue 3 May 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 19 - 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 49, Issue 3 July 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 26 Issue 7 7 April 2025

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

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 31, Number 4—April 2025

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

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Epidemics

Volume 50 March 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/50/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 153 - 2025

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 47, Issue 1 Pages: 1-45 January–February 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Moral distress in clinical research • Research with incarcerated and homeless women

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 38 - Issue 4 - Winter 2024

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 32 2024

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/32/suppl/Cc>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 35, Issue 1, February 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/35/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 130 January 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/130/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 16, Issue 6 December 2024

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/16-6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 74 November 2024

<https://www.fmreview.org/financing-displacement-response/>

Financing displacement response

From humanitarian aid by wealthy governments to remittances from diaspora communities, responses to forced displacement are shaped by funding from an array of actors, in ways that express those actors' interests and priorities. In recent years, new actors and new financing approaches have emerged. What do these shifts mean for forcibly displaced people and displacement response strategies? How does displacement response financing interact with the choices of forcibly displaced people and their communities, with local and global economies, and with broader geopolitical events and trends? This issue advances understanding of these questions and others

Foreign Affairs

May/June 2025 Volume 104, Number 3

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2025/104/3>

Essays

Order Without America

How the International System Can Survive a Hostile Washington

Ngaire Woods

The Post-Neoliberal Imperative

Contesting the Next Economic Paradigm

Jennifer M. Harris

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 52, 2025 - Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Frontiers in Genetics

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/genetics>

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

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Frontiers in Genome Editing

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/genome-editing>

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

Review Accepted on 25 Apr 2025

Recent Developments, Challenges and Opportunities in Genome Editing for Crop Science from a Societal Perspective

Srividhya Venkataraman, David Zaruk, Kathleen L Hefferon

doi 10.3389/fgeed.2025.1568072

Perspective Accepted on 24 Apr 2025

Ethical Dimensions and Societal Implications: Ensuring the Social Responsibility of CRISPR Technology

Irfan Biswas

doi 10.3389/fgeed.2025.1593172

Frontiers in Medicine

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1463>
[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]
[No new digest content identified]

Gene Therapy – Nature

Volume 32 Issue 2, March 2025

<https://www.nature.com/gt/volumes/32/issues/2>
[Reviewed earlier]

Genetics in Medicines

Volume 27, Issue 4 April 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/27/issue/4>
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Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>
[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]
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Geoheritage

Volume 17, Issue 1 March 2025

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Global Health Action

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<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList>
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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 12, No. 6 December 20, 2024

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

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

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>
https://www.loc.gov/books/?q=legal+reports&fa=partof%3Alegal+reports+%28publications+of+the+law+library+of+congress%29&sb=date_desc
[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]
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Global Public Health

Volume 20, Issue 1 (2025)
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>
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Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

[The Gates Foundation's network diplomacy in European donor countries](#)

The Gates Foundation is the most influential private philanthropic foundation in global health and development. This article examines how the Foundation has developed an unparalleled capacity to rally other do...

Authors: Antoine de Bengy Puyvallée, Katerini Tagmatarchi Storeng and Simon Rushton

Citation: Globalization and Health 2025 21:22

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Health and Human Rights

Volume 26, Issue 2, December 2024

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-26-issue-2-december-2024/>

Special Section: Distress Migration and the Right to Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 20 - Issue 1 - January 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 40, Issue 3, April 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/40/3>

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 36, Issue 7-8 / April 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/36/7-8>

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 47, Number 1, February 2025

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/54277>

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Humanitarian Practice Network

<https://odihpn.org/>

Featured Publications

[Representation in mapping: ensuring impact with women behind the data](#)

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Atiya Anis, Céline Jacquin

Implementation Research and Practice

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

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 26 Apr 2025]

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International Health

Volume 17, Issue 2, March 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/17/2>

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International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 13 (2024): Issue 2 (Dec 2024)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/13/2/hrlr.13.issue-2.xml>

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The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 33 (2025): Issue 1 (Mar 2025)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/33/1/chil.33.issue-1.xml>

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

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

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/123>
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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 118 15 February 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/118/suppl/C>
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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 54, Issue 2, April 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/54/2>

Journal Article

Making science great again. Or not

Alistair Woodward , Stephen Leeder

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 31, 2025 Issue 3

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 18 Issue 1 2025

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/18/iss/1>

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International Migration Review

Volume 59 Issue 1, March 2025

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

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International Review of Education – Journal of Lifelong Learning

Volume 71, Issue 1 February 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/11159/volumes-and-issues/71-1>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Review of the Red Cross

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 22/29, 2025, Vol 333, No. 16, Pages 1373-1466

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ARTICLE Open Access

Synthesizing Public Health Preparedness Mechanisms for High-Impact Infectious Disease Threats: A Jurisdictional Scan

KM Saif-Ur-Rahman, Nikita N. Burke, Lena Murphy, Randal Parlour, Máirín Boland, Petek Eylul Taneri, Bearach Reynolds, Mary Horgan, John N. Lavis, Declan Devane
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Effective public health preparedness for high-impact infectious diseases requires a coordinated approach, including early threat detection, rapid response, robust healthcare systems, and strategic communication. Past outbreaks show the need for continuous investment, evidence-based policies, and adaptable health systems. Future research should assess ongoing preparedness efforts and implementation challenges.

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Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crisis (ERICC) Consortium

Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)

Written by Shreya Shreeraman, INEE

Published 22 April 2025

The Lancet

Apr 26, 2025 Volume 405 Number 10488 p1439-1554

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Editorial

Supporting medical science in the USA

The Lancet

The pursuit of rigorous medical science is not compatible with capitulation to government demands aimed at weaponising and eroding science. On April 14, Edwin R Martin Jr, the Trump-appointed interim US attorney for the District of Columbia, sent a letter to at least one medical journal, CHEST, saying "that more and more journals and publications like CHEST Journal are conceding that they are partisans in various scientific debates". The letter asked the journal to respond to five questions on topics such as how it handles misinformation and different viewpoints. This is an obvious ruse to strike fear into journals and impinge on their right to independent editorial oversight. The Lancet stands with CHEST and the other medical journals that are being intimidated by the Trump administration.

The harassment of journals comes amid wider radical dismantling of the USA's scientific infrastructure. The US Office of Management and Budget's response to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) draft budget for fiscal year 2026 was leaked on April 18. The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) request for fiscal year 2026 is US\$2.9 billion, down from \$3.6 billion in 2024. Of concern, food inspection could shift to the states, weakening federal oversight and coordination. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are subject to large cuts, totalling \$84 billion. Meanwhile, Robert F Kennedy's new Administration for a Healthy America with a proposed budget of \$20 billion, aims to have "an initial focus on childhood chronic diseases". Kennedy has been clear that his primary interest is on finding a cause for autism—which he previously claimed, as recently as 2023, was due to vaccines, and in his first press conference said was "due to environmental toxins", a misguided agenda at the taxpayer's expense.

HHS aims to cut the NIH budget from \$47 billion to \$27 billion. 27 institutes and centres are to be consolidated down to eight, and while the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the

National Cancer Institute stay, hundreds of NIH grants are frozen or cancelled, harming universities, researchers, and study participants. The CDC budget could be slashed from \$9.2 billion to about \$5.2 billion—a 44% reduction. Although the new proposal says the CDC will focus on “emerging and infectious disease surveillance, outbreak investigations, preparedness and response and maintaining the nation's infrastructure”, the budget eliminates the Global Health Center, which oversees the CDC's global health mission, including the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the President's Malaria Initiative, global polio eradication, and outbreaks. How will the CDC maintain its leadership in global health? Other cuts target programmes on health disparities, HIV prevention, lead toxicity, infant morbidity and mortality and maternal health surveillance, LGBT+ people, teenage pregnancy prevention, homelessness prevention, and early child mental health, among others. Grants for rural health clinics and hospitals—already inadequate—are also to be cut.

A misinformed narrative is being used at HHS to attempt to trick the public into thinking that these cuts are about improving Americans' health. Yet, one of the intents of authoritarian governments is to destroy independent science at government institutions and to silence academia. Science becomes a tool of state sponsored propaganda. Kennedy's actions at HHS are merely one piece in President Trump's overall plans to remake the global order, which threatens the USA's role as the leader in science and global health.

Peter Marks, the former head of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said in his March 28 [resignation letter](#) that “It has become clear that truth and transparency are not desired by the Secretary, but rather he wishes subservient confirmation of his misinformation and lies.” Calls for [Kennedy's resignation](#) are growing. The Executive Director of the American Public Health Association, Georges Benjamin, called for Kennedy's resignation or removal on April 9. The [Treatment Action Group](#) and Doctors for America have also called for him to go. Given Kennedy's support for the gutting of the NIH, CDC, and FDA, alongside his espousal of unscientific treatments and theories, The Lancet joins [Benjamin's call](#) for Kennedy's resignation.

Medical journals should not expect to be spared by the Trump administration's attack on science, nor should health institutions such as the NIH, the CDC, or academic medical centres. Science and medicine in the USA are being violently dismembered while the world watches. While the risks to civil servants and academics' livelihoods are real and understandably frightening, bullies are only emboldened by acquiescence or indifference.

Review

[The 2025 report of the Lancet Countdown to 2030 for women's, children's, and adolescents' health: tracking progress on health and nutrition](#)

Agbessi Amouzou, et al.

In line with previous progress reports by Countdown to 2030 for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health, this report analyses global and regional trends and inequalities in health determinants, survival, nutritional status, intervention coverage, and quality of care in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) and nutrition, as well as country health systems, policies, financing, and prioritisation. The focus is on low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) where 99% of maternal deaths and 98% of child and adolescent deaths (individuals aged 0–19 years) occur, with special attention to sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

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Pneumonia: a neglected global threat

The Lancet Respiratory Medicine

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Q&A 10 Mar 2025

[Why we organized 'Stand Up For Science'](#)

In the USA, the Trump administration has signed executive orders that impose censorship on key areas of scientific research, strip government scientists of their jobs and reduce federal funding for science. Five co-organizers of the nationwide Stand Up For Science movement explain the need for collective action at this time.

Leslie Berntsen, Emma Courtney, Charlotte Payne

Comment 23 Jan 2025

[Combating China's retraction crisis](#)

The emergence of China as a global leader in scientific output is being overshadowed by a growing crisis of confidence in its research integrity. In addition to existing efforts, we propose five actionable initiatives to bolster the fight against China's retraction crisis.

Shaoxiong Brian Xu, Guangwei Hu

Article Open Access 20 Jan 2025

[Trust in scientists and their role in society across 68 countries](#)

What is the state of trust in scientists around the world? To answer this question, the authors surveyed 71,922 respondents in 68 countries and found that trust in scientists is moderately high.

Viktoria Cologna, Niels G. Mede, Rolf A. Zwaan

Nature Medicine

Volume 31 Issue 4, April 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/31/issues/4>

Editorial 07 Apr 2025

Combating vaccine revisionism

The scientific community must take a strong and active stand against vaccine revisionism — the false narrative that there is insufficient evidence to support the safety and efficacy of vaccines...

Vaccines have saved 154 million lives globally since the launch of the Expanded Programme on Immunization by the World Health Organization in 1974 and are one of the great triumphs of medicine. Sadly, vaccine skepticism in the USA has helped drive distrust of vaccines in other parts of the world, threatening the gains made in childhood morbidity and survival through immunization campaigns. It is therefore imperative that the medical and public health communities take immediate action to fight vaccine revisionism and promote vaccine uptake, as there are stakes both in the USA and globally. Given the current political climate, this task will not be easy, but it must be tackled head-on.

News Feature 11 Apr 2025

The WHO aims for financial stability despite US exit

The World Health Organization's inaugural Investment Round aims to instill stability in the face of global health headwinds and a US exit.

Barbara Nasto

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Perspective

An HIV Vaccine in the Era of Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir for PrEP — Essential or Irrelevant?

L.P. Jatt and Others

Abstract

The discovery of a highly efficacious option for preexposure prophylaxis that requires only twice-yearly administration has led to the question of whether a vaccine is still needed to end the HIV epidemic.

NEJM Evidence

Volume 4 No. 4 April 2025

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NEJM Evidence, a new monthly digital journal from NEJM Group, presents innovative original research and fresh, bold ideas in clinical trial design and clinical decision-making.

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[**Cholera in Sub-Saharan Africa: Unveiling neglected drivers and pathways to elimination**](#)

Beenzu Siamalube, Emmanuel Ehinmitan, Steven Runo, Maina Ngotho, Justus Onguso

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[Structure in conversation: Evidence for the vocabulary, semantics, and syntax of prosody](#)

Nadav Matalon, Eyal Weinreb, [...] David Biron

Significance

In conversation, prosody complements words, forming a structured communication system distinct from, yet connected to, text. By analyzing large datasets of spontaneous conversations and clustering similar snippets of speech, we identify the fundamental building blocks of this system. Our findings reveal a prosodic vocabulary of a few hundred patterns (far fewer than the thousands of words in a core verbal vocabulary), which fulfill interactional and attitudinal functions. Just as syntax governs word combinations, we observe recurring prosodic structures where certain patterns follow others more frequently than chance. Such ubiquitous pairs were not detected in scripted speech. These results provide data-driven support for the analogy of prosody to a linguistic system with its own vocabulary, semantics, and a simple syntax.

Perspective April 21, 2025

[Mitigation justice](#)

Mitigating climate change and social injustice are critical, interwoven challenges. Climate change is driven by grossly unequal contributions to elevated greenhouse gas emissions among individuals, socioeconomic groups, and nations. Yet, its deleterious ...

Peter B. Reich, Kathryn Grace, [...] Harini Nagendra

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[Immediate and longer-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on scientific productivity in ecology and evolution](#)

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[Armed conflict and treatment interruptions: A systematic review and meta-analysis in Amhara, Ethiopia](#)

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Volume 44, Issue 1, March 2025

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EDITORIAL

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Vicki Bier, Emanuele Borgonovo, Tony Cox, Cynthia Rudin

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Editorial

Convergence and consensus

H. Holden Thorp

In these days of political instability, geopolitical tensions, and social discontent around the world, there are continued threats to the principles, conduct, and findings of science. This assault on science has been fueled by flooding the public with confusing information from both traditional and digital media. One concept that creates misunderstanding is “scientific consensus.” It’s time to stop using this shorthand and make clear what it really means...

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Policy Forum

Partisan disparities in the use of science in policy

BY Alexander C. Furnas, Timothy M. LaPira, Dashun Wang

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Documents from Congress and think tanks reflect differences in how science is cited

Science has long been regarded as essential to policy-making, serving as one of the primary sources of evidence that informs decisions ([1](#), [2](#)) with its particular epistemic authority ([3](#)). Its role has become especially vital, as many pressing societal challenges today—from climate change to public health crises to technological advancement—are intricately linked with scientific progress. However, amid rising political polarization ([4](#)), a fundamental question remains open: Is science used differently by policy-makers in different parties? Here we combine two large-scale databases capturing policy, science, and their interactions to examine the partisan differences in citing science in policy-making in the United States. Overall, we observe systematic differences in the amount, content, and character of science cited in policy by partisan factions in the United States. These differences are strikingly persistent across fields of research, policy issues, time, and institutional context...

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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*.

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2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Girls Must Drive the Next Chapter of Digital Change

Doreen Bogdan-Martin

As we mark International Girls in ICT Day, let's make sure that every young woman and girl has the chance to be meaningfully connected with ample opportunities to become digital transformation leaders.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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Research article Open access

Intersectionality matters: An analysis of women's empowerment among livestock holders in Nepal, Senegal and Uganda

Renata Serra, Sarah McKune, Nargiza Ludgate, Nitya Singh, ... Sandra Russo

Article 107000

Highlights

:: While research on gender in livestock settings is growing, greater attention should be devoted to intersectionality.

:: An intersectional analysis of WELI data in three countries unveiled inequities beyond gender differences.

:: In Nepal, caste differences in empowerment among livestock owners are more consequential than those defined by gender.

:: Gender differences in empowerment scores are significant in Uganda and Senegal, but the magnitude varies by ethnicity.

Abstract

Many tools have been deployed to measure women's empowerment in development contexts, but few have explicitly adopted an intersectional lens when studying livestock holders. This paper uses an

intersectional approach to analyze qualitative (Focus Group Discussions, FGDs) and quantitative data (using the Women's Empowerment in Livestock Index, WELI) for livestock-holding communities in Nepal, Senegal, and Uganda. Our analysis focuses on the intersection between gender and caste in Nepal, and gender and ethnicity in Senegal and Uganda. Findings from 71 FGDs reveal important differences in the gender distribution of livestock-related roles by caste or ethnic groups and in conceptualizations of women's empowerment. Multivariate regressions for individual empowerment scores derived from the WELI (821 men and women interviewed separately) show that, in Senegal and Uganda, differences in empowerment indicators by gender are statistically significant even when ethnicity is considered, but further comparisons between ethnic groups reveal deeper insights. Conversely, in Nepal, the most pronounced differences in empowerment are between women (and men) from different castes, while gender differences within each caste are more limited. Qualitative findings help shed further light on these findings by unveiling dimensions of empowerment that are locally deemed important but are not captured by WELI indicators. We also compare the contribution of intrinsic, instrumental, and collective agency indicators to the disempowerment of different gender and intersectional groups and discuss possible reasons for all these differences, aided by the findings from FGDs. We provide recommendations for improving future intersectional analyses employing WELI and mixed-method approaches.

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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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Neglected Risks: The Disturbing Reality of Children's Images in Datasets and the Urgent Call for Accountability

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Including children's images in datasets has raised ethical concerns, particularly regarding privacy, consent, data protection, and accountability. These datasets, often built by scraping publicly available images from the Internet, can expose children to risks such as exploitation, profiling, and tracking. Despite the growing recognition of these issues, approaches for addressing them remain limited. We explore the ethical implications of using children's images in AI datasets and propose a pipeline to detect and remove such images. As a use case, we built the pipeline on a Vision-Language Model under the Visual Question Answering task and tested it on the #PraCegoVer dataset. We also evaluate the pipeline on a subset of 100,000 images from the Open Images V7 dataset to assess its effectiveness in detecting and removing images of children. The pipeline serves as a baseline for future research, providing a starting point for more comprehensive tools and methodologies. While we leverage existing models trained on potentially problematic data, our goal is to expose and address this issue. We do not advocate for training or deploying such models, but instead call for urgent community reflection and action to protect children's rights. Ultimately, we aim to encourage the research community to exercise - more than an additional - care in creating new datasets and to inspire the development of tools to protect the fundamental rights of vulnerable groups, particularly children.

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Towards a HIPAA Compliant Agentic AI System in Healthcare

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Factually: Exploring Wearable Fact-Checking for Augmented Truth Discernment

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Wearable devices are transforming human capabilities by seamlessly augmenting cognitive functions. In this position paper, we propose a voice-based, interactive learning companion designed to amplify and extend cognitive abilities through informal learning. Our vision is threefold: (1) to enable users to discover new knowledge on-the-go through contextual interactive quizzes, fostering critical thinking and mindfulness, (2) to proactively detect misinformation, empowering users to critically assess information in real time, and (3) to provide spoken language correction and prompting hints for second language learning and effective communication. As an initial step toward this vision, we present Factually - a proactive, wearable fact-checking system integrated into devices like smartwatches or rings. Factually discreetly alerts users to potential falsehoods via vibrotactile feedback, helping them assess information critically. We demonstrate its utility through three illustrative scenarios, highlighting its potential to extend cognitive abilities for real-time misinformation detection. Early qualitative feedback suggests that Factually can enhance users' fact-checking capabilities, offering both practical and experiential benefits.

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[Water, Health, and Social Technologies: One Million Cisterns Programme case study](#)

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Background: This paper focuses on the impacts of climate change on vulnerable ecosystems and its implications for the health and well-being of populations. It specifically examines the Semi-arid region of Brazil, where the introduction of a social climate adaptation tool, cisterns, has brought about significant positive changes. Cisterns, a low-cost climate adaptation technology, can be replicated globally, reducing the negative health impacts of frequent droughts, especially for vulnerable groups in remote rural areas. Objective: We analyze the impact of the One Million Cisterns Program (P1MC) on health by synthesizing the literature and modeling its interactions with climatic and environmental factors with the DPSEEA framework. Methods: Our case study employs a multidisciplinary approach...

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Digital health interventions (DHIs) refer to discrete technological functionalities designed to achieve specific objectives in addressing health system challenges through digital health applications. These interventions are tools for strengthening health systems, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. This study consolidates findings from Ethiopia, Ghana, and Zimbabwe, examining three distinct digital health applications with varying intervention capabilities that contribute to health system strengthening within their respective primary healthcare contexts. The interventions analyzed include Ethiopia's District Health Information System 2 (DHIS2), Ghana's dual system namely the District Health Information Management System (DHIMS) and the Local Health Information Management System (LHIMS) and Zimbabwe's Impilo electronic health record (E-HR) system...

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