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the Editor's annual leave.***

## ***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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## **Afghanistan**

### **Afghanistan: Four years on, 2.2 million girls still banned from school – Statement by Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO**

14 August 2025

Four years ago in Afghanistan, on August 15, 2021, the Taliban launched their grim campaign to erase women from public life. Since seizing power, they have **implemented more than 70 decrees violating the rights of girls and women — especially their right to education.**

**Today, Afghanistan stands out tragically as the only country in the world where secondary and higher education is strictly forbidden to girls and women. Nearly 2.2 million of them are now barred from attending school beyond the primary level due to this regressive decision.**

Afghan women are also being gradually erased from journalism. The “Law on the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice,” introduced by the Taliban in summer 2024, prohibits any representation of human figures and prevents women from speaking on the radio. Since 2021, more than 80% of women working in media have lost their jobs.

**This exclusion of women from public life in Afghanistan has disastrous consequences for the country’s long-term development, where half the population already lives below the poverty line.**

Faced with this unacceptable situation, **UNESCO continues to urge all countries to maintain diplomatic pressure on the de facto authorities and to relentlessly demand the immediate and unconditional reopening of schools and universities to Afghan girls and women. The right to education is non-negotiable.** An entire generation of Afghan women is being sacrificed, despite the considerable progress we had achieved over the past twenty years.

Between 2001 and 2021, thanks to the coordinated efforts of the international community led by UNESCO, the number of students in Afghanistan increased tenfold. While there were virtually no girls in school in 2001, within two decades, the enrollment rate for girls of primary school age rose to over 80%. The literacy rate among women nearly doubled, from 17% to almost 30% across all age groups. Since taking power, the Taliban have methodically worked to wipe out all these gains.

In response to this violation of the fundamental rights of Afghan girls and women, **UNESCO is mobilizing to support alternative learning methods. In more than 2,600 villages across the country, over 1,000 community-based facilitators have been trained to provide literacy courses to 57,000 young people, the vast majority of whom are girls.**

UNESCO also provides financial support and training to Afghan media outlets that develop and broadcast educational programs. This includes the Begum Organization for Women, which founded a radio station in March 2021 and a cable channel in March 2024, as well as the SOLAx platform — an online academy accessible via WhatsApp — that allows young women to access daily lessons. These programs, broadcast by UNESCO's media partners, have already reached an estimated audience of 17 million Afghans.

However, these alternative learning methods — which cannot replace classroom education — are themselves constantly threatened by the de facto authorities.

Over the past four years, UNESCO has become one of the last forums where Afghan women's voices can still be heard, such as during this year's International Women's Day, which we dedicated to Afghan women.

**At a time when some are seeking to normalize relations with the Taliban, I call on the international community to remain more mobilized than ever to fully and unconditionally restore Afghan women's right to education.**

Until the day they can return to school, let us not abandon them.

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**[Afghanistan: International community must reject Taliban's violent and authoritarian rule, say UN experts](#)**

14 Aug 2025 GENEVA –

**UN experts\* today called on the international community to reject the Taliban's violent and authoritarian rule and resist any moves towards normalising the de facto authorities' regime,** four years after the group seized power in Afghanistan.

**"For four years the people of Afghanistan, especially women and girls, have endured a relentless and escalating assault on their fundamental rights and freedoms," the experts said.**

**"Operating without legitimacy, the Taliban enforces an institutionalised system of gender oppression, crushes dissent, exacts reprisals, and muzzles independent media while showing outright contempt for human rights, equality and non-discrimination."**

In the past year, the Taliban has continued to impose so-called laws, edicts, and decrees while maintaining previous draconian restrictions on women's and girls' rights to education, freedom of movement, work, health, freedoms of expression and of association, and participation in cultural and public life.

**"The Taliban's institutionalised system of gender discrimination and oppression is so severe that it amounts to the crime against humanity of persecution on grounds of gender,"** the experts said, welcoming the recent arrest warrants for two senior Taliban leaders issued by the International Criminal Court. "We support all efforts to hold those responsible to account."

**The experts also highlighted concerns about other, wide-ranging human rights violations,** including a disturbing surge in public executions and corporal punishments, arbitrary arrest and detentions, extrajudicial executions, acts tantamount to enforced disappearances, torture and ill-treatment in detention, the obliteration of civic space and crackdown on human rights defenders, restrictions on the rights to freedom of religion or belief, increasing numbers of internally displaced

persons, the targeting of ethnic and religious minorities, discrimination against LGBTQ+ persons, and violations committed on national security and counter-terrorism grounds.

**"The situation in Afghanistan is dire but it must not be regarded as a lost cause. The international community must resist the narrative that the current situation under Taliban rule is inevitable or irreversible. Another future is possible,"** they said.

The experts said that countering the Taliban's increasing **repression requires an "all-tools" approach**. This approach should combine principled international advocacy and pressure with international accountability, including the establishment of an additional, complementary investigation mechanism with a comprehensive mandate. It should also include the codification of the crime of gender apartheid, strengthened support for civil society—especially women-led organisations—and increased funding for humanitarian assistance and realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Greater support and protection for Afghan refugees, internally displaced persons, and those in exile is also essential. "This protection is particularly urgent as countries such as the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan continue to return large numbers of Afghans, directly exposing them to the very persecution from which they fled," the experts said.

"The people of Afghanistan, especially women and girls of all ages, must be actively involved in efforts to improve the situation in the country," they said.

**"We firmly believe that change in Afghanistan is best led by its people. But they cannot do it alone. International support – principled, focused, sustained, and rooted in solidarity – is essential,"** the experts said. "Every day without action strengthens the Taliban's oppressive grip. Standing side by side with the people of Afghanistan is both a moral imperative and a human rights responsibility. It is in the interest not only of the Afghan people, but the global community."

*Read the full statement*

*\*The experts:*

- Richard Bennett, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan;
- Laura Nyirinkindi (Chair), Claudia Flores (Vice-Chair), Dorothy Estrada Tanck, Ivana Krstić, and Haina Lu, Working group on discrimination against women and girls;
- Nahla Haidar, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,
- Graeme Reid, Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;
- Alexandra Xanthaki, Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights;
- Nazila Ghanea, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief;
- George Katrougalos, Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;
- Cecilia M. Bailliet, Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity;
- Morris Tidball-Binz, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;
- Alice Jill Edwards, Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- Ben Saul, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;
- Gabriella Citroni (Chair-Rapporteur), Grażyna Baranowska (Vice-Chair), Ana Lorena Delgadillo Pérez, Aua Baldé and Mohammed Al-Obaidi, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances;
- Ganna Yudkivska (Chair-Rapporteur), Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;
- Margaret Satterthwaite, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;

- Mary Lawlor, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;
- Gina Romero, Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association;
- Irene Khan, Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression;
- Surya Deva, Special Rapporteur on the right to development;
- Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;
- Paula Gaviria Betancur, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;
- Siobhán Mullally, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;
- Tomoya Obokata, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery;
- Claudia Mahler, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons;
- Mai Sato, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- Carlos Duarte (Chair), Geneviève Savigny, Uche Ofodile (Vice Chair), Davit Hakobyan (Vice Chair), and Shalmali Guttal, Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas;
- Bina D'Costa (Chair), Miriam Ekiudoko, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Ms. Ganna Yudkivska (Chair-Rapporteur), Mr. Matthew Gillett (Vice-Chair on Communications), Ms. Miriam Estrada Castillo (Vice-Chair on Follow-Up), Mr. Mumba Malila, and Mr. Ethan Hee-Seok Shin the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

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## **Gaza; OPT**

### **Calling Famine in Gaza 'Man-Made Disaster, Moral Indictment and Failure of Humanity Itself', Secretary-General Stresses Time for Action Is Now**

22 August 2025 SG/SM/22772

*The following statement by Secretary-General António Guterres was issued today:*

Just when it seems there are no words left to describe the living hell in Gaza, a new one has been added: "famine".

This is not a mystery — it is a man-made disaster, a moral indictment and a failure of humanity itself. Famine is not only about food; it is the deliberate collapse of the systems needed for human survival. People are starving. Children are dying. And those with the duty to act are failing. As the occupying Power, Israel has unequivocal obligations under international law — including the duty of ensuring food and medical supplies of the population. We cannot allow this situation to continue with impunity.

No more excuses. The time for action is not tomorrow — it is now. We need an immediate ceasefire, the immediate release of all hostages and full, unfettered humanitarian access.

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### **UN Relief Chief says Gaza famine "must spur the world to urgent action"**

*Remarks on Gaza at the UN press briefing and Q&A by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator*

*Geneva, 22 August 2025*

*As delivered*

Please read the [IPC report](#), cover to cover. Read it in sorrow and in anger. Not as words and numbers but as names and lives. Be in no doubt that this is irrefutable testimony.

It is a famine. The Gaza Famine.

It is a famine that we could have prevented, if we had been allowed. Yet food stacks up at borders because of systematic obstruction by Israel.

It is a famine within a few hundred metres of food, in a fertile land.

It is a famine that hits the most vulnerable first. Each with a name, each with a story. That strips people of dignity before it strips them of life. That forces a parent to choose which child to feed. That forces people to risk their lives to seek food.

It is a famine that we repeatedly warned of. But that the international media has not been allowed in to cover. To bear witness.

It is a famine in 2025. A 21st century famine watched over by drones and the most advanced military technology in history.

It is a famine openly promoted by some Israeli leaders as a weapon of war.

It is a famine on all of our watch. Everyone owns this. The Gaza Famine is the world's famine. It is a famine that asks 'but what did you do?' A famine that will and must haunt us all.

It is a predictable and a preventable famine. A famine caused by cruelty, justified by revenge, enabled by indifference and sustained by complicity.

It is a famine that must spur the world to more urgent action. That must shame the world to do better. It is a famine that therefore also asks '... and what now will you do?'

My ask, my plea, my demand to Prime Minister Netanyahu and anyone who can reach him:  
Enough. Ceasefire. Open the crossings, north and south, all of them. Let us get food and other supplies in, unimpeded and at the massive scale required. End the retribution. It is too late for far too many. But not for everyone in Gaza. Enough. For humanity's sake, let us in.

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### **Famine confirmed for first time in Gaza**

*FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO reiterate call for immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition*

Joint FAO/UNICEF/WHO/WFP News Release

22 August 2025 ROME/GENEVA/NEW YORK –

More than half a million people in Gaza are trapped in famine, marked by widespread starvation, destitution and preventable deaths, according to a new Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis released today. Famine conditions are projected to spread from Gaza Governorate to Deir Al Balah and Khan Younis Governorates in the coming weeks.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), UNICEF, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have collectively and consistently **highlighted the extreme urgency for an immediate and full-scale humanitarian response** given the escalating hunger-related deaths, rapidly worsening levels of acute malnutrition and

plummeting levels of food consumption, with hundreds of thousands of people going days without anything to eat.

**The agencies reinforced that famine must be stopped at all costs. An immediate ceasefire and end to the conflict is critical to allow unimpeded, large-scale humanitarian response** that can save lives. The agencies are also gravely concerned about the threat of an intensified military offensive in Gaza City and any escalation in the conflict, as it would have further devastating consequences for civilians where famine conditions already exist. Many people – especially sick and malnourished children, older people and people with disabilities – may be unable to evacuate.

**By the end of September, more than 640,000 people will face Catastrophic levels of food insecurity – classified as IPC Phase 5 – across the Gaza Strip.**

**An additional 1.14 million people in the territory will be in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and a further 396,000 people in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) conditions.** Conditions in North Gaza are estimated to be as severe – or worse – than in Gaza City. However, limited data prevented an IPC classification, highlighting the urgent need for access to assess and assist. Rafah was not analyzed given indications that it is largely depopulated.

Classifying famine means that the most extreme category is triggered when three critical thresholds – extreme food deprivation, acute malnutrition and starvation-related deaths – have been breached. The latest analysis now affirms on the basis of reasonable evidence that these criteria have been met...

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#### **Secretary-General Condemns Decision of Israel's Higher Planning Committee to Approve over 3,400 Housing Units in Occupied West Bank**

20 August 2025 SG/SM/22769

*The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General António Guterres:*

The Secretary-General condemns the decision of the Higher Planning Committee to grant approval for more than 3,400 housing units in the E1 area of the occupied West Bank.

**Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, are a violation of international law and run directly counter to United Nations resolutions. The advancement of this project is an existential threat to the two-State solution.** It would sever the northern and southern West Bank and have severe consequences for the territorial contiguity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

**The Secretary-General reiterates his call on the Government of Israel to immediately halt all settlement activity** and to comply fully with its obligations under international law and to act in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions and in line with **the International Court of Justice in its Advisory Opinion of 19 July 2024.**

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#### **Occupied Palestinian Territories: joint statement, 21 August 2025**

*Joint statement by: Foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom, and the*

*High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission*  
22 August 2025

**The decision by the Israeli Higher Planning Committee to approve plans for settlement construction in the E1 area, East of Jerusalem, is unacceptable and a violation of international law.**

We condemn this decision and call for its immediate reversal in the strongest terms.

Minister Smotrich says this plan will make a two-state solution impossible by dividing any Palestinian state and restricting Palestinian access to Jerusalem. This brings no benefits to the Israeli people. Instead, it risks undermining security and fuels further violence and instability, taking us further away from peace.

**The Government of Israel still has an opportunity to stop the E1 plan going any further. We encourage them to urgently retract this plan.**

Unilateral action by the Israeli government undermines our collective desire for security and prosperity in the Middle East. The Israeli government must stop settlement construction in line with UNSC Resolution 2334 and remove their restrictions on the finances of the Palestinian Authority.

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### **ICC: Further U.S. Sanctions**

#### **Imposing Further Sanctions in Response to the ICC's Ongoing Threat to Americans and Israelis**

*Press Statement*, Marco Rubio, Secretary of State  
August 20, 2025

Today, I am designating Kimberly Prost of Canada, Nicolas Guillou of France, Nazhat Shameem Khan of Fiji and Mame Mandiaye Niang of Senegal pursuant to President Trump's Executive Order 14203, "Imposing Sanctions on the International Criminal Court."

**These individuals are foreign persons who directly engaged in efforts by the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute nationals of the United States or Israel, without the consent of either nation.**

The United States has been clear and steadfast in our opposition to the ICC's politicization, abuse of power, disregard for our national sovereignty, and illegitimate judicial overreach. **The Court is a national security threat that has been an instrument for lawfare against the United States and our close ally Israel.**

It remains the policy of the United States Government to take whatever actions we deem necessary to protect our troops, our sovereignty, and our allies from the ICC's illegitimate and baseless actions.

I urge countries that still support the ICC, many of whose freedom was purchased at the price of great American sacrifices, to resist the claims of this bankrupt institution.

#### **Imposing Further Sanctions in Response to the ICC's Ongoing Threat to Americans and Israelis**

*Fact Sheet* US Department of State  
August 20, 2025



Today, the United States is sanctioning four individuals, currently serving on the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Department of State's designations are made pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14203, which authorizes sanctions on foreign persons engaged in certain malign efforts by the ICC and **aims to impose tangible and significant consequences on those directly engaged in the ICC's transgressions against the United States and Israel...**

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### **The ICC strongly rejects new US sanctions against Judges and Deputy Prosecutors**

*Statement* 20 August 2025

The International Criminal Court deplores the announcement of new designations for sanctions by the US administration against ICC Judges Kimberly Prost (Canada), Judge Nicolas Guillou (France), Deputy Prosecutor Nazhat Shameem Khan (Fiji) and Deputy Prosecutor Mame Mandiaye Niang (Senegal). These additional designations follow the earlier [designation](#) of four other judges and the ICC Prosecutor.

These sanctions are a flagrant attack against the independence of an impartial judicial institution which operates under the mandate from 125 States Parties from all regions. They also constitute an affront against the Court's States Parties, the rules-based international order and, above all, millions of innocent victims across the world...

### **Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties expresses deep concern and objects to additional U.S. sanctions targeting ICC elected officials**

*Statement* 21 August 2025 Assembly of States Parties

The Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties notes with deep concern the additional sanctions announced by the Government of the United States against two Judges and the Deputy Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court. These measures, in addition to earlier designations of elected officials, are regrettable attempts to impede the Court and its personnel in the exercise of their independent judicial functions.

We continue to object to such unilateral measures firmly and unequivocally. They represent an affront to the independence of the Court and the integrity of the Rome Statute system. Such actions risk hampering ongoing investigations and undermining global efforts to ensure accountability for the gravest crimes of concern to the international community.

The International Criminal Court is a cornerstone of international justice. It functions as an independent and impartial judicial body, operating in full accordance with its founding treaty, the Rome Statute. US sanctions against the Court threaten the integrity of the Rome Statute system and seek to hamper efforts to bring justice to victims of the most heinous crimes...

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### **Türk denounces intensification of US reprisals against International Criminal Court personnel**

*Press releases* 21 August 2025

GENEVA – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on Thursday said the imposition by the United States of America of further sanctions on judges and deputy prosecutors of the International Criminal Court **should prompt the international community to take measures to protect them.**

"The relentless intensification of US reprisals against international institutions and their personnel must stop," Türk said. As Türk has stressed, **"sanctioning judges and prosecutors at national, regional or international levels, for fulfilling their mandate in accordance with international law standards, is an assault on the rule of law and corrodes justice."**

The High Commissioner called for a withdrawal of the sanctions against the two judges and two deputy prosecutors named on Wednesday, the four other judges and one prosecutor previously named, **as well as Special Rapporteur appointed by the UN Human Rights Council on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.**

"In the meantime, **I call on States to take immediate steps to protect all of them, including by taking measures to encourage corporations operating within their jurisdiction not to implement the sanctions** against these individuals," he said.

"States need to step up to defend the institutions they have created to uphold and defend human rights and the rule of law. Those working to document, investigate and prosecute serious violations of international law should not have to work in fear."

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### **US sanctions on ICC officials undermine independence of tribunal and justice for victims: UN experts**

*Press releases* 22 August 2025

*Independence of judges and lawyers*

GENEVA – A new round of United States sanctions against two judges and two deputy prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC) are **a direct assault against the independence of the tribunal and a devastating blow to victims worldwide**, UN experts\* warned today.

"It is alarming to see a country show such continuing hostility towards the legal and peaceful actions of an independent tribunal set up by the international community," the experts said.

**The latest round of sanctions, announced on 20 August by the US Secretary of State, followed similar sanctions imposed on four ICC judges in June**, and on the ICC's chief Prosecutor several months earlier.

In announcing the latest sanctions, the US Government said the measures were aimed at "malign efforts by the ICC" to investigate possible crimes by Israel and the United States. In its statements, the US Government referred to rulings authorising arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Israeli defence minister, Yoav Gallant. The US also justified some of the sanctions with reference to rulings authorising the investigation of the situation in Afghanistan.

**"Sanctioning ICC judges and prosecutors sabotages the fight against impunity and tells the world that power, not justice, rules in the face of atrocity," the experts said.** The ICC has the mandate to investigate and prosecute individuals for the grave international crimes of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

"The ICC's legal professionals play a crucial role in holding perpetrators of humanity's worst crimes to account. They must be protected from reprisals and allowed to act independently and without fear," the experts added.

**"International standards provide that lawyers and justice personnel should be able to perform all of their professional functions without intimidation, hindrance, harassment or improper interference; and** should not suffer, or be threatened with, prosecution or administrative, economic or other sanctions for any action taken in accordance with recognised professional duties, standards and ethics," the experts said.

**“The US Government must uphold the rule of law and the independence of judges and prosecutors by rescinding these sanctions.** We urge all States to respect the Court’s independence as a judicial institution and protect the independence and impartiality of those who work within the Court,” they said.

“We urge the European Union (EU) and the European Commission to enforce the Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96, also known as the EU Blocking Statute, to shield ICC officials from unlawful sanctions and reprisals.”

The experts have been in touch with the United States of America about their concerns.

*\*The experts:*

- Margaret Satterthwaite, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;
- Alena Douhan, Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights;
- Ben Saul, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;
- George Katrougalos, Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;
- Richard Bennett, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan;
- Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context;
- Reem Alsalem, Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences;
- Morris Tidball-Binz, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;
- Irene Khan, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

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## **“Best interests of the child” – Corporal Punishment**

### **Corporal punishment of children: the public health impact**

WHO 11 August 2025 | Technical document

#### *Overview*

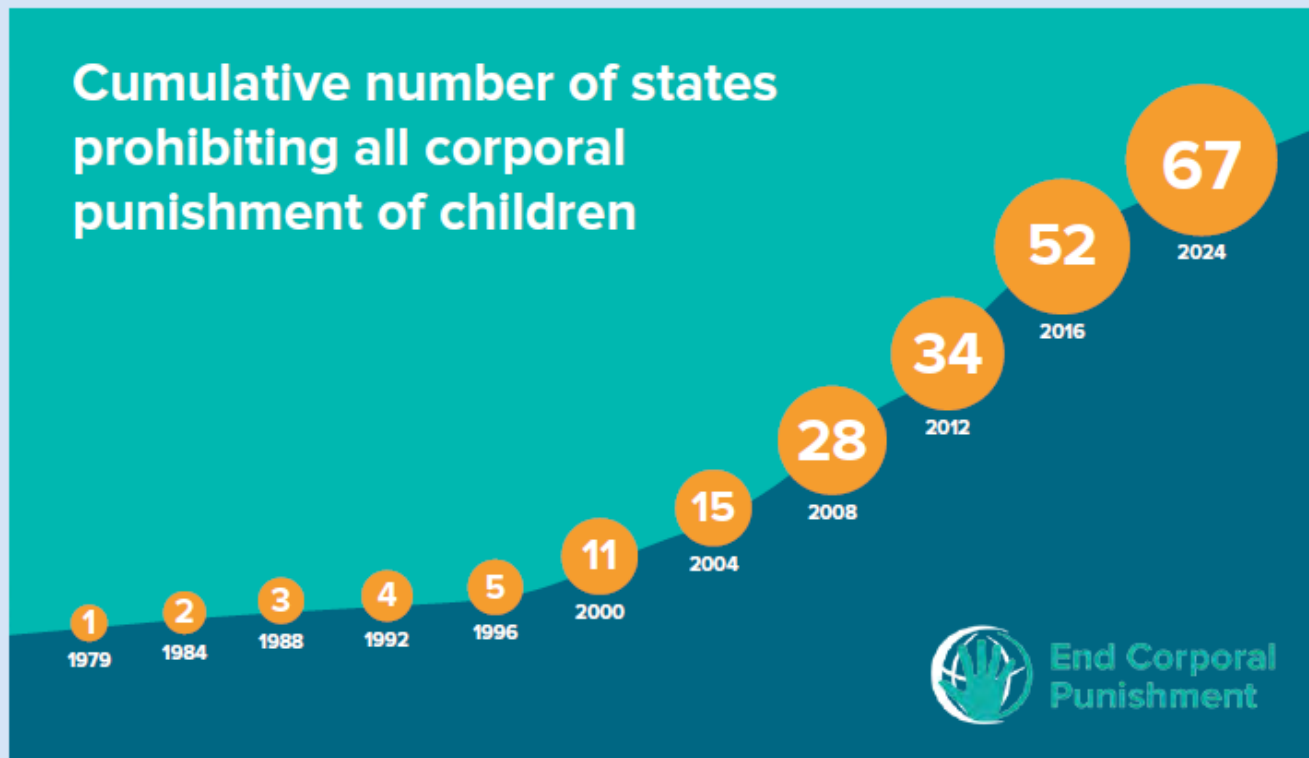
This technical report describes the prevalence, risk factors for, and consequences of child corporal punishment, which it defines as “any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort, however light”. Globally, an estimated 1.2 billion children aged 0-18 years are subjected to corporal punishment at home each year, and between a quarter and half of children experience corporal punishment in schools. The consequences of child corporal punishment can last a lifetime and undermine physical and mental health, education, and social and occupational functioning.

The report describes underlying risk factors at the individual, family, community and societal levels. It concludes that there is now overwhelming scientific evidence that child corporal punishment carries multiple risks of harm and has no benefits for children, parents, or societies. Efforts to enact and enforce laws banning corporal punishment are necessary but not sufficient, and should be complemented by efforts to support parents and teachers in the use of positive, non-violent approaches to discipline

### Box 1. Number of countries that have passed legislation prohibiting corporal punishment

As of the mid-1980s only Finland and Sweden had passed a law prohibiting corporal punishment of children. By October 2024, 67 states from all geographical, cultural and income contexts had passed legislation clarifying that the physical punishment of children is not lawful or permitted, and more laws are in process. Prohibition in educational and other settings also continues to grow (see Fig.1-2).

Fig. 1. Cumulative number of states prohibiting all corporal punishment of children



Source: Reproduced from End Corporal Punishment online database (3), with kind permission from End Corporal Punishment.

### Conclusion

The 74th World Health Assembly resolution on ending violence against children stresses that all children should be free from violence (90). The resolution underscores the role of the health sector in identifying, preventing and responding to violence against children, within national multisectoral responses. Similarly, in 2013, in recognition of the human rights imperative to prohibit all corporal punishment, and the importance of prohibition for reducing all forms of violence against children and other violence in societies, nine international health organisations issued a statement (91) calling for prohibition and elimination of all corporal punishment to improve physical and mental health, and other developmental outcomes for children and adults.

By adding a public health perspective on child corporal punishment, this report focuses on the prevalence, consequences, and risk factors of child corporal punishment, which serves to expand the spectrum of interventions that should be considered by countries that are committed to its elimination. The report converges with other studies to conclude that corporal punishment bans are necessary but insufficient to eliminate it. Accordingly, while countries continue with their efforts to meet CRC obligations to prohibit child corporal punishment, they should also explore the prevention potential of

interventions guided by a broader social ecological approach designed to impact the risk factors for child corporal punishment at the individual, relationship, community and societal levels.

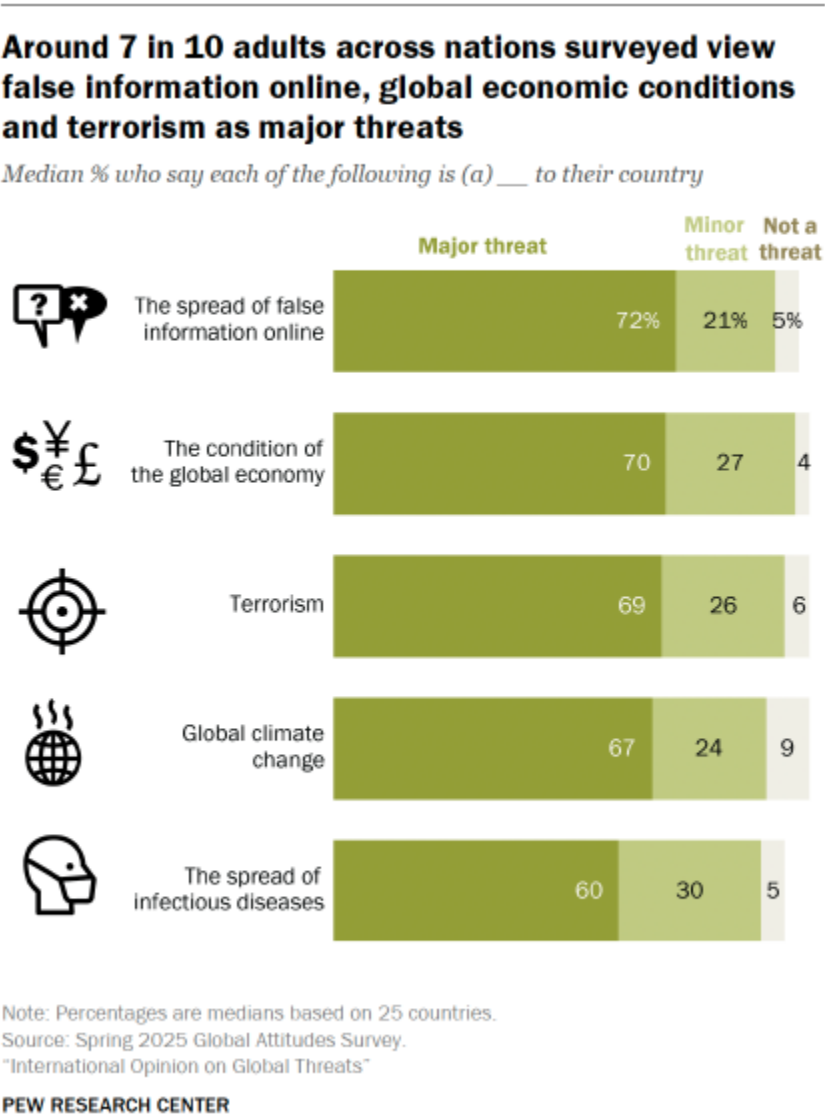
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Global Threats – Assessment

International Opinion on Global Threats

Pew Research Center  
Report Aug 19, 2025 By [Jacob Poushter](#), [Moirra Fagan](#), [Maria Smerkovich](#) and [Andrew Prozorovsky](#)

**In a world facing a range of difficult issues, adults across 25 countries see the spread of false information online, the condition of the global economy and terrorism as major threats today.** And while many people remain concerned about climate change and the spread of infectious diseases, fewer view these as major threats now than did in recent years.



These findings come from the latest Pew Research Center analysis of perceived global threats, which follows similar studies conducted in [2013](#), [2016](#), [2017](#), [2018](#), [2020](#) and [2022](#).

**Overall, a median of 72% of adults across 25 nations surveyed in spring 2025 say that the spread of false information online is a major threat to their country.** A further 21% say it is a minor threat, while 5% say it is not a threat at all.

### **False information seen as a major threat worldwide, as are terrorism, disease and the global economy; climate change is now mostly a secondary concern**

*% who say each of the following is a **major threat** to their country*

	<b>Biggest threat</b>	<b>2nd biggest threat</b>	<b>3rd biggest threat</b>
U.S.	<b>70</b> False info	<b>61</b> Terrorism*	<b>60</b> Economy
Canada	<b>71</b> False info*	<b>68</b> Economy	<b>60</b> Climate
France	<b>84</b> Terrorism*	<b>80</b> False info*	<b>78</b> Climate
Germany	<b>81</b> False info	<b>67</b> Climate	<b>60</b> Economy*
Greece	<b>85</b> Economy	<b>75</b> Climate*	<b>72</b> False info
Hungary	<b>72</b> False info/Climate		<b>66</b> Economy
Italy	<b>72</b> False info*	<b>71</b> Climate*	<b>67</b> Terrorism*
Netherlands	<b>74</b> False info	<b>66</b> Climate	<b>53</b> Economy*
Poland	<b>85</b> False info	<b>60</b> Disease*	<b>59</b> Terrorism*
Spain	<b>73</b> False info*	<b>72</b> Climate*	<b>71</b> Economy*
Sweden	<b>74</b> False info	<b>64</b> Climate	<b>56</b> Terrorism*
UK	<b>73</b> False info	<b>66</b> Climate*	<b>65</b> Economy*
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India	<b>79</b> Terrorism	<b>71</b> Disease*	<b>70</b> False info
Indonesia	<b>87</b> Terrorism*	<b>86</b> Disease	<b>74</b> Economy*
Japan	<b>80</b> Economy*	<b>79</b> Disease*	<b>78</b> Climate*
South Korea	<b>82</b> False info	<b>77</b> Climate*	<b>76</b> Economy/ Disease*
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Turkey	<b>91</b> Terrorism	<b>87</b> Disease	<b>79</b> Economy
Kenya	<b>89</b> Terrorism*	<b>88</b> Disease	<b>81</b> Economy
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\* Response is not significantly different from the next-most common response. Refer to topline for the full list of responses by country, and for the full wording of the five items asked.

Source: Spring 2025 Global Attitudes Survey.  
"International Opinion on Global Threats"

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## **5. Spread of infectious diseases as a threat**

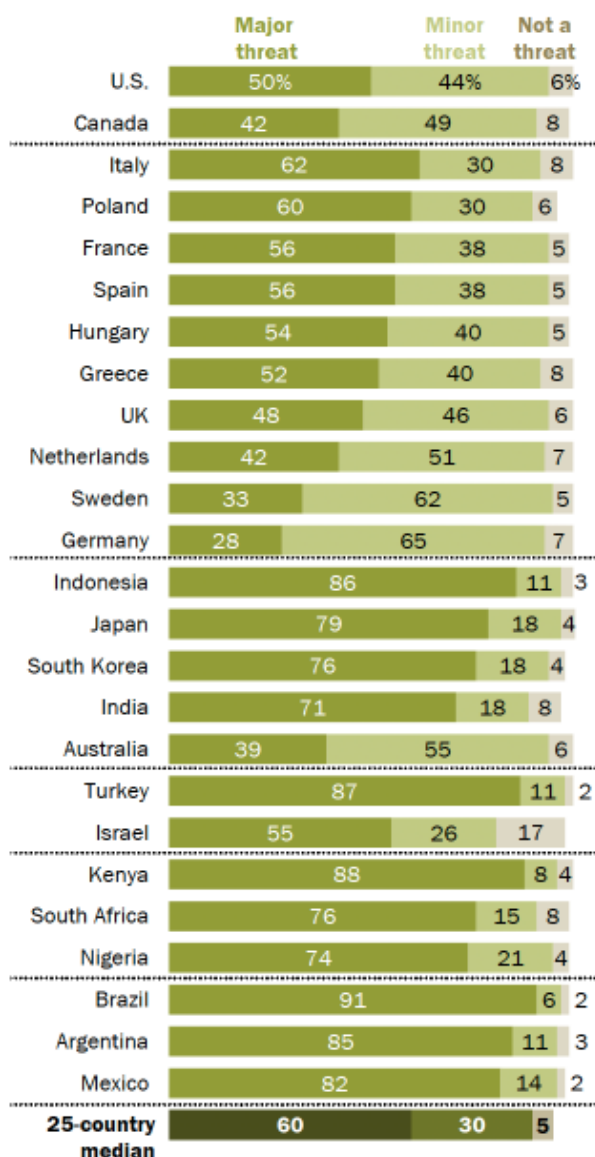
By [Jacob Poushter](#), [Moira Fagan](#), [Maria Smerkovich](#) and [Andrew Prozorovsky](#)

A median of 60% of adults across 25 nations say the spread of infectious diseases is a major threat to their country. A median of 30% say this is a minor threat, and 5% say it is not a threat.

Concern about the spread of infectious diseases is generally higher in middle-income countries than high-income ones. A median of 85% across nine middle-income countries say this is a major threat, while a much smaller median share (53%) say this across 16 high-income countries.

### 6 in 10 across surveyed countries say infectious diseases are a major threat

% who say *the spread of infectious diseases* is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ to their country



Note: Those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Spring 2025 Global Attitudes Survey.

"International Opinion on Global Threats"

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In 16 of the 25 countries surveyed, majorities believe the spread of infectious diseases poses a major threat. This is the case in all nine middle-income countries included in the survey, but also in several high-income countries: France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Poland, South Korea and Spain.

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**Gates Foundation Announces Catalytic Funding to Spark New Era of Women-Centered Research and Innovation**

*Investments Through 2030 to Catalyze Innovation in Maternal, Menstrual, Gynecological, and Sexual Health for Women Globally*

SEATTLE (August 4, 2025) – **The Gates Foundation today announced a \$2.5 billion commitment** through 2030 to accelerate research and development (R&D) focused exclusively on women’s health.

**It will support the advancement of more than 40 innovations in five critical, chronically underfunded areas—particularly those affecting women in low- and middle-income countries.**

The foundation’s investment will advance innovation across five high-impact areas of a woman’s lifespan:

- :: Obstetric care and maternal immunization:** Making pregnancy and delivery safer
- :: Maternal health and nutrition:** Supporting healthier pregnancies and newborns
- :: Gynecological and menstrual health:** Advancing tools and research to better diagnose, treat, and improve gynecological health and reduce infection risk
- :: Contraceptive innovation:** Offering more accessible, acceptable, and effective options
- :: Sexually transmitted infections (STIs):** Improving diagnosis and treatment to reduce disproportionate burdens on women

...The five priority areas were selected based on a combination of data and evidence about where innovation can save and improve the most lives, direct insights from women in low- and middle-income countries about their needs and preferences, and the persistently high rates of misdiagnosis caused by gaps in medical knowledge and training. They also reflect the unique challenges faced in low-resource settings, making these areas especially ripe for broader public and private investment to drive meaningful, scalable impact...

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**United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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22 August 2025 SG/SM/22773

**On Anniversary of Rohingya Displacement from Myanmar, Secretary-General Reiterates Call for Protection of All Civilians, Strengthened International Solidarity**

22 August 2025 SG/SM/22772

**Calling Famine in Gaza 'Man-Made Disaster, Moral Indictment and Failure of Humanity Itself', Secretary-General Stresses Time for Action Is Now**

21 August 2025 SC/16151

**Libya Still Mired in Political Deadlock, Fragile Security, Special Representative Tells Security Council, Outlining Road Map towards Successful National Elections**

While the Libyan people have shown remarkable determination to exercise their democratic rights in recent municipal elections, the country remains mired in political deadlock, fragile security, economic hardship and human rights concerns, a senior UN official told the Security Council this afternoon.

21 August 2025 SC/16150

**Syria Needs International Support on 'Epic Scale', Special Envoy Tells Security Council, Stressing Threat of Renewed Conflict 'Ever Present'**

Syria needs tangible international support on an "epic scale", a senior United Nations official told the Security Council today, as he warned that — while violence in Sweida has largely subsided following a ceasefire — the threat of renewed conflict is ever present.

20 August 2025 SG/SM/22769

**Secretary-General Condemns Decision of Israel's Higher Planning Committee to Approve over 3,400 Housing Units in Occupied West Bank**

20 August 2025 SC/16149

**ISIL/Da'esh Still Resilient Global Threat, Top Counter-Terrorism Officials Warn Security Council, Urging Rights-Based Strategies, Steadfast Unity to Defeat It**

Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Da'esh) remains a resilient and evolving global threat, increasingly active in Africa, and exploiting technology and financing networks, such as social media and cryptocurrency, high-level officials warned the Security Council today as they called for comprehensive, rights-based strategies and unwavering international unity to defeat it.

19 August 2025 SG/SM/22766

**Humanitarians, Their Life-Saving Work Must Be Protected, Respected, Secretary-General Says in Observance Message, Lamenting Record-High Killing of Aid Workers Last Year**

19 August 2025 SC/16148

**Rise in Conflicts, Food Insecurity Putting Women, Girls Worldwide at Increasing Risk of Sexual Violence, Special Representative Warns Security Council**

Women and girls face escalating risks of sexual violence, driven by intensifying conflict, deepening food insecurity and drawdowns of UN peace operations, a senior United Nations official told the Security Council today, warning of the devastating impact of sharply reduced humanitarian assistance.

18 August 2025 SC/16146

**[South Sudan at 'Turning Point' Amid Worsening Violence, Humanitarian Crisis, Speakers Tell Security Council, Urging Renewed Dialogue, End to Fighting](#)**

Escalating violence, political deadlock and a deepening humanitarian crisis puts South Sudan "at a turning point", the Security Council heard today, as several UN and regional officials urged an end to hostilities, protection of civilians and a renewed commitment to the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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*Press releases* 22 August 2025

Independence of judges and lawyers

**[US sanctions on ICC officials undermine independence of tribunal and justice for victims: UN experts](#)**

*Press briefing notes* 22 August 2025

Myanmar

**[Myanmar: Eight years after brutal military assault, Rohingya suffering continues](#)**

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**[Türk says Gaza Governorate famine is direct result of Israeli Government actions](#)**

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**[Türk denounces intensification of US reprisals against International Criminal Court personnel](#)**

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**[Evidence mounting about Russian tactics of sexual torture against Ukrainian civilians: UN expert](#)**

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**[Syria: UN experts alarmed by attacks on Druze communities, including sexual violence against women and girls](#)**

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**[Percentage of Persons with Disabilities in Gaza Has Increased because of Excessive Use of Force by Israel, State of Palestine Tells Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)**

**UN Human Rights Council** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

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**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 02 Aug 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 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Release*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Statements, Press Releases*

**Remarks of SRSG-SVC Pramila Patten at the Security Council Open Debate on CRSV: "Identifying Innovative Strategies to Ensure Access to Life-Saving Services and Protection for Survivors of Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones" New York, 19 August 2025**

19 August, 2025

**Report of the Secretary-General on conflict-related sexual violence**

14 August, 2025

**"Help Us Live With Dignity, Not Just Survive" New UN report calls for scaled-up comprehensive services amid unprecedented levels of conflict-related sexual violence**

14 August, 2025

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News*

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**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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**Afghanistan: International community must reject Taliban's violent and authoritarian rule, say UN experts**

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**UN experts appalled by relentless Israeli attacks on Gaza's healthcare system**

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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[\*\*Afghanistan: International community must reject Taliban's violent and authoritarian rule, say UN experts\*\*](#)

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest news*

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

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

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**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News and Stories [Selected]*

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[\*\*Today's top news: Occupied Palestinian Territory\*\*](#)

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[\*\*UN Relief Chief says Gaza famine "must spur the world to urgent action"\*\*](#)

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[\*\*At Security Council, UN Relief Chief warns funding gaps threaten lifesaving aid in Syria\*\*](#)

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[\*\*World Humanitarian Day: Attacks on aid workers hit another record, humanitarians call for urgent action\*\*](#)

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**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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**IOM [International Organization for Migration]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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**[IOM and African Union Renew Strategic Partnership on Migration Governance in Africa](#)**

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**[From Crisis Response to Socio-Economic Resilience, Japan Is Redefining Global Migration Leadership, Says IOM Chief](#)**

*News* 19 Aug 2025

**[IOM Chief Calls for End to Impunity for Violence Against Humanitarian Workers](#)**

**UNAIDS** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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**UNICEF** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]*

*Press release* 22 August 2025

**[Famine confirmed for first time in Gaza](#)**

ROME/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 22 August 2025 –, More than half a million people in Gaza are trapped in famine, marked by widespread starvation, destitution and preventable deaths, according to a new <https://www.ipcinfo.org/> Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis released today. Famine conditions are ...

*Press release* 13 August 2025

**[Urgent action is needed as humanitarian needs of children and families in As-Sweida continue to surge](#)**

DAMASCUS, 13 August 2025, – The impact of recent violence in Syria’s As-Sweida Governorate in July and early August continues to affect children and families. The violence, which reportedly left at least 22 children killed and 21 more injured, also caused significant damage to civilian infrastructure and further complicated the humanitarian response efforts. During the...

*Statement* 10 August 2025

**[With millions returning to Afghanistan, UNICEF calls for a safe, dignified, voluntary and phased approach and increased support for children and families](#)**

KABUL/NEW YORK, 9 August 2025 –, “I have just concluded my visit to Afghanistan, where over two million Afghans, including half a million children, have returned from Iran and Pakistan so far this year alone, in addition to a significant number from countries in Central Asia. “This was my fourth time in Afghanista...

*Remarks* 05 August 2025

## **Children in Sudan 'reduced to skin and bones' as UNICEF calls for urgent action**

GENEVA/PORT SUDAN, Sudan, 5 August 2025, – "Over the past week, I travelled from Port Sudan to Aj Jazeera and Khartoum States, witnessing the impact that this crisis – the world's largest humanitarian crisis – is having on children and families. "During the mission, I saw homes, houses, and buildings destroyed. ...

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## **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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22 August 2025 Joint News Release

### **Famine confirmed for first time in Gaza**

*FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO reiterate call for immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition*

22 August 2025 Joint News Release

More than half a million people in Gaza are trapped in famine, marked by widespread starvation, destitution and preventable deaths, according to a new [Integrated Food Security Phase Classification \(IPC\) analysis](#) released today. Famine conditions are projected to spread from Gaza Governorate to Deir Al Balah and Khan Younis Governorates in the coming weeks...

22 August 2025 Joint News Release

### **WHO, WMO issue new report and guidance to protect workers from increasing heat stress**

19 August 2025 Departmental update

### **Executive Board approves revised WHO Evaluation Policy (2025)**

June 2025: At its 157th session, the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) approved the revised Organization-wide Evaluation Policy (2025), updating the earlier 2018 version, aimed at strengthening accountability, transparency, organizational learning, evidence-based decision-making and performance across the Organization. The Policy reinforces evaluation as the cornerstone of results-based management. The Policy reflects key evolutions in the professional practice of evaluation and the structure and operations of evaluation functions across the UN.

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### **Steering Committee established for second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine**

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### **World Patient Day 2025: explore free courses to enhance newborn and child health**

13 August 2025 Departmental update

### **WHO recommends spatial emanators for malaria vector control and prequalifies first two products**

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### **WHO releases new Target Product Profiles for tuberculosis screening tests**

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### **WHO launches Health Inequality Monitoring Network to catalyse progress towards health equity**

11 August 2025 Departmental update  
[\*\*Outcomes of the Fifth Global Conference on Climate and Health\*\*](#)

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[\*\*WHO releases an update to the operational handbook on diagnosis of tuberculosis\*\*](#)

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[\*\*WHO calls for parliamentary leadership on health at the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Kenya achieves elimination of human African trypanosomiasis or sleeping sickness as a public health problem\*\*](#)

7 August 2025 News release  
[\*\*WHO designates new WHO-Listed Authorities, strengthening global access to quality-assured medical products\*\*](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially designated Health Canada, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare/Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (MHLW/PMDA) of Japan, and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) of the United Kingdom as WHO-Listed Authorities (WLAs), a status granted to national authorities that meet the highest international regulatory standards for medical products.

With these latest designations, WHO expands the growing list of WLAs, now involving 39 agencies across the world, supporting faster and broader access to quality-assured medical products, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

In addition, the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) – one of the first regulatory authorities to complete the WLA assessment for both medicines and vaccines in October 2023 – has had its listing scope successfully expanded, now covering all regulatory functions.

"This recognition reflects the deep commitment of these authorities to regulatory excellence," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "Their designation as WHO-Listed Authorities is not only a testament to their robust regulatory systems but also a critical contribution to global public health. Strong and trusted regulators help ensure that people everywhere have access to safe, effective, and high-quality medical products."...

7 August 2025 Departmental update  
[\*\*WHO and partners launch global guide to advance respectful maternal and newborn care\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Climate change and global health: WHO calls for migrant-inclusive and climate-resilient health systems\*\*](#)

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[\*\*WHO releases new target product profile for diagnostic tests to detect serious bacterial infections in young infants\*\*](#)

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## **WHO African Region AFRO**

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### **Cholera Response in Congo: Mbamou Island Breathes Again**

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### **Rapid response halts diphtheria outbreak among refugees in Mauritania**

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### **Sustaining efforts to end mpox outbreaks in Africa**

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

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### **Latin American and Caribbean laboratories strengthen zoonotic influenza detection through joint PAHO-IAEA workshop**

Rio de Janeiro, August 22, 2025 (PANAFTOSA/SPV-PAHO/WHO) – Laboratory technicians from 19 Latin American and Caribbean countries completed a five-day workshop in Rio de Janeiro to enhance the detection of avian influenza A (H5N1), a virus responsible for over 4,700 reported outbreaks in birds and mammals and more than 70 human cases in the...

:: 22 Aug 2025

### **Countries of the Americas advance toward regional strategy to tackle the health threat from venomous animal accidents**

São Paulo, Brazil, 21 August 2025 (PAHO) – Countries across Latin America and the Caribbean have advanced toward a regional strategy to address the growing health burden of accidents caused by venomous animals. From snakebites and scorpion stings to encounters with venomous spiders and caterpillars, these incidents claim hundreds of lives annually...

:: 21 Aug 2025

### **PAHO convenes experts to strengthen Oropouche surveillance in the Region**

São Paulo, Brazil, August 21, 2025 – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) convened in São Paulo regional experts in surveillance, virology, clinical practice, genetics, and congenital malformations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Cuba, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, together with technical teams from BIREME, the PAHO Country Office in...

:: 15 Aug 2025

### **Ten countries in the Americas report measles outbreaks in 2025**

PAHO calls for action to close immunization gaps Washington, D.C., 15 August 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging countries in the Americas to strengthen immunization activities, enhance disease surveillance and rapid response interventions, as measles cases continue to rise in the region. As of 8 August 2025, a total...

:: 14 Aug 2025

### **PAHO publishes new update on Oropouche fever in the Americas**

Washington, D.C., August 14, 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued a new epidemiological update on Oropouche fever, a viral disease that has resurged across the Americas since late 2023. So far in 2025, 12,786 confirmed cases have been reported across 11 countries — seven with local transmission and four with...

:: 7 Aug 2025

### **WHO designates new WHO-Listed Authorities, strengthening global access to quality-assured medical products**

Geneva, 07 August 2025 (WHO) –The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially designated Health Canada, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare/Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (MHLW/PMDA) of Japan, and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) of the United Kingdom as WHO-Listed Authorities (WLAs), a status

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

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### **Nepal eliminates rubella**



## **WHO European Region EURO**

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## **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

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## **WHO Western Pacific Region**

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## **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

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

15 August 2025

### **Public Health Situation Analysis - Syrian Arab Republic**

Syrians are enduring one of the world's most complex emergencies, a combination of protracted hostilities, repeated displacement of civilians, economic recession, disease outbreaks, and devastating earthquake...

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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.*

### **20 August 2025 | Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 - Israel**

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## **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

Vol. 100, Nos. 32/33, pp. 309–320 8 August 2025

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

:: A dual battle: rabies and snakebite envenoming in South-East Asia

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## **New WHO Publications**

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### **Report of the 48th meeting of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety, 15–16 May 2025**

19 August 2025

### **Optimal and early inclusion of pregnant and lactating women in tuberculosis research: consensus statement**

19 August 2025

## **Accelerating research to end tuberculosis in pregnant and lactating women: a call to action**

...This consensus statement summarizes the consensus process, which included five thematic working groups (covering preclinical TB research, TB therapeutics research, TB vaccine research, maternal TB surveillance systems and advocacy), evidence reviews to address gaps in data and knowledge and a consensus meeting in February 2025. The approaches to earlier and optimal inclusion arising from the consensus process include crosscutting actions as well as approaches specific to each working group theme.

An accompanying call to action specifies actions needed to ensure full implementation of the consensus statement...

18 August 2025

## **Tenth Meeting of the WHO South-East Asia Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination**

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## **Seventeenth Biregional Meeting of National Influenza Centres and Influenza Surveillance in WHO's South-East...**

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## **Behavioural and social drivers of influenza vaccination: tools and practical guidance for achieving high uptake**

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## **WHO guidelines for malaria**

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## **The art and science of promoting evidence-informed decision-making: a global living evidence map**

### *Overview*

Effective policy design and implementation are central to socioeconomic development and reduction of inequities. The systematic use of data and evidence to guide decision-making for policy and practice is a major pathway to arriving at more effective policies, programmes, and practices. The present evidence map aimed to assess the existing evidence on interventions that support decision-makers' use of evidence to examine the size and nature of the existing evidence base in the area. Despite the large number of studies found, a number of gaps and inequities in the evidence base were identified. These included the dominance of evidence from the health sector and high-income countries, as well as five countries that on their own contributed 41% of the total identified evidence base.

The developed evidence map and its included studies present a resource for policy-makers, researchers, and practitioners to identify research and practice gaps. It can be used to inform research commissioning, with the commissioning of more evidence synthesis on EIDM interventions being regarded as the most pressing evidence gap. The map also shines a spotlight on the absence of a shared conceptual framework, taxonomy of interventions and outcomes, and an agreed set of key indicators and outcome measures of evidence use. This presents a further fertile area for EIDM research.

13 August 2025

## **Pandemic influenza severity assessment (PISA): a WHO guide to assess the severity of influenza in seasonal epidemics and pandemics, second edition**

The updated WHO pandemic influenza severity assessment (PISA) framework set out in this document provides a systematic approach for interpreting data collected through existing surveillance systems and improving their usefulness for risk communication and decision-making.

10 August 2025

**[Second general meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable...](#)**

10 August 2025

**[Malaria control in emergencies: field manual](#)**

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**[Target product profile on in vitro diagnostic assays for the detection of yellow fever in the context...](#)**

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**[Defining access to countermeasures: landscape report 2024](#)**

*Overview*

This landscape report on the current status of activities related to medical countermeasures (MCMs) for pandemic response underscores the urgent need for action in this critical area. From bolstering research and development to diversifying manufacturing capacities, coordinating global procurement efforts, ensuring equitable allocation approaches for these lifesaving interventions, and making sure arrangements are in place so that they reach the very last mile and enable appropriate use by those in need, the journey toward pandemic preparedness traverses a multifaceted landscape.

Yet, despite the progress made, critical gaps in MCM-related aspects remain, and vulnerabilities urgently need to be addressed. This report explores scientific advancements and ongoing or planned activities in the field of MCMs. While there is much progress to note and acknowledge, it is evident that significant work remains to strengthen our abilities to prepare for and respond to pandemics.

Moreover, no single entity can tackle this monumental task alone. A network of networks is needed, wherein collaboration and coordination among regional and global health actors are strengthened, ensuring a coherent, streamlined, and accountable approach to pandemic preparedness. This report emphasizes the importance of collective effort in navigating the complex landscape of medical countermeasures and enhancing global health security.

7 August 2025

**[Target product profiles for tuberculosis screening tests](#)**

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**[Eradicating cervical cancer in Thailand: A journey of hope and progress](#)**

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**[Towards a malaria-free world: elimination of malaria and prevention of re-establishment in Tajikistan](#)**

5 August 2025

**[WHO operational handbook on tuberculosis: module 3: diagnosis](#)**

5 August 2025

**[Emerging from the Unknowing: WHO India's strategic response to the pandemic](#)**

4 August 2025

**[Report of the sixth, seventh and eighth meetings of the Technical Advisory Group on Malaria Elimination...](#)**

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**World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*Statements*

**New World screwworm continues to spread: WOAAH calls for strong collaboration across livestock sectors and borders**

Published on 22 August 2025

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) acknowledges the continuous spread of New World screwworm (NWS) (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) in the Americas. Since its resurgence in Central America, first notified by Panama in June 2023, the disease has now been reported in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico, with more than 20, 000 new outbreaks reported in the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS).

The prevention and control of this parasitic zoonotic disease that poses a serious threat to animals, humans, and the environment, is challenging and requires long-term coordinated efforts by affected and at-risk countries. Recognising this need, and acknowledging the ongoing work undertaken by countries and regional partners, the Global Framework for Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) mechanism has been mobilised in the Americas through a standing group of experts on screwworm to facilitate experience and knowledge sharing...

**UNFPA United Nations Population Fund** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Selected Press Releases [Selected]*

21 August 2025 *News*

**Female genital mutilation in infancy still common, Gambian mothers say**

BASSE, The Gambia – Hulay Damba, 55, spent years performing female genital mutilation on girls in her community. Her role as a practitioner was passed down from her grandmother. "It was what I was taught," she...

18 August 2025 *News*

**International humanitarian law flouted as health and aid workers are targeted in conflicts around the world**

UNITED NATIONS, New York – Across the world, wars are being waged on the very systems set up to protect civilian populations: Health workers, hospitals, health centres and ambulances are being targeted in horrifying...

**UNDP United Nations Development Programme** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Centre*

**UNDP and UNDRR partner with the EU to boost Caribbean resilience against climate and crisis shocks**

The four-year initiative 'UNDP-UNDRR Support to European Union-Caribbean-Resilient Programme (EU-CA-RES)' will strengthen early warning systems and build recovery capacities

August 13, 2025

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

*News*

**Revised UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Temporary Mobility now available**

6 August 2025

Following their official endorsement by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 56th session, the revised UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Temporary Mobility (2025) are now available. These revised Recommendations provide a comprehensive statistical framework for measuring international migrant stocks and flows, supporting evidence-based policymaking and a more nuanced understanding of migration patterns in today's interconnected world.

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Resources [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]*

*Update 22 August 2025*

**Jobs and livelihoods central to resilience in Africa**

The ILO and UNDRR urge stronger action on job creation, skills development and local capacity building as vital strategies for resilience in Africa.

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

**Jobs and livelihoods central to resilience in Africa**

Joint ILO - UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction statement

The ILO and UNDRR made their call during a high-level side event at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9) on 21 August 2025, to urge stronger action on job creation, skills development and local capacity building as...

News | 22 August 2025

## **Partnerships between humanitarian and development actors are key to including refugees in social protection systems**

World Humanitarian Day

A new International Labour Organization (ILO) brief highlights how a decade of ILO work demonstrates that closer collaboration between humanitarian agencies and development actors is essential to integrating refugees into national social protection...

News | 19 August 2025

## **ILO launches Global Policy Tracker on Digital Labour Platforms**

News item

A new ILO resource to support evidence-based policymaking and social dialogue on platform work.

News | 14 August 2025

**UNESCO** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases, News [Selected]*

- *Observatory of Killed Journalists No new digest content identified.*

*Press Releases*

**Afghanistan: Four years on, 2.2 million girls still banned from school - Statement by Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO**

14 August 2025

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Announcements [Selected]*

No new digest content identified.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 02 Aug 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 02 Aug 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*Press Releases, Statements [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

**Famine confirmed for first time in Gaza**

FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO reiterate call for immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition

*News*

**Gaza Strip: 98.5 percent of cropland unavailable for cultivation**

Food production cannot be reactivated without a significant shift in accessibility, safety, investments and support for local communities and livelihoods

**World Food Programme** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases [Selected]*

22 August 2025

**Famine confirmed for first time in Gaza**

*FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO reiterate call for immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition*

Joint FAO/UNICEF/WHO/WFP News Release

ROME/GENEVA/NEW YORK – More than half a million people in Gaza are trapped in famine, marked by widespread starvation, destitution and preventable deaths, according to a new Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis released today. Famine conditions are projected to spread from Gaza Governorate to Deir Al Balah and Khan Younis Governorates in the coming weeks.

19 August 2025

**EU supports WFP's emergency response for half a million people in Afghanistan**

Kabul, Afghanistan – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Afghanistan welcomes a critical €13 million contribution (US\$15 million) from the European Union to support half a million vulnerable people for three months with emergency assistance.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News [Selected]*

**WHO, WMO issue new report and guidance to protect workers from increasing heat stress**

*News* 22 August 2025

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) have published a new joint report and guidance highlighting the growing global health challenges posed by extreme heat on workers.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

**UPU Congress set to decide new course for postal sector**

11.08.2025 — 11 August 2025 (Berne) – The Universal Postal Union (UPU) will convene plenipotentiaries from its 192 member countries to decide the future of the global postal sector during its 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, this September. Media are now welcome to register their participation.

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization** (ISO) [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]*

30.07.2025 // 2025-098

**[Extension of deadline: Submission of views to inform a preliminary review of the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Nagoya Protocol on ...](#)**

[deadline for the submission of views to **5 September 2025**.]

30.07.2025 // 2025-100

**[Invitation to submit case studies and other information on relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of indigenous peoples...](#)**

[Information should be submitted no later than **1 October 2025**]

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID – Office of Inspector General**

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

***Editor's Note:***

Since February 23, 2025, the USAID website has been carrying the “*Notification of Administrative Leave*” as below. As some point, the USAID Office of Inspector General began to redirect inquiries to



the USAID site to its webpages at <https://oig.usaid.gov/>. We present the most recent Inspector General reports and news as we explore further. We are analyzing the 19=page OIG response below and will report further in next week's edition.

*Latest News, Reports [Selected]  
No new digest content identified.*

## **February 23, 2025**

### **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 02 Aug 2025]**

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

*Press release*

### **Occupied Palestinian Territories: joint statement, 21 August 2025**

22 August 2025 — *News story*

The UK and 26 international partners gave a joint statement on the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

### **Foreign Secretary statement: response to famine in Gaza Governorate**

22 August 2025 — *News story*

The Foreign Secretary has issued a statement in response to the famine declared in the Gaza Governorate as determined by the Famine Review Committee.

## **ECHO [to 02 Aug 2025]**

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

*News*

*News article* 22 August 2025

### **Statement by Commissioner Lahbib on Gaza famine**

Famine is no longer a risk in Gaza. It is a reality. Children are dying from hunger and disease, while families are going days without food. Access to clean water and health has collapsed.

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**African Union** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

*Press releases [Selected]*

**[TICAD 9 Yokohama Declaration "Co-create innovative solutions with Africa"](#)**

August 22, 2025

**[IOM and AU Renew Strategic Partnership on Migration Governance in Africa](#)**

August 20, 2025

**[Official Statement on World Humanitarian Day by AUC Commissioner HHS](#)**

August 19, 2025

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 02 Aug 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]*

*Press release Aug 21, 2025*

**[EU delivers over €4 billion to Ukraine ahead of its Independence Day](#)**

Ahead of Ukraine's 34th anniversary of independence on 24 August, the EU delivers another strong signal of unwavering support by disbursing €4.05 billion to the country.

**OECD** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

**[OAS Secretary General Presents Roadmap for Stability and Peace in Haiti](#)**

August 20, 2025

**[Fact Sheet – Towards a Haitian-Led Roadmap for Stability and Peace Supported by Regional and International Partners](#)**

August 20, 2025

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

**[A full-fledged Israeli war crime: preventing food from entering, killing its guards, and obstructing its access to Gaza -----Settlers launched 437 attacks in the West Bank in July and 4,703 since October 7](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation's Media Observatory on Israeli Crimes Against Palestinians recorded the highest number of settler attacks on towns and villages in the  
2025-08-19

**[OIC Condemns the Israeli Occupation's Approval of 3,400 New Settlement Units](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has issued a strong condemnation of the Israeli government's recent approval for the construction of 3,400 new settlement units  
2025-08-17

**Group of 77** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**UNCTAD** [to 02 Aug 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 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*WTO News and Events [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Court of Human Rights**

<https://www.echr.coe.int/>

*News, Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Case Documentation*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

*News [Selected]*

**[Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties expresses deep concern and objects to additional U.S. sanctions targeting ICC elected officials](#)**

*Statement 21 August 2025 Assembly of States Parties*

**[The ICC strongly rejects new US sanctions against Judges and Deputy Prosecutors](#)**

*Statement 20 August 2025*

**International Law Commission** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Recent Developments*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**United States Court of International Trade**

<https://www.cit.uscourts.gov/>

*News & Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Bank** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*All News [Selected]*

**[Protecting Women and Girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\) Against Cervical Cancer](#)**

Date: August 19, 2025 Type: Feature Story Language: English

:: DRC revises national cancer strategy, prioritizing HPV vaccine for girls.

:: Over 7,700 women diagnosed yearly; >70% die from preventable cervical cancer.

:: Global support drives HPV rollout, raising awareness & access to care.

**[The World Bank's First USD Benchmark Bond of the 2026 Fiscal Year is a 10-Year with Record Orderbook](#)**

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 19, 2025 – The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD, Aaa/AAA) today priced a USD 5 billion benchmark bond that matures in August 2035. The World...

Date: August 19, 2025 Type: Press Release

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Date: August 19, 2025 Type: Press Release

### **World Bank Group joins African Development Bank Group and Mastercard as Co-Chair of Mobilizing Access to the Digital Economy (MADE) Alliance: Africa**

Washington, 5 August, 2025 – The World Bank Group has signed on as co-chair of the Mobilizing Access to the Digital Economy (MADE) Alliance: Africa, an initiative aiming to provide digital access to critical...

Date: August 05, 2025 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

News

August 11, 2025

### **Strengthening Public Investment in Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa**

Project selection: by sharing and deepening good practices (procedures, criteria) for project ... An increasing technicality of exchanges. ... A format that is now stabilized and acclaimed.

**African Development Bank** [to 02 Aug 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

21-Aug-2025

### **African Development Bank, AfCFTA Secretariat, and Africa50 Unite to Unlock \$3.4 Trillion Continental Market Through**

15-Aug-2025

### **Rule of law is Africa's new gold: AfDB's Adesina calls for bold legal and governance reforms to unlock prosperity**

**Asian Development Bank** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

News

Beijing, Aug. 14, 2025

### **AIIB's Inaugural Sustainability Report Underscores Transparency in Sustainable Infrastructure Finance**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) today released its inaugural Sustainability Report, applying the ...

**IDB** – Inter-American Development Bank [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

Press Releases

Press release 18 August 2025

### **Over 800,000 Kyrgyz people to turn remittances into financial opportunities: IFAD, EU and Kompanion Bank join forces**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

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

*We monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. We will not reference*

*fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.*

**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

*Gaza*

**Famine confirmée dans le gouvernorat de Gaza : Action contre la Faim exige un accès humanitaire accru et ininterrompu pour intensifier l'assistance vitale**

Publié le 22 août 2025

Le Comité d'examen de la famine (FRC) a officiellement déclaré une situation de famine (phase 5 de l'IPC) dans le gouvernorat de Gaza, ce qui en fait l'une des rares fois où une telle classification a été déclarée à l'échelle mondiale.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*Our Latest News*

**Crise humanitaire au Soudan : « Le choléra risque aujourd'hui de tuer plus que les armes »**

À l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de l'aide humanitaire, RFI a donné la parole au Dr Rodrigue Alitanou, directeur des opérations d'ALIMA. Il alerte sur une crise sans précédent au Soudan, où le conflit et une épidémie de choléra menacent des millions de personnes.

21 août 2025

**Amref Health Africa** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*News Press Releases*

**NBC Bank Donates TZS 100 Million to Amref Tanzania to Support Autism Care Initiatives**

July 28, 2025

Dodoma, Tanzania, 28 July 2025: Amref Health Africa in Tanzania has received a generous donation of ...

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*BS International News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News/Events*

No new digest content identified.

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://ecpat.org/>

*ECPAT News*

No new digest content identified.

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

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

**Free access to Elgar Advanced Introductions: Law**

21 Aug 2025

Edward Elgar Publishing has added the Elgar Advanced Introductions: Law collection of textbooks to its agreement with EIFL, providing free access (...)

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

**Apply now! EIFL Public Library Innovation Award**

20 Aug 2025

Growing numbers of public libraries are incorporating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities in their services (...)

*Public Library Innovation Programme*

**Open science training through community building**

19 Aug 2025

Open science training is taking off in our partner countries. We conducted a survey of our partner national library consortia, and are delighted (...)

*Open Access Programme*

**Fountain House** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]



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

*News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements*

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

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

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 25 May 2025](#)

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

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

**[In Cuba, HI promotes inclusive food sovereignty](#)**

*Inclusion / Prevention / Cuba / PUBLISHED ON August 12th 2025*

**Heifer International** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[HelpAge joins WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities](#)**

22 August 2025

This marks an important step in our mission to build inclusive, supportive environments where older people everywhere can thrive.

**[Building a brighter future for older people in Uganda](#)**

19 August 2025

In 2023, eight organisations came together to create HelpAge Advocacy Network Uganda (HANU). Today, just two years later, HANU is already changing lives, ensuring that older people across the country live with dignity, respect, and opportunities.

**[Vietnam's New Employment Law Opens Doors for All Ages](#)**

19 August 2025

For the first time, older people are explicitly included in Vietnam's Employment Law - a landmark recognition of their role in the workforce.

**ICRC** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

**[Philippines: ICRC president highlights need to make international humanitarian law a political priority to support peace and stability](#)**

22-08-2025 Manila (ICRC) – Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), emphasised the critical role of international humanitarian law (IHL) in alleviating ...

News release

22-08-2025

**Israel and the occupied territories: Intensification of hostilities threatens to worsen catastrophic humanitarian conditions in Gaza**

Statement from Julien Lerisson, Head of Delegation in Israel and the occupied territories "The civilian population in Gaza is living in abhorrent conditions. Further displacement and an ...

Statement

21-08-2025

**Joint statement: DIRCO and ICRC call for stronger political commitment to uphold IHL across Africa**

Pretoria, 19 August 2025 On World Humanitarian Day, the Deputy Minister of South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Alvin Botes, alongside the Head of the

Statement

19-08-2025

**"A grave betrayal of humanity": Abhorrent attacks on aid workers must stop**

This statement on World Humanitarian Day is attributed to Kate Forbes, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the ...

Statement

19-08-2025

**ICRC president: "International humanitarian law only as strong as leaders' will to uphold it"**

Speech given by Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, on 18 August 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand and the 11th HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Lecture on ...

Statement

18-08-2025

**ICRC president: "If states invest in defence, they must also budget for international humanitarian law"**

18-08-2025 Bangkok (ICRC) —As armed conflicts escalate globally and states increase their military spending, Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), urged ...

News release

18-08-2025

**Philippines: States in Asia Pacific region commit to greater support for rules of war during regional conference**

15-08-2025 Manila (ICRC) —At least 24 states from the Asia Pacific region have committed to greater political support for international humanitarian law (IHL), or the rules of war. This was agreed ...

News release

15-08-2025

**ICRC president: The next 76 years of the Geneva Conventions will be shaped by the choices leaders make today**

The following is a statement attributable to Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), to mark the 76th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 ...

Statement

12-08-2025

**IFRC** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press releases*

*Press release 20/08/2025*

**Malnutrition Crisis Northwest Nigeria**

*Press release 19/08/2025*

**IFRC launches Zero Hunger Campaign to drive durable food security across Africa**

*Press release 07/08/2025*

**Crisis to Resilience: Supporting Mongolia's herder families one year on**

**International Medical Corps (IMC)**

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

*Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts*

*Story*

**Putting Our Policies Into Action with Safeguarding Focal Points**

August 13, 2025

International Medical Corps puts its commitment to safeguarding—making sure that our staff and programs do no harm to the people with whom we work—into action in each of our country missions through Safeguarding Focal Points (SFPs), staff members who play a key role in helping to create safe and accountable environments. Seen as an industry-wide ...

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

**All famine thresholds now surpassed in Gaza City: IRC urges Government of Israel to enable aid access to prevent further loss of life**

August 22, 2025

*Press Release*

**IRC Statement on World Humanitarian Day 2025: Palestinians make up almost one fifth of aid workers killed since records began**

August 19, 2025

*Press Release*

**IRC responds to rapidly spreading cholera outbreak in eastern Chad**

August 11, 2025

**IRCT** [to 02 Aug 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 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest news and updates*

*Pakistan News*

**Islamic Relief provides vital support as death toll from Pakistan floods rises**

August 22, 2025

**Mercy Corps** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

August 19, 2025

**Humanitarian Workers Face Deadliest Year on Record as Needs Soar and Funding Shrinks**

On World Humanitarian Day, the global humanitarian system faces its most perilous moment. Violence against aid workers...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Gaza-Israel war*

**Israeli authorities are starving Palestinians of water in Gaza**

Press Release 21 Aug 2025

*Mozambique*

**Violence in Cabo Delgado sparks new wave of mass displacement as needs surge**

Press Release 21 Aug 2025

*Conflict in Sudan*

**Sudan: MSF suspends activities at Zalingei hospital following armed attack**

Press Release 19 Aug 2025

*Syria*

**New MSF programme treats survivors of detention in Syria**

Project Update 18 Aug 2025

*Gaza-Israel war*

**Gaza: Israel threatens to ban major aid organisations as starvation deepens**

Open Letter 14 Aug 2025

*Gaza-Israel war*

**"Medicine is being strangled": An MSF doctor on collapse of Gaza's healthcare system**

Voices from the Field 14 Aug 2025

*Conflict in Sudan*

**War fuels cholera outbreak across Sudan with MSF seeing over 2,300 patients and 40 dead in one week**

Press Release 14 Aug 2025

*Central American migration*

**Unwelcome: Devastating impacts of new migration policies in the Americas**

Report 12 Aug 2025

*Central American migration*

**[Dehumanising migration policies leave people abandoned in the Americas](#)**

Press Release 12 Aug 2025

*Somalia*

**[Funding gaps undermine healthcare for women and children in Somalia](#)**

Project Update 11 Aug 2025

*Gaza-Israel war*

**[This is not aid. This is orchestrated killing.](#)**

Report 7 Aug 2025

*Gaza-Israel war*

**[GHF-run food distributions in Gaza are sites of “orchestrated killing”](#)**

Press Release 7 Aug 2025

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**[Fleeing conflict, facing crisis: South Sudanese refugees gather in Ituri, DRC](#)**

Project Update 6 Aug 2025

*Ethiopia*

**[Aid cuts threaten refugee lives in Ethiopia’s Gambella region](#)**

Press Release 6 Aug 2025

*Chad*

**[Redefining healthcare: when communities lead the way in Chad](#)**

Documentary 5 Aug 2025

*South Sudan*

**[MSF suspends activities in two South Sudan counties after second abduction](#)**

Press Release 5 Aug 2025

**The New Humanitarian** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet* 22 August 2025

**[Gaza’s famine, Sudan’s gold, and Morocco’s shrinking oases: The Cheat Sheet](#)**

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

*Conflict News*

22 August 2025

**[Hunger monitor calls for “immediate response” as famine confirmed in Gaza](#)**

*Conflict First person*

21 August 2025

**[Will we ever return? Facing down Israel’s invasion of Gaza City](#)**

**Norwegian Refugee Council**

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

*News & Press Releases*

*Press release*

**Gaza: Israel's military assault on famine-stricken Gaza City will lead to countless deaths**

22. Aug 2025 | Palestine

*Press release*

**World is failing the Syrians who have returned home**

21. Aug 2025 | Syria

**OXFAM** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Stories*

*Story*

**What is famine? Definition, causes, and how to stop it**

Aug. 22, 2025

From Gaza to Sudan, people are facing starvation and need urgent aid to survive.

**Pact** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News & Stories*

**Electricity Enhancements Save Lives in Malawi**

Frequent and random power outages can halt vital hospital operations. Alongside Malawi's Ministry of Health, Partners In Health has installed technology in two hospitals to prevent lapses in care.

August 21, 2025

**What Research Funding Cuts Mean for the Future of Health Care**

U.S. government cuts to research funding harm medical advancements, cost jobs, and will ultimately hurt millions of people around the world.

August 15, 2025

**PATH** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

**Unitaid announces two new flagship investments to boost regional manufacturing of diagnostics and medicines in Africa**

Unitaid is making a foundational investment of nearly US\$ 50 million in two flagship programs aimed at strengthening the ability of countries in Africa to produce their own medical tests and treatments.

August 21, 2025

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

News

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News*

22 Aug 2025 GLOBAL

**Children Starved in Plain Sight as Famine Confirmed in Gaza – Save the Children**

"The world has been watching as children have suffered the unthinkable for nearly two years in Gaza, and now, we have confirmation that hundreds of thousands are being slowly starved to death. None of us should accept this." - Inger Ashing, Save the Children International Chief Executive Officer

20 Aug 2025 GLOBAL

**AFGHANISTAN: At least 17 children among dead in bus crash carrying returnees from Iran**

"This horrific tragedy is a stark reminder of the deadly risks hundreds of thousands of Afghan children face on their journeys from Iran."

19 Aug 2025 GLOBAL

**PAKISTAN: Torrential rains kill three times more people than same period in 2024, including more than 170 children**

Pakistan has already received 50% more rainfall than this time last year during the monsoon season, which peaks between June and September.

18 Aug 2025 GLOBAL

**JAPAN: More than 90% of disadvantaged families struggling to feed their children - Save the Children poll**

About 90% of those surveyed said that, due to rising food prices, they don't have enough money to buy food for their family, while 60% of respondents said they had reduced or stopped buying staple food items because of high food costs.

**Tostan** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Articles*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases & Resources*

**On World Humanitarian Day, World Vision calls for protecting humanitarian assistance amid rising threats and global aid cuts**

August 18, 2025 World Vision Writer Press Release

World Vision staff support families with life-saving care WASHINGTON D.C. (August 19, 2025) — This year, World Humanitarian Day comes as violence against aid workers is escalating, humanitarian needs are at record highs and unprecedented funding shortfalls threaten the very foundation of humanitarian response,...

### **Haiti's children face a surge in violence and fear, World Vision warns in new report**

August 14, 2025 World Vision Writer Press Release

Highlights Grave violations against children increased 490% between 2023 and 2024 More than 1.3 million people are internally displaced Many children report living in constant fear and experiencing physical symptoms of trauma A Haitian child. A new World Vision report reveals the devastating toll...

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### **Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Our Work*

*Press Release / August 13, 2025*

### **Torture Victim's Landmark Hacking Lawsuit Against Spyware Maker Can Proceed, Judge Rules**

PORTLAND, OR – Saudi human rights activist Loujain Alhathloul's groundbreaking lawsuit concerning spying software that enabled her imprisonment and torture can advance, a federal judge ruled in an opinion unsealed Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Karin J. Immergut of the District of Oregon ruled that Alhathloul's lawsuit...

### **Freedom House** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Releases & Statements*

### **Henry M. Jackson Foundation Announces New Support for Freedom House**

August 12, 2025

### **Human Rights Watch** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Releases/Spotlight*

*Spotlight*

August 20, 2025 | *Feature*

### **"There Will be Nowhere Left"**

Read a new feature on how the government and companies take Indigenous lands without women's consent in Indonesia's South Papua.

August 19, 2025 | *News Release*

### **Brazil: Protect Small-Scale Farmers' Land Rights in the Amazon**

August 19, 2025 | *Dispatches*

### **US-Nigeria Weapons Sale Requires Rights Safeguards**

August 19, 2025 | *Commentary*

### **A Tipping Point for Free Speech and Judicial Independence in Brazil**

August 19, 2025 | *Dispatches*



## [Standing with Sex Workers: Why This Case Matters](#)

**Transparency International** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Elder's Statements, News*

[Elders visit the Rafah border crossing](#)

Mary Robinson, Helen Clark

13 August 2025

Mary Robinson and Helen Clark witnessed the shocking reality behind the unfolding famine in Gaza

*Media Release*

[Elders call for decisive measures by states to halt unfolding genocide and famine in Gaza](#)

Mary Robinson, Helen Clark

12 Aug 2025

A statement by Mary Robinson and Helen Clark following their visit to Egypt and the Rafah border crossing, 9-12 August 2025

*Speeches and Discussions*

[The Biological Weapons Convention deserves real political and financial backing](#)

Helen Clark

11 Aug 2025

Helen Clark addresses the 6th Session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Biological Weapons Convention

**Gavi** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

13 August 2025

[Guinea introduces malaria vaccine into routine immunization](#)

**Global Fund** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest Resources/Upcoming Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest Updates*

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

[\*\*Statement on Famine Confirmation in Gaza\*\*](#)

InterAction | Aug 22, 2025

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*What's New/Events*

[\*\*A resource for transforming food systems has gone dormant: our \(formerly\) living\*\*](#)

*Evidence and Gap Map*

18 August 2025

[\*\*Empowering rural communities through evidence: Learnings from National Rural Livelihoods...\*\*](#)

*Services*

09 Sep 2025

**CHS Alliance** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*Resources*

**[Research and innovation priorities for adapting humanitarian WASH to climate change](#)**

Elrha Publication

Andy Bastable, Laurence Hamai, Raissa Azzalini and Paul Knox-Clarke

20 August 2025

Output type Report

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] – [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://humanitarianstudies.ch/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Publications, Events, News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*News, Events*

**[Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection, Aug 23, 2025](#)**

*[text bolding from original]*

**Afghanistan still has the second largest number of people in need worldwide**, after Sudan, and rights groups now call Taliban rule “gender apartheid”. Afghanistan is not making the headlines anymore, but it should be. One of this week’s strongest blogs reminds us why.

From Gaza, read **a blistering account of starvation as a weapon of war: graphic, painful, and impossible to ignore**. As journalism itself comes under fire, journalists use **microphones and cameras against guns and missiles**. While a legal analysis adds why a decision from the International Court of Justice will take years and why states can’t wait, we read about **a first-person piece on the heartbreak of leaving Gaza yet never escaping it**.

Beyond those frontlines, we feature a call for **a new playbook on refugee inclusion in aid decision-making** (“popularity and proximity to the system matter more than capacity”), a critique of **Lebanon’s broken safety nets**, and **how AI blind spots could distort humanitarian action**.

**[IHSA 2025 Conference in Istanbul, 15-17 October](#)**

The IHSA Conference on Humanitarian Studies will be held in Istanbul, Türkiye. The multi-day conference at Marmara University will feature both in-person and online paper presentations, roundtable discussions, and keynotes, as well as a social element for in-person attendees.

The theme for the conference is Humanitarianism in Crisis: New Realities in Practices and Knowledges. The conference will be held between 15-17 October, in collaboration with Marmara University, Global Disaster Preparedness Center and the Turkish Red Crescent. For more information including the sub-themes, panel submissions and registrations go to the [IHSA conference website!](#)

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

*News/Events/Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news, events*

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

**Sphere** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

**[XML-first publishing: A smart approach to sharing humanitarian knowledge](#)**

15 August 2025 | Sphere

By Tristan Hale, Operations Director, Sphere In today's digital age, humanitarian organisations and other aid agencies require information to be accessible, adaptable, and cost-effective. XML[1]-first publishing, where content is authored and...

**Start Network** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News and Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*News*

*News releases*

**[Unitaid announces two new flagship investments to boost regional manufacturing of diagnostics and medicines in Africa](#)**

21 August 2025

... The first program, Manufacturing to Accelerate Diagnostic Excellence (MADE), led by PATH in collaboration with a consortium of partners, will receive US\$11 million to help the most promising African companies develop high-quality diagnostic tests and scale up production so they can enter regional and global markets. This includes improving access to raw materials and helping manufacturers produce more of the input materials they need themselves, so they can control a greater share of their supply chains and the associated costs.

The second program, Medicines Supply Resilience (MedSuRe) Africa, led by USP and its consortium partners, will receive US\$35.5 million from Unitaid to boost the availability of essential medicines, including treatments for HIV, malaria, and postpartum hemorrhage. The program will work with African manufacturers to produce active pharmaceutical ingredients – the building blocks of medicines – as well as finished pharmaceutical products. It will also support the production of calibrated drapes, simple but highly effective tools for measuring blood loss during childbirth and helping to prevent

deaths from postpartum hemorrhage. To ensure products meet the highest quality and regulatory standards, the program will build regional capacity for Clinical Research Organizations to conduct the necessary bioequivalence testing. As part of this package, the Medicines Patent Pool will also receive US\$1.5 million for complementary work...

*News releases*

**Unitaid and Jhpiego launch US\$26.5 million initiative to curb rising antimalarial drug resistance in Africa**

19 August 2025

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**Brookings** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Reports, Events*

**The Democratic Republic of the Congo: A competitive electoral oligarchy**

*Democracy, Conflict, & Governance*

Ithiel Batumike, Fred Bauma, Jason Stearns

August 22, 2025

**Explaining Mali's democratic breakdown: Weak institutions, extra-institutional channels, and insecurity as a trigger**

*Democracy, Conflict, & Governance*

Jaimie Bleck, Moumouni Soumano

August 21, 2025

**Center for Global Development** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*All Research*

*POLICY PAPER*

**SDG 1 and Corruption: No Poverty**

Benedict Clements et al.

August 21, 2025

Achieving SDG 1 requires not only sustained economic growth and robust social protection systems but also a concerted effort to combat corruption, which remains a critical barrier to poverty reduction.

*CGD NOTE*

**Globalizing Vaccines: A Post-COVID Perspective on Industrial Policy, International Health Cooperation, and the Characteristics of Vaccine Production**

William D. Savedoff

August 13, 2025

The global response to COVID-19 saw rapid vaccine development and ambitious efforts like COVAX to ensure equitable access, but national self-interest ultimately prevailed, leaving many countries without timely supplies and sparking calls to diversify vaccine manufacturing. While numerous fragmented ...

*CGD NOTE*

**Digital ID for Development and Smart Governance: Policy Lessons from My Second Spell with NADRA**

Tariq Malik

August 13, 2025

Pakistan's experience with digital ID systems under Tariq Malik highlights how digital infrastructure can improve services and empower citizens. While reforms that lower costs face less resistance, those challenging elite interests often encounter strong pushback. Sustaining innovation requires lega...

**Chatham House** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**Flux in President Trump's trade and foreign policy is the new normal. Can world leaders regain some initiative?**

As the UN General Assembly approaches, attempts to manage the president's constantly shifting policy by courting him personally may soon prove inadequate.

Expert comment

Published 21 August 2025 4 minute read

*Expert comment*

**Bolivia shifts to the right, but its socialist legacy will linger**

Bolivian voters have ended two decades of leftist rule. But the legacy of former president Evo Morales and his organized base will cast a long shadow.

21 August 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**Trump's Ukraine summit was a European damage control operation. It succeeded – for now**

More positive indications on US security guarantees are welcome. But the US president still believes in personal diplomacy with a Russian leader who has yet to even hint of concessions.

19 August 2025 3 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**Trump is attacking Brazil to weaken BRICS – but his plan might backfire**

Trump is using Brazil to send a warning to other assertive middle powers. But the attack on a sovereign country's democratic institutions risks damaging the United States' global standing.

15 August 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**Iraq's water crisis: Dammed by neighbours, failed by leaders**

Scarcity of water is not only a national crisis for Iraq, but a growing driver of internal tension.

13 August 2025 4 minute READ

**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CSIS** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**Guns and Oil: Continuity and Change in Russia-India Relations**

India's ties with Russia differ from their Soviet-era partnership, especially as New Delhi deepens links with Washington. Yet continued dependence in the defense sector and newfound reliance on Russian oil keep India's stance toward Russia constrained.

Report by Tina Dolbaia, Vasabjit Banerjee, and Amanda Southfield — August 22, 2025

### **Latin America's Role in De-Risking Semiconductor Supply Chains**

CSIS Americas director Ryan C. Berg and Rubi Bledsoe evaluate the ability of countries in the Americas to take on elements of the semiconductor supply chain.

Brief by Ryan C. Berg and Rubi Bledsoe — August 22, 2025

### **An Open Door: AI Innovation in the Global South amid Geostrategic Competition**

Open-source AI models are transforming the adaptability and efficiency of technological innovation, promoting transparency and democracy, and empowering the Global South to address international development challenges in partnership with the United States.

Report by Noam Unger and Madeleine McLean — August 13, 2025

### **Opportunities to Strengthen U.S. Biosecurity from AI-Enabled Bioterrorism: What Policymakers Should Know**

Georgia Adamson and Gregory C. Allen break down emerging AI-enabled bioterrorism risks and how policymakers can strengthen U.S. biosecurity for the AI age.

Report by Georgia Adamson and Gregory C. Allen — August 6, 2025

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Featured Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI [Overseas Development Institute]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Publications [Selected]*

### **Gender, equality, disability and social inclusion analysis in Latin America: Uruguay 2025**

21 August 2025

Research report

### **Implementing the AfCFTA Women and Youth Protocol in Ghana**

19 August 2025

Research report

### **Vulnerability of low- and middle-income countries to the impacts of aid cuts and US tariff increases**

14 August 2025

Emerging analysis

**Pew Research Center** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest Publications [Selected]*

*Report* Aug 21, 2025

### **U.S. Unauthorized Immigrant Population Reached a Record 14 Million in 2023**

The number of unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. reached an all-time high after two consecutive years of record growth.

*Report* Aug 19, 2025

### **International Opinion on Global Threats**

Adults across 25 countries see the spread of false information online, the condition of the global economy and terrorism as major threats today.

**Rand** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Commentary* Aug 22, 2025

### **When Alliances Matter: What the Israel-Iran War Reveals About Alliances Among Authoritarian States**

While Israel benefited from Western support in the Israel-Iran war, Iran's lack of backing from allies like Russia and China exposed the limits of authoritarian partnerships. This situation highlights the importance of strong alliances and serves as a reminder to EU and NATO allies that unity among nations is crucial for security.

*Expert Insights* Aug 18, 2025

### **Exploring the Offense-Defense Balance of Biology: Identifying and Describing High-Level Asymmetries**

Advancements in and democratization of synthetic biology capability risk introducing destabilizing asymmetries between offensive and defensive uses of biotechnology.

*Research* Aug 15, 2025

### **Evaluating the Cultural Adaptation of Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Interventions for African Immigrant Women: Exploratory Pilot Mixed-Methods Study**

Culturally-adapted HIV prevention programs for African-born Black women in the US showed high feasibility and acceptability, addressing key gaps and supporting future trials to boost condom and PrEP use.

*Expert Insights* Aug 13, 2025

### **Assessing the Value of a CERN-Like Multinational Research Organization for AI**

In this paper, the authors use the strategic assessment framework known as Porter's five forces model to assess potential investments in an artificial intelligence research organization based on the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

*Research* Aug 4, 2025

### **Strengthening Compliance and Verification Under the Biological Weapons Convention**

This paper outlines a practical, science-informed framework for compliance and verification under the BWC. It proposes tools and indicators to support risk assessment, detection and deterrence of biological weapons, and introduces a sliding scale to evaluate levels of compliance based on national capacities.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*RoRI News, Events*

August 7, 2025



### **Call for participants to co-create a transparency tool for funders**

The BIH QUEST Center is looking for non-commercial funders of clinical trials

### **Alan Turing Institute**

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Urban Institute** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

**New Research Publications - Selected**

*Brief*

### **Public Perceptions of 'Food Is Medicine' Programs and Implications for Policy**

August 20, 2025

In this brief, we assess public perceptions of "Food Is Medicine" (FIM) programs, such as medically tailored meals, medically tailored groceries, and produce prescriptions. These programs aim to improve health by providing individuals with nutritious food through collaborations between the health care system and community partners...

### **The Wistar Institute** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

August 19, 2025

### **The Wistar Institute Receives \$17 Million NIH Grant for Personalized HIV Cure Research**

The Wistar Institute announces the National Institutes of Health (NIH) granted a five-year, \$17 million research award to launch iCure Consortium to develop individualized "cure regimens" for HIV.

### **World Economic Forum** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Media [Selected]*

### **Statement from Larry Fink and André Hoffmann, Interim Co-Chairs of the World Economic Forum**

Geneva, Switzerland, 15 August 2025 – We are honored to take on this leadership role on an interim basis at a pivotal time for the World Economic Forum. As the organization moves into a new chapter, we look ahead with clarity, purpose, and confidence in the Forum's enduring mission...

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### **ISC / International Science Council** [to 02 Aug 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*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Research Council** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academy of Engineering** - USA [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Academy of Medicine** - USA [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News, Stories, Insights*

Aug 20, 2025 *Announcement*

[\*\*National Academy of Medicine Launches New Series to Help the Public Navigate Complex Health Debates; First Event Will Cover Ultra-Processed Foods and Children's Health\*\*](#)

Aug 12, 2025 *News*

[\*\*Monica Bertagnolli Nominated to Be Next National Academy of Medicine President\*\*](#)

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]**- USA [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

[\*\*Federal Leaders Should Respect and Safeguard the Integrity of Data from Government Statistical Agencies\*\*](#)

*Statement | August 8, 2025*

Federal statistics are vital to public policy and essential to the nation's economic well-being. Businesses, investors, and governments at all levels rely on trustworthy data to assess conditions, allocate resources, and make plans. The ability of federal statistical agencies to produce objective and credible information — free from political or other undue influence — is critical to effective decision-making, as well as to public trust in government.

For over 50 years, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on National Statistics has evaluated and guided federal statistical programs and methods across administrations of both parties. Since 1992, it has issued a regularly updated [report](#) articulating the core principles and practices that enable statistical agencies to fulfill their mission with integrity and efficacy. Among those principles is that statistical agencies must execute their missions without being subject to pressures to advance any political or personal agenda.

We urge federal leaders to respect and safeguard the integrity and objectivity of our federal statistical agencies and the information they produce, and to uphold the professional standards and statutory protections that allow these agencies to serve the nation effectively, impartially, and in the public interest.

Marcia McNutt

President, National Academy of Sciences

Victor J. Dzau

President, National Academy of Medicine

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*Press Release*

**NEH Announces Reorganization of its Grantmaking Offices, Programs, and Personnel**

Washington, DC (August 20, 2025)

Today, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has announced an agency-wide reorganization to consolidate its grantmaking programs and divisions.

Following a reduction in force (RIF) of two thirds of the agency's workforce in June, NEH will merge the functions and staff of seven grantmaking offices and divisions into four new divisions to support projects that advance humanities research, education, public programs, infrastructure, and cultural preservation...

**NIH** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

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

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

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

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

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

*Reports. Statements, Meetings*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Bioethics Committee (IBC)**

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

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

*Reports. Statements, Meetings*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)**

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

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

*Reports. Statements, Meetings*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** [to 02 Aug 2025]  
<https://cioms.ch/>  
*News; Publications; Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Hastings Center** [to 02 Aug 2025]  
<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/for-media/>  
*Press Releases, Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**INSERM** [to 02 Aug 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 02 Aug 2025]  
<https://www.ich.org/>  
*News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]*  
7 August 2025

**[ICH Q3E Draft Guideline is Available Now on the ICH Website](#)**

The ICH Q3E draft “Guideline for Extractables and Leachables” and supporting document has reached Step 2b of the ICH Process on 1 August 2025 and entered the Step 3 public consultation period.

Ongoing Public Consultations		^
>	M13B EWG Bioequivalence for Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage Forms	
>	Q1 EWG Stability Testing of Drug Substances and Drug Products	
>	M4Q(R2) EWG Revision of M4Q(R1)	
>	E21 EWG Inclusion of Pregnant and Breastfeeding Individuals in Clinical Trials	
>	Q3E EWG Guideline for Extractables and Leachables	
∨	E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials	

<https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>

**[E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials](#)**

The E20 EWG is working on the development of a new E20 Guideline on “Adaptive Clinical Trials” on the design, conduct, analysis, and interpretation of adaptive clinical trials that provides a transparent and harmonized set of principles for the regulatory review of these studies in a global drug development program. These principles should also provide the flexibility to evaluate / discuss innovative approaches to clinical trial design throughout the development process.

Following MC approval in June 2025 the E20 Guideline title was changed to “*Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials*”

Rapporteur: Dr. Gregory Levin (FDA, United States)  
Regulatory Chair: Dr. Christian Roes (EC, Europe)

Date of Step 2b: 25 June 2025 Status: Step 3

**Public consultation dates:**

ANMAT, Argentina - Deadline for comments by 8 October 2025

EC, Europe - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

Health Canada, Canada - Deadline for comments by 25 September 2025

MHRA, UK - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

Swissmedic, Switzerland - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

TFDA, Chinese Taipei - Deadline for comments by 13 October 2025

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News and blogs*

13th August 2025

**If it's time to revisit the 14-day rule, it's also time to engage the public**

Molly Gray, Public Engagement Manager at the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, introduces our upcoming public dialogue and discusses the importance of engaging the public in conversations around the 14-day rule for human embryo research.

**UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights**

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

*Activities and News*

*No new digest content identified*

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

**World Humanitarian Day: Health professionals on the brink as conflicts intensify**

19th August 2025

Geneva, Switzerland: 19 August 2025—On World Humanitarian Day, WHPA, which represents 42 million health professionals, together with humanitarian organizations is sounding the alarm: life-saving health services—already underfunded and overstretched—are facing unprecedented pressure as conflicts intensify, targeted attacks on health facilities multiply, and funding is cut...

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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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## **:: 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 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Recent News*

*News*

#### **First-ever Open Science Quest supports the next generation of scientists**

Jul 31, 2025

The course offered career and technical education credits that counted for high school graduation and helped prepare students for the realities of...

### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

#### **Gates Foundation Announces Catalytic Funding to Spark New Era of Women-Centered Research and Innovation**

*Investments Through 2030 to Catalyze Innovation in Maternal, Menstrual, Gynecological, and Sexual Health for Women Globally*

August 4, 2025

### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 02 Aug 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.*

*Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Clinton Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News & Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Co Impact** [to 02 Aug 2025]

[www.co-impact.io](http://www.co-impact.io)

*Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.  
No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News & Press*

*News 19 Aug. 2025*

**[Foundations Commit \\$36.5 Million in Emergency Funding to Protect Public Media in Vulnerable Communities](#)**

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest*

**[Daido Moriyama Captured the Soul of Postwar Japan in Gritty, Groundbreaking Photographs](#)**

New Getty anthology brings together four iconic early-career photobooks—previously available only in limited Japanese editions

Aug 22, 2025

**[Getty Invests \\$2.6M to Support Black Visual Arts Archives Across the U.S.](#)**

Twelve national projects are part of a multi-year initiative to help archivists process and activate collections connected to Black artists

Aug 20, 2025

**GHIT Fund** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest Updates [Selected]*

**[Hewlett Foundation Names Edna Cruz as Chief People Officer](#)**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced today that Edna Cruz will join the foundation as the next Chief People Officer (CPO). She will start her new role on October 27. Cruz is a seasoned global human resources executive who brings more than two decades of experience leading people strategies across complex, mission-driven organizations. She...

August 22, 2025

**[A transition in Hewlett's Democracy Program](#)**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced today that U.S. Democracy Program Director Ali Noorani will be stepping down from his role later this fall to become president of the Barr Foundation. Hewlett Foundation President Amber Miller shared the following in an email to grantees about the leadership transition: I'm writing to share some news:...

August 13, 2025

### **Hewlett Foundation Names Hannah Kahn as Director of Grantmaking Analytics and Operations**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced today that Hannah Kahn will join the foundation as the next Director of Grantmaking Analytics and Operations (GAO). In this role, Kahn will lead the GAO team in its work adapting, improving, and managing our grantmaking systems, and help the foundation use data to foster organizational learning and...

August 11, 2025

### **HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

### **Marking the 30th Anniversary of the Hilton Humanitarian Prize, International Jury Selects Mines Advisory Group as the 2025 Prize Recipient**

*The world's largest annual award for humanitarian nonprofits is awarded to the UK-based landmine removal and advocacy organization — amidst rising levels of landmine use.*

LOS ANGELES, August 13, 2025 – The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation today announced that the Mines Advisory Group — a humanitarian, development and peacebuilding organization focused on landmine removal and armed violence reduction in communities affected by conflict — has been selected as the 2025 recipient of the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize.

### **IKEA Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

### **Comments from Richard Besser, MD, on the Trump Administration Reinterpretation of the Term "Federal Public Benefit"**

*Regulatory Comments* Aug-13-2025 | Richard Besser |

### **Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

*Newsroom*



## **The Problem Isn't Trust in Vaccines, It's That People Don't Know Who to Trust**

Aug 19, 2025

In a new "Beyond the Data" column, KFF's President and CEO Dr. Drew Altman analyzes years of KFF polling on vaccines in light of the current controversies about them. The real problem, he says, is not lack of public confidence in the safety of vaccines — few say they are unsafe — it's that polarization and misinformation have eroded confidence in what's true or not, and in scientific institutions people used to rely on for the facts.

## **Overview of President Trump's Executive Actions on Global Health**

KFF/Kaiser Aug 15, 2025

Authors: [Jennifer Kates](#), [Josh Michaud](#), [Kellie Moss](#), [Lindsey Dawson](#), and [Anna Rouw](#)

This guide *Fact Sheet* provides an overview of executive orders and other executive actions made by the Trump Administration since January 21, 2025 that directly address or affect U.S. global health efforts. This resource identifies each executive action, describes its purpose and actions taken, and outlines the implications and what happens next for each. The resource will be updated as needed.

## **Aga Khan Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

## **MacArthur Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Latest News and Content*

*News*

*Press Releases*

## **Foundations Commit \$36.5 Million to Protect Public Media in Communities**

August 19, 2025

## **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

## **Former U.S. Ambassador and Global Leader Patrick Gaspard Joins Mellon Foundation's Board of Trustees**

Location New York, New York

Date August 7, 2025

## **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Recent News*

## **CalChiefs releases second phase report of Wildland-Urban Interface Data Commons**

August 21, 2025

The California Fire Chiefs Association ([CalChiefs](#)) has announced the successful completion of the second phase of its effort to build a new Wildland-Urban Interface Data Commons focused on wildfire risk and mitigation. With grant funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Milliman, a global risk management and actuarial consultancy, conducted the research and prepared the report on behalf of CalChiefs...

### **Continuing a legacy of ingenuity**

August 20, 2025

...The 2025 Gordon E. Moore Award was presented at ISEF's Grand Awards Ceremony to the three high schoolers on behalf of the Moore Foundation by former Intel Foundation President Dawn Jones. Named after Gordon Moore, cofounder of Intel in 1968 and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation in 2000, the award celebrates projects that exemplify rigorous research and the potential for durable, lasting change...

### **Open Society Foundations** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*Press Release* August 20, 2025

### **Open Society Foundations Launch New Latin America Strategy Inspired by "Buen Vivir"**

Open Society launches initiatives that promote social well-being, racial and gender justice, sustainable development, and public safety in countries including Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico.

*Speech* August 2, 2025

### **Standing for What's Right in a World Gone Wrong**

Binaifer Nowrojee, president of the Open Society Foundations, speaks on human rights at the National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City on August 1, 2025.

### **David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News Room*

### **Pew Awards 22 Researchers Biomedical Science Grants**

*Press Releases & Statements* August 12, 2025

### **Rockefeller Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News and Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 02 Aug 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..."*

*News & Blog*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 02 Aug 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 02 Aug 2025]

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

*Press Room*

August 7, 2025

**[Candid releases most comprehensive report on U.S. nonprofit executive compensation](#)**

...Key findings from the 2025 Nonprofit Compensation Report include:

- Executive compensation varies widely by mission area. In 2023, median executive compensation was \$68,958 at religion-related organizations and \$109,600 at food, agriculture, and nutrition nonprofits. By comparison, science and technology research organizations reported a median of \$202,490.
- Gender pay gap persists, especially at larger organizations. Female CEOs earned 75 cents for every dollar earned by male CEOs at nonprofits with annual budgets over \$50 million. Women led 58% of nonprofits with budgets under \$250,000, but just 31% of those with budgets over \$50 million.
- Geographic location continues to influence compensation. In 2023, the District of Columbia reported the highest median executive pay at \$189,088, followed by states in the Northeast. At the other end of the spectrum, Puerto Rico reported the lowest overall median at \$73,600. Among U.S. states, Wyoming had the lowest median at \$85,517....

**Council on Foundations** [to 02 Aug 2025]

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

*News, Press Releases [Selected]*

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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 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 27, Number 8: E541-627

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/existential-health-care-ethics>

#### ***Existential Health Care Ethics***

The American Medical Association declares that physicians will address “natural and man-made assaults on the health and wellbeing of humankind,” and that “[h]umanity is our patient.” The World Medical Association likewise pledges physicians “to the service of humanity.” This theme issue considers that, if these are to be more than mere assertions, we must think more powerfully than we have in the past about what continued human existence requires of global and domestic health care.

As an emerging area of moral philosophical inquiry concerned with human extinction, existential health care ethics considers the nature and scope of what health professionals and health professions are obliged to do—as individuals and collectives—to orient us to threats that undermine humanity’s survival. Such threats include familiar ones like critical resource depletion and weapons of mass destruction proliferation and less familiar ones like planetary-scale anthropogenic disequilibrium of Earth systems and dual (military and civilian) use of technology applications.

### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Aug 07, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 8 p1733-1980

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

#### ***This month in The Journal***

Paul W. Hook, vSara B. Cullinan

The use of genomic testing for diagnostic purposes has increased as the cost of sequencing has decreased. However, genomic testing has been deployed mostly in pediatric settings with information on how it can benefit adult populations lacking. In this issue, Gold et al. assess the utility of sequencing for diagnostic purposes in a young adult (ages 18–40) population admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU). Through whole-exome sequencing, the authors discovered 24.4% of the 365 individuals in the cohort had a diagnostic variant.

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

August 2025 Volume 53 Issue 8 p809-918

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

August 2025 Volume 69 Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

August 2025 115(8)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 113 (2025): Issue 2 (Aug 2025)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/113/1/tpmd.113.issue-2.xml>

*Review Articles*

#### **Antimicrobial Resistance in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comprehensive Landscape Review**

Valentina Totaro, et al.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.25-0035>

Page(s): 253–263

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

August 2025 Volume 178, Issue 8

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

*Research and Reporting Methods*

#### **Single-Arm Trials Can Provide Randomized Real-World Evidence: The Random Invitation Single-Arm Trial Design**

Perrine Janiaud, PhD, John P.A. Ioannidis, MD, DSc, Benjamin Kasenda, MD, PhD, ... et al.

Pages:1150–1156

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

Issue 405 - June 2025

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Anti-Trafficking Review**

No. 23 (2024)

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

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

#### ***Special Issue - Following the Money II***

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

This Special Issue of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* attempts to examine funding and spending on efforts to stop human trafficking, particularly, by the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. Featuring articles from academics, non-government organisations, and survivors of trafficking,

this edition explores where the money comes from, who it goes to, and what it actually achieves. The eight articles in the issue suggest that the millions of dollars spent on combating human trafficking do not always reach trafficked persons or at risk groups and, in some cases, are actively harming them. Authors point to potentially more effective uses of anti-trafficking funding.

### **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 345 August 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/345/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

#### **[Practice and challenges of humanitarian logistics management within the Ethiopian public pharmaceutical supply chain](#)**

*Humanitarian logistics involves the coordinated movement of relief goods, personnel, information, and funds between beneficiaries, donors, and suppliers, which is crucial for successful emergency response oper...*

Authors: Biniam Bahiru Tufa and Shiferaw Mitiku Tebeka

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2025 25:1114

Content type: Research Published on: 20 August 2025

### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

#### **[Motivations, acceptability and ethical considerations for interventional HIV cure research at the end of life: perspectives from long-term survivors of HIV in the United States](#)**

*Despite progress in antiretroviral therapy (ART), an effective cure for HIV remains out of reach. End-of-life (EOL) research studies involving individuals with a prognosis of six months or less offers an opportunity to advance cure science but has so far been limited to observational designs focused on HIV reservoirs. As interventional approaches at the EOL are now being considered, it is essential to assess their acceptability before moving forward. Understanding how long-term survivors (LTS) of HIV perceive these potential interventions, along with their motivations and ethical considerations, is critical to guiding the design of future EOL-HIV interventional research.*

Authors: Ali Ahmed, Jeff Taylor, Whitney Tran, Simran Swaitch, Samuel O. Ndukwe, Rachel Lau, Kris H. Oliveira, Stephanie Solso, Cheryl Dullano, Andy Kaytes, Davey Smith, Robert Deiss, Sara Gianella and Karine Dubé

Citation: *BMC Medical Ethics* 2025 26:112

Content type: Research Published on: 23 August 2025

## **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

### **Evaluating the effectiveness of international travel controls to identify MPXV-infected travelers: a simulation study**

*In August 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a public health emergency due to the rapid spread of mpox in Africa and beyond. International travel controls (ITCs), such as health screening and v...*

Authors: Keisuke Ejima, Yuqian Wang, Akira Endo, Hiroaki Murayama, Yun Shan Goh, Alex R. Cook, Yong Dam Jeong, Shingo Iwami, Hyeongki Park, Borame Sue Lee Dickens, Shihui Jin, Jue Tao Lim, Conrad En Zuo Chan, Po Ying Chia, Barnaby E. Young, Yang Yang...

Citation: *BMC Medicine* 2025 23:473

Content type: Research Published on: 12 August 2025

## **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 02 Aug 2025)

### **Understanding the layout of emergency scientific research during COVID-19 prevention and control: a comparative analysis of project solicitation and project approval**

*Emergency scientific research (ESR) is characterized by multidisciplinary integration, multidemand matching, and multiscenario application, which impose greater applicability requirements and tolerance for cos...*

Authors: Jida Liu, Yuxin Wang, Yuwei Song and Qiaoqiao Li

Citation: *BMC Public Health* 2025 25:2687

Content type: Research Published on: 7 August 2025

### **The role of religious leaders in the acceptance of COVID-19 vaccinations: a systematic review**

*The development of COVID-19 vaccines was progressing rapidly, but vaccination acceptance posed many challenges in different communities. This study systematically reviewed the impact of religious leaders on th...*

Authors: Rahim Ali Sheikhi, Mohammad Heidari and Pardis Doosti

Citation: *BMC Public Health* 2025 25:2683

Content type: Systematic Review Published on: 6 August 2025

## **BMC Research Notes**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>  
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### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

August 2025 - Volume 30 - 4  
<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/30/4>  
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### **BMJ Global Health**

July 2025 - Volume 10 - 7  
<https://gh.bmj.com/content/10/7>  
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### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - May 2025  
<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-03/>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 103, Number 8, August 2025, 465-516  
<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin/>  
*Articles*

#### **[Collateral damage from violent incidents: human costs of polio immunization](#)**

Kamran Badizadegan, Kimberly M Thompson  
Bull World Health Organ. 2025 Aug 1; 103(8): 484–492. Published online 2025 Jun 10.  
doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.293307  
PMCID: PMC12321238

#### *Abstract*

##### **Objective**

To provide observational statistics on reported violent incidents, deaths and injuries associated with polio immunization activities in the context of global polio eradication efforts.

##### **Methods**

We made a systematic search of registries dedicated to documenting violence against health workers, as well as online news reports related to targeted attacks against polio immunization activities.

##### **Findings**

We identified 362 violent incidents between 1998 and 2024 that reported 359 deaths, 358 non-fatal injuries and 179 kidnappings associated with polio immunization activities. Incidents included attacks on immunization facilities, workers, support staff (for example, security and transportation) and/or vaccine recipients, which also sometimes involved family members of vaccinees or uninvolved bystanders. The reported incidents occurred in 14 countries. The two countries still endemic for wild poliovirus transmission as of 2025 accounted for 85% (607/717) of the total deaths and injuries: Pakistan 69% (497/717) and Afghanistan 15% (110/717). Of the deaths and injuries reported, 47% (404/857) were vaccine delivery personnel, including individuals identified as volunteers, workers or staff and 28% (236/857) were security personnel. The total number of violent incidents peaked in 2014 (51 incidents, 64 deaths and 56 injuries), followed by 2024 (42 incidents, 40 deaths and 63 injuries), which are double the average of the preceding 5 years.



## Conclusion

We found substantial human costs associated with the polio immunization activities conducted to achieve the goal of global polio eradication. Efforts are needed to find effective solutions to protect individuals on the frontline of polio immunization activities, particularly in places where the risks are highest.

## [Advancing humanitarian assistance amid adversity in 2025](#)

Abdullah A Al Rabeeah, Shahul Ebrahim, Barrak Alahmad, Abdullah Almoallem, Ziad A Memish  
Bull World Health Organ. 2025 Aug 1; 103(8): 467–467A. Published online 2025 Aug 1.  
doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.293672  
PMCID: PMC12321239

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

Volume 51, Issue 4 July 2025

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

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

Volume 163 May 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/163/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 118, Issue 3 Pages: 521-745 September 2025

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

*Perspective*

## [US Food and Drug Administration's Advancing Real-World Evidence Program: Initial Experience](#)

[Kimberly A. Smith](#), [Yin Huang](#), [Theresa Kehoe](#), [Stefanie Kraus](#), [Mark Levenson](#), [Jie Li](#), [Kristen Miller](#), [Ann Punnoose](#), [Donna R. Rivera](#), [Yueqin Zhao](#), [Richard Forshee](#), [John Concato](#)

Pages: 545-547

First Published: 27 April 2025

## **Clinical Therapeutics**

August 2025 Volume 47 Issue 8 p533-662

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

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## **Clinical Trials**

Volume 22 Issue 3, June 2025

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/22/3>

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## **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 02 Aug 2025]

**Access and satisfaction with healthcare services among chronic disease patients during the Sudan armed conflict: a cross-sectional study**

*The ongoing conflict in Sudan has severely disrupted the healthcare system, leaving millions without access to essential services. Chronic disease patients are among the most affected due to their heightened r...*

Authors: Sohaib Mohammed Mokhtar Ahmed, Moram Elfadel Abdelrhman Gasmalha, Ahmed Balla M. Ahmed, Salma Alrawa, Khalid Abusofyan Eljezoli Mohammed and Muhannad Bushra Masaad Ahmed

Citation: *Conflict and Health* 2025 19:61

Content type: Research Published on: 11 August 2025

**Availability of essential medicines, inventory management practices, and related challenges in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps, eastern Amhara, Ethiopia: an explanatory sequential mixed study**

*The ongoing conflicts and natural disasters in Ethiopia have led to a significant increase in the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), necessitating effective healthcare delivery in IDP camps. This S...*

Authors: Tekletsadik Tekleslassie Alemayehu, Alem Endeshaw Woldeyohanins, Eskedar Dires Gebremeskel, Gebremariam Wulie Geremew, Yilkal Abebaw Wassie, Mekonnen Derese Mekete, Tefera Minwagaw, Tesfaye Birhanu Abebe and Kelemnesh Seifu

Citation: *Conflict and Health* 2025 19:56

Content type: Research Published on: 4 August 2025

**Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 155 August 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/155/suppl/C>

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**The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 8, Issue 4 / August 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/8/4>

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**Current Medical Research and Opinion**

Volume 41, Issue 3 2025

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**Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

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

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**Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 25, Issue 2 Pages: 81-163 June 2025

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### **Development in Practice**

Volume 35, Issue 5, 2025

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### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 43, Issue 5 September 2025

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

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#### **[A critical approach to co-producing knowledge for development](#)**

Ryan Nehring, Fernando Galeana, Hilary Faxon

e70025

First Published: 17 July 2025

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#### **[The Prospects for International Development Cooperation in Times of Geopolitical Conflict and Resource Scarcity](#)**

André de Mello e Souza

e70029

First Published: 21 August 2025

*DEBATE*

#### **[Taking \(anti-\)‘woke’ seriously: the future of development cooperation and humanitarian aid](#)**

Emma Mawdsley, Glenn Banks, Chloe Sanyu, Regina Scheyvens, John Overton

e70031

First Published: 21 August 2025

#### **[When Empathy Fades: The Collapse of Humanitarian Responsibility in a Structurally Broken World](#)**

Carlos Lopes

e70036

First Published: 21 August 2025

### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 19 - 2025

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

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### **Disasters**

Volume 49, Issue 3 July 2025

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

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## **EMBO Reports**

Volume 26 Issue 16 22 August 2025

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

*Editorial* 31 July 2025

### **Student hostages in culture war**

Bernd Pulverer

The US administration has extended its line of attack on academia from US federal research to private universities. The resulting abuse of international students is both ethically wrong and ultimately self-defeating.

*Science & Society* 31 July 2025

### **Fool's-gold science: The ethical and scientific perils of testing most vaccines using placebo-controlled randomized trials**

Arthur Caplan, Felicia L Pasadyn, Nathaniel Mamo

The US Department of Health and Human Services' proposed imposition of placebo-controlled trials for testing most new and existing vaccines jeopardizes public health and puts trial participants at unnecessary and easily avoidable risks—a violation of both scientific and ethical standards.

## **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 31, Number 7—July 2025

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

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## **Epidemics**

Volume 51 June 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/51/suppl/C>

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## **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 4 Pages: 1-17 July–August 2025

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

### ***Sharing aggregate results :: Consent and health data***

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### **Revisiting the Obligation to Share Aggregate Results with Research Participants in the Era of Open Science**

Katherine E. MacDuffie, Benjamin S. Wilfond, Stephanie A. Kraft

Pages: 29-36

First Published: 14 July 2025

*Essay: Ethics in Translational Research*

## **Reconsidering Open-Ended Consent for Biospecimen and Health Record Research in the United States and Europe**

Mark A. Rothstein, Prabha Rajasekaran, Edward S. Dove

Pages: 43-50 First Published: 14 July 2025

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 39 - Issue 1 - Spring 2025

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

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### **Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 32 2024

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

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### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 35, Issue 3, June 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/35/3>

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### **Food Policy**

Volume 132 April 2025

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### **Food Security**

Volume 17, Issue 2 April 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/17-2>

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### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 74 November 2024

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

#### ***Financing displacement response***

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

### **Foreign Affairs**

July/August 2025 Volume 104, Number 4

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2025/104/4>  
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### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 52, 2025 - Issue 2

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

***The Rebirth of the Global South: Geopolitics, Imageries, and Developmental Realities***

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### **Frontiers in Genetics**

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

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*Review Published on 21 Aug 2025*

**[A decade of research on genetic privacy: the findings of the GetPreCiSe Center at Vanderbilt University](#)**

Christopher Slobogin, et al.

Frontiers in Genetics

doi 10.3389/fgene.2025.1629386

*Editorial Published on 20 Aug 2025*

**[Editorial: Rare diseases research and diagnosis in low- and middle-income countries](#)**

Claudia Gonzaga-Jauregui, et al.

Frontiers in Genetics

doi 10.3389/fgene.2025.1675361

*Original Research Published on 07 Aug 2025*

**[From ownership to custodianship: rethinking human biospecimens data governance in the Chinese context](#)**

Yifan Peng, et al.

Frontiers in Genetics

doi 10.3389/fgene.2025.1621739

### **Frontiers in Medicine**

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1463>

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*Editorial Published on 12 Aug 2025*

**[Editorial: Regulatory science and meta science as components of regulation of medical products and practices](#)**

Barbara K. Redman, Christine Gispen-de Wied, Thalia Arawi

Frontiers in Medicine

doi 10.3389/fmed.2025.1664402

### **Gene Therapy – Nature**

Volume 32 Issue 4, July 2025

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## **Genetics in Medicines**

Volume 27, Issue 6 June 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/27/issue/65>

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## **Genome Medicine**

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

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## **Geoheritage**

Volume 17, Issue 1 March 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/17-1>

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## **Global Health Action**

Volume 18, Issue 1 (2025)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList>

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## **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

August 2025 | Volume 13 | Number 1

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

*REVIEWS*

### **[Narrative Review of Human-Centered Design in Public Health Interventions in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Recommendations for Practice, Research, and Reporting](#)**

Bee-Ah Kang, Manvi Poddar, Aditi Luitel, Rajiv N. Rimal, Biruk Melaku and Danielle Piccinini Black  
Global Health: Science and Practice August 2025, 13(1):e2400164; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-24-00164>

Although human-centered design is increasingly used in global health, its comprehensive application in health programs remains underexplored. Our narrative review demonstrates design tools and strategies, research methods, and reporting patterns across the included studies to provide practical recommendations.

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

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

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[Accessed 02 Aug 2025]

*Article*

### **[Hungary: Amendments to the Fundamental Law Address Social and Political Rights](#)**

On April 14, 2025, the National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary adopted the 15th amendment to the Fundamental Law of Hungary, introducing several social and political measures regarding the country's national identity and social order. The amendment was signed into law the same day by

Hungarian President Tamás Sulyok and published in the government's ... Continue reading "Hungary: Amendments to the Fundamental Law..."  
Contributor: Roudik, Peter  
Date: 2025-08-12

### **Global Public Health**

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### **Globalization and Health**

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>  
[Accessed 02 Aug 2025]

#### **In the aftermath of the adoption of the landmark Pandemic Accord: what are the strategic options for its effective implementation in Africa?**

*Following three years of complex negotiations, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body announced consensus among Member States on 16 April 2025, leading to the adoption of the Pandemic Accord at the Seventy-Eig...*

Authors: Olushayo Oluseun Olu, Henry Bosa Kyobe, Robert Lubajo, Amos Petu, Abdulmumini Usman, Sylvester Maleghemi and Francis Chisaka Kasolo

Citation: *Globalization and Health* 2025 21:49

Content type: Comment Published on: 20 August 2025

#### **The United States withdrawal from the world health organization (WHO), its implications for global health governance**

*On January 20, 2025, the United States initiated its withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) through an executive order, citing concerns over the organization's handling of global health crises, po...*

Authors: Stephen Olaide Aremu, Akyala Ishaku Adamu, Odinaka Kingsley Obeta, Donald Ofili Ibe, Solomon Ambina Mairiga, Mojisola Ashiat Otukoya and Abdillahi Abdi Barkhadle

Citation: *Globalization and Health* 2025 21:48

Content type: Comment Published on: 12 August 2025

#### **Beneath the rhetoric of global justice: Reinforcement of global hegemonic governmentality by South Korea's Global Vaccine Hub Project**

*During the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the South Korean government initiated the Global Vaccine Hub Project (GVHP) purportedly to address global vaccine inequality. This study analyzes the strategies an...*

Authors: Jimin Gim, Jiwon Park and Sun Kim

Citation: *Globalization and Health* 2025 21:44

Content type: Research Published on: 9 August 2025

### **The Hastings Center Report**

Volume 54, Issue 6 2025  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/1552146x/2024/54/6>

*The Hastings Center Report explores the ethical, legal, and social issues in medicine, health care, public health, and the life sciences.*

[Reviewed earlier]



### **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>

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### **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 40, Issue 6, July 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/40/6>

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### **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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### **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 36, Issue 13-14 / July 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/36/13-14>

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### **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 47, Number 2, May 2025

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/54669>

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### **Humanitarian Practice Network**

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*Featured Publications*

**[Invisible scars: mental health programming is crucial in humanitarian response](#)**

August 13, 2025

Farhan Rasool, Ruhee Zubair Khan

### **Implementation Research and Practice**

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

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### **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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

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### **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

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### **International Health**

Volume 17, Issue 4, July 2025

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### **International Human Rights Law Review**

Volume 14 (2025): Issue 1 (Jun 2025)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/14/1/hrlr.14.issue-1.xml>

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### **The International Journal of Children's Rights**

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

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### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol. 12 No. 5 (2025): May 2025

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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 3, June 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/54/3>

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### **International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 31, 2025 Issue 5

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

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### **International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 18 Issue 2 2025

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/18/iss/2>

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### **International Migration Review**

Volume 59 Issue 2, June 2025

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

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### **International Review of Education – Journal of Lifelong Learning**

Volume 71, Issue 2 April 2025

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

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### **International Review of the Red Cross**

IRRC No. 928 June 2025

<https://international-review.icrc.org/reviews/irrc-no-928-the-military>

#### ***The Military***

17 articles

International humanitarian law (IHL) represents a balancing of priorities that have often been seen as being in tension: military necessity, on the one hand, and considerations of humanity, on the other. Inherent in this balancing act is the idea that military necessity and humanitarian imperatives are equally valid priorities that can be accommodated under the same legal framework to achieve related goals, allowing the military to fight effectively while avoiding needless suffering and destruction. Accordingly, the negotiation of IHL treaties involves diplomats, representatives of the humanitarian community, and the armed forces working together to find common ground. By working together, the armed forces and the humanitarian community have crafted a body of law that effectively balances oft-competing priorities and optimizes military necessity and humanitarian considerations. While many analyze military decision-making from outside the ranks of States' armed forces, ultimately, the ones applying IHL during real-life battlefield situations are the decision-makers inside these structures. Yet, for various reasons, they express themselves less publicly on matters of IHL in academic journals, including the Review. With the articles selected for this issue, the Review has created a space to put the spotlight on States' armed forces so as to hear from them— and about them first-hand, from a contemporary perspective. Through this, the Review sincerely hopes that military lawyers and operators will more often find their way to our journal's pages in the future, so as to share their experiences with its readers around the world on topics of interest to both the humanitarian and military communities.

## **Issues in Science and Technology**

Vol. XLI, No. 2, Winter 2025

<https://issues.org/issue/41-2/>

### ***Preparing for the Bioconvergence***

How can Americans “engage with biotechnology the same way they do with cell phones and computers”? In an interview for the Summer 2025 issue, Senator Todd Young explains why the emerging bioeconomy should be understood as an urgent opportunity as well as a potential military and security vulnerability. As chair of the National Security Commission on the Emerging Bioeconomy, Young is optimistic that both parties are willing to foster the bioindustries of the future in order to create “a more informed, empowered, and resilient society capable of leveraging science and technology to solve a wide range of global challenges.”

## **JAMA**

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

**August 19, 2025, Vol 334, No. 7, Pages 555-650**

*Viewpoint*

### **Priorities for a New FDA**

Martin A. Makary, MD, MPH; Vinay Prasad, MD, MPH

JAMA. 2025;334(7):565-566. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.10116

This Viewpoint outlines new priorities of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

**August 12, 2025, Vol 334, No. 6, Pages 467-550**

*Research Letter*

### **Characterization of Research Grant Terminations at the National Institutes of Health**

Michael Liu, MPhil; Kushal T. Kadakia, MSc; Vishal R. Patel, MD, MPH; et al.

JAMA. 2025;334(6):534-536. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.7707

This study examines the impact of National Institutes of Health grant terminations on the US research enterprise by quantifying the number and funding amount of these terminations and characterizing their award type and institute or center.

*Viewpoint*

### **The WHO Pandemic Agreement - The World Together Equitably**

Lawrence O. Gostin, JD; Sam Halabi, JD, MPhil; Alexandra Finch, LL.M

JAMA. 2025;334(6):481-482. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.9198

This Viewpoint describes the World Health Assembly’s newly adopted Pandemic Agreement, which lays a framework for action including preventing zoonotic spillovers, health system preparedness, and equitable response, and discusses the ramifications of the absence of US participation in the agreement.

**August 5, 2025, Vol 334, No. 5, Pages 375-462**

*Special Communication*

### **SPIRIT 2025 StatementUpdated Guideline for Protocols of Randomized Trials**

An-Wen Chan, MD, DPhil; Isabelle Boutron, MD, PhD; Sally Hopewell, DPhil; et al.

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JAMA. 2025;334(5):435-443. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.4486

This Special Communication introduces the updated Standard Protocol Items: Recommendations for Interventional Trials (SPIRIT) 2025 statement, which includes substantive and structural changes to incorporate new evidence and emerging perspectives.

*Editorial*

## **Surrogate End Points in Trials—SPIRIT and CONSORT Extensions**

Rod S. Taylor, PhD; Anthony Muchai Manyara, PhD; Joseph S. Ross, MD, MHS; Oriana Ciani, PhD

## **Termination of a Federal Infection Prevention Advisory Committee - Eroding Health Care Safety**

Thomas R. Talbot, MD, MPH; Michael Yen-Wei Lin, MD, MPH; Deborah S. Yokoe, MD, MPH; et al.  
JAMA. 2025;334(5):389-390. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.9289

This Viewpoint discusses the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee and how its termination could affect infection prevention standards in the future.

Chartered in 1991, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) has advised federal leaders within and outside the CDC on evidence-based practices to reduce health care-associated infections. Responsible for numerous guidelines and guidance statements ([Box](#)), HICPAC's impact has been enormous, improving health care quality and reducing patient, visitor, and health care personnel harms. The termination of this advisory group on March 31, 2025, threatens to erode more than 3 decades of progress toward a US health care system free from the harm of health care-associated infections. As former HICPAC members, we highlight this important group's impact on daily health care practice and how its loss will affect infection prevention standards in the future.

## **JAMA Health Forum**

July 2025, Vol 6, No. 7

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/issue>

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## **JAMA Pediatrics**

July 2025, Vol 179, No. 7, Pages 691-810

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## **RFK Jr and MAHA: dangerous, emboldened, and escalating**

The Lancet

The week beginning Aug 4, 2025 was the most dangerous and tragic week of Robert F Kennedy Jr's tenure yet: a fatal CDC shooting by a gunman distrustful of COVID-19 vaccines, the cancellation of US\$500 million in mRNA research funding, and his malicious call to retract a peer-reviewed *Annals of Internal Medicine* paper on vaccine safety. RFK Jr has built an increasingly powerful movement in Make America Healthy Again (MAHA). Either through incompetence or disinformation, the actions of this movement pose the greatest threat to the health of Americans and millions of people globally.

Kennedy cited lack of effectiveness, mRNA COVID-19 vaccines encouraging mutations in the pandemic, and a 181-page document that led him to conclude that the risks outweighed the benefits in further researching the mRNA vaccine platform. Later that week, Jay Bhattacharya, National Institute of Health Director, argued that the cancellation was because of public mistrust. But even this scientifically illiterate act of self-sabotage did not satisfy some of the MAHA base who dwell in a world inverted, where the familiar words of trust, data, and transparency are systematically used to discredit, dismantle, and undermine scientific institutions and individuals.

First, to the science. Multiple large, robust, and peer-reviewed clinical studies have concluded that millions of lives were saved during the COVID-19 pandemic from mRNA vaccines. Not by stopping transmission, but by preventing severe disease, hospitalisation, and death. There is no evidence that mRNA vaccines increase the virus mutation rate. The 181-page bibliography that Kennedy refers to contains many small, non-peer-reviewed studies and carefully selected paragraphs that do not discuss empirical data or major findings. The mRNA vaccine platform is the most effective tool we have in pandemic preparedness. The rapid and transitory nature of mRNA-encoded proteins that do not need to enter the nucleus or risk genomic integration makes them promising tools for infectious and non-infectious diseases such as cancer. Several areas continue to need refinement including: storability, stability, duration of expression, and targetability. Further research might achieve this. Like any intervention, mRNA vaccines are not perfect. There are known adverse events—a large observational study of 298 792 852 doses of mRNA vaccines given during the first 6 months of the US COVID-19 vaccination programme found the rate of myopericarditis to be 4.4 per million doses, and that most adverse events were mild and short-lived. The public health community must continue to communicate these adverse events transparently and weigh the risks and benefits for each population.

Second, to trust. It is true that trust in public health was damaged during the COVID-19 pandemic and that many US citizens are concerned because of the discordance between the amount the US spends on health care per capita (about \$13 000) and the overall poor population health of Americans (the lowest life expectancy of any high-income country). It is understandable that the bold proclamations and blame that Kennedy and MAHA propagate may be seductive. Their movement is based on the premise that big pharma and big food profit from keeping Americans unhealthy. Undoubtedly there are many problems with an under-regulated US food system and a privatised health-care system. But a recent Pew Research Poll on who influences health policy and health priorities indicates that eight out of ten Americans agree that cancer, obesity, heart disease, and opioid addictions are key issues and that seven out of ten feel that health insurance companies are overly influential. Where then are the plans for universal health-care coverage or to regulate health insurance companies? To fund scientific endeavours to face these challenges? To regulate agriculture and the food environment? A second MAHA report is promised but as yet there is no indication that these plans will be proposed. Rather, Kennedy and some leaders of the MAHA movement choose to nurture mistrust through disinformation and misdirect genuine concerns to align with an anti-science and anti-vaccine agenda. Supported by a band of wellness industry entrepreneurs and influencers who sometimes directly profit from these diversions, this is an agenda that will do nothing for trust, science, or for health.

Although the health and science community must engage, and understand what has made this movement so beguiling, nobody should be under any illusions as to what it is—a dangerous pseudoscientific programme of work that supports a corrupt and unscientific wellness industry, seeks to discredit mainstream medicine, and portrays institutions and experts as enemies, not partners.

*Viewpoint*

**Bioethics for the planet**

Warwick Anderson, et al.

Severe threats to the health of humans and other species derive from degradation of Earth's life-support systems, particularly the impacts of climate change. Researchers and practitioners in clinical medicine, public health, global health, and One Health are increasingly focusing on these risks to planetary health, which include (but are not limited to) rising temperatures, extreme weather disasters, intensified wildfires and flooding, biodiversity and species loss, expansion of vectors of infectious diseases, reduction of arable land alongside growth of intensive and factory farming, a proliferation of microplastics, antimicrobial resistance, and chemical contamination of the environment.<sup>1-5</sup>

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#### **[Cancelling mRNA studies is the highest irresponsibility](#)**

The rest of the world is not following the US government's dangerous path, and will stick with the technology that helped the world out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### **[Monoclonal antibodies revolutionized biomedical science and health care](#)**

The story of the discovery of these molecules 50 years ago shows how the free exchange of ideas can lead to life-changing treatments.

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#### **[Decolonize scientific institutions, don't just diversify them](#)**

Indigenous scholars set out eight steps to stop marginalization in academia and to enable a shared Indigenous agenda in science.

Tara G. McAllister, Leilani A. Walker, Kat Milligan-McClellan

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T.R. Frieden

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The extreme reductions that the Trump administration is making at the vital, mission-driven Centers for Disease Control and Prevention amount to unilateral disarmament against health hazards.

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Alexandra L. Coria, MD, FAAP; Brian Wahl, PhD, MPH; Naveen Thacker, MD (Ped), FIAP; Rachel Vreeman, MD, MS, FAAP; Liesl Zühlke, MBChB, FCP, MPH, MSc, PhD

For more than 60 years, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) has been a major funder of efforts to improve maternal and child health (MCH) across many low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). From 2000 to 2023, the global under-5 mortality rate declined from 76.7 to 36.7 deaths per 1000 live births.<sup>1</sup> Although this progress stemmed from the cumulative efforts of many organizations, governments, and health care workers, a 2022 causal analysis by Weiss et al (the most

recent analysis available), demonstrated that from 2000 to 2016, high USAID funding for MCH and malaria independently reduced under-5 mortality by more than 20 deaths per 1000 live births compared with control regions.<sup>2</sup>

However, death rates alone cannot capture the broader effects of promoting MCH. Healthy children become healthier, more productive adults, leading to more stable societies.<sup>3,4</sup> Understanding USAID's impact requires examining the full spectrum of their...

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**[Rewiring science diplomacy](#)**

BY Vaughan C. Turekian, Peter Gluckman

21 Aug 2025

Over the past two decades, science diplomacy has been cast in a glow of hopeful optimism, especially by academics. It was framed as the art of bridge building, opening channels between adversaries, a common language across cultures, and a refuge for dialogue in times of political rupture. This aspirational model helped connect scientists across geopolitical divides, built trust, and was a cornerstone of post–Cold War internationalism. In recent years, these ideals have become increasingly affected by the pull of geopolitics. As multilateralism falters and geopolitical rivalries intensify, nations are putting greater emphasis on science and technology as strategic assets. For science diplomacy to remain relevant in this era, it must develop a new mode of engagement—transactional science diplomacy.

Whereas the aspirational model emphasized curiosity and relationship building, its successor, the pragmatic mode, concentrated on shared problem-solving. Of late, there has been a shift to a transactional model, which takes on a more business-like approach with a focus on dealmaking, and near-term returns for the players within broader national strategy. Science's value now is seen as not

just a tool of cooperation but also as a currency of negotiation. Agreements are contingent, driven by near-term benefit, and increasingly aimed at advancing national interests.

Consider the conditionality of technology transfer agreements, where access to critical research infrastructure or intellectual property may depend on regulatory concessions, political alignment, or market access guarantees. Countries may trade genomic data for vaccine doses or offer collaboration on artificial intelligence research only in exchange for policy alignment. Scientific cooperation becomes a calculated exchange—often asymmetrical, narrowly scoped, and susceptible to disruption.

This transformation reflects broader shifts. The US CHIPS and Science Act, the European Union's technological sovereignty agenda, and China's state-led innovation strategy all underscore this trend. National science systems are being rewired not only to deliver innovation but to protect and project power.

For all the opportunities this change may bring, there are also substantial risks. It might unlock cost sharing on big-ticket research and development, accelerate collaboration in domains determined as national policy priorities (like semiconductors and synthetic biology), and actively attract private-sector engagement. It also encourages results-focused partnerships. However, transactionalism can erode the scientific commons. When science is seen as a bargaining chip rather than a public good, its legitimacy can be undermined. It also risks entrenching power imbalances. High-income countries may dictate terms that exclude or exploit lower-income partners, particularly in the Global South. And it is focused only on the short term, favoring measurable outputs over enduring partnerships and disincentivizing basic science not tied to immediate gains. It risks shifting the emphasis from issues of the global commons to those more narrowly aligned only with national self-interest. A diplomatic challenge is to develop approaches that act on these risks and their interdependence. Yet transactional diplomacy is not inherently malign. It is a logical, even necessary, response to a more fragmented world where national interests resonate with policy-makers and portions of the public whose taxes fund research. The challenge is to integrate it into a strategic framework.

Today, effective science diplomacy requires a new framework—a trimodal model for science diplomacy that is aspirational, pragmatic, and transactional—leveraging the distinct logics and strengths of each approach. Aspirational diplomacy builds empathy and long-term trust. Pragmatic diplomacy reinforces institutions and solves shared problems. Transactional diplomacy delivers immediate, nationally aligned outcomes.

This is not the first time the style of science diplomacy has changed. The aspirational model gave way to pragmatic diplomacy that reinforces institutions committed to science diplomacy and solves shared problems. Over the past year, diplomacy has started yielding to quid pro quo relationships. But these approaches are not mutually exclusive. Indeed, their integration is essential. Technology diplomacy, for instance, may begin with a transactional agreement—access to quantum research labs in exchange for regulatory alignment—but can evolve into pragmatic infrastructure building or more idealistic collaboration over time. Recognizing which approach is appropriate, and how to move between them, should be central to policy design, the defining role of the science diplomat.

With blurring boundaries between science, policy, and diplomacy, fluency across all three domains will be a prerequisite. A new generation of science diplomats must be trained not only in negotiation and dealmaking but in the ethics of exchange, the value of open science, and the mechanics of multilateral engagement.

The growth of transactional science diplomacy need not mean the end of trust-based collaboration or the fragmentation of scientific cooperation. If managed carefully, it can coexist with and even reinforce other forms of diplomacy.

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[https://ssir.org/issue/spring\\_2025](https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2025)

Read about how community-based organizations around the world are healing the social fragmentation behind mass atrocities, genocide, and identity-based violence; how a small farm outside Dallas demonstrated how place-based neighborhood transformation can succeed; how nonprofit leaders can use programmatic asset transfers for greater social impact; how one Latin American organization repeatedly pivoted over 40 years to better serve the region's small businesses; and other topics in the Spring 2025 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

### **Systematic Reviews**

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

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### **Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics**

Volume 46, Issue 3 June 2025

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### **Torture Journal**

Volume 33 – No. 2 2023

<https://irct.org/torture-journal/>

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### **Trauma, Violence, & Abuse**

Volume 26 Issue 3, July 2025

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### **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

Volume 66 July–August 2025

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Volume 30, Issue 7 Pages: i-iv, 577-748 July 2025

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13653156/current>  
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### **UN Chronicle**

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

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#### **[Future Forward: Universalizing Climate Action to Bend the Curve of Climate Change for Global Sustainability](#)**

Manasa Pidatala and Swati Subodh

When sustainability is incorporated into the learning journey, it cultivates leadership, empathy and innovation – essential traits for climate-resilient citizenship.

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

Volume 20, Issue 2, 2025

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>  
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### **World Development**

Volume 192 August 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/world-development/vol/192/suppl/C>  
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### **World Heritage Review**

n°108 - June 2025

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

#### ***World Heritage***

Each issue of the World Heritage magazine goes beyond a visual account of cultural and natural sites: it invites readers to understand their significance and their uniqueness and to take action for their long-term protection. Through its articles, images and testimonies, the magazine embodies UNESCO's commitment to making World Heritage a lever for resilience, intercultural dialogue and peace.

Two of UNESCO's strategic priorities are highlighted in this new issue: the revitalisation of heritage in conflict-affected areas and the improvement of Africa's representation on the World Heritage List. In Iraq, the 'Revive the Spirit of Mosul' initiative fully reflects this approach. The reconstruction of Al-Nouri

Mosque, its Al-Hadba Minaret, and the churches of Al-Tahera and Al-Saa'a goes beyond restoring monuments – it contributes to the recovery of communities, strengthens the social fabric, and fosters renewed hope for peaceful coexistence and lasting reconciliation.

Guided by the same conviction, UNESCO is working to fully recognise the richness and diversity of African heritage on the World Heritage List by supporting African States in implementing sustainable management and promotion strategies, based on the active involvement of communities. Thanks to this joint mobilisation, several States previously unrepresented have been able to submit their first nomination, while a new generation of African heritage professionals, trained by UNESCO and its partners, is helping to sustain these efforts...

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### **Multilateralism in the Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence**

Michal Naturski

Comments: 32 pages, 2 tables

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### **Toward an African Agenda for AI Safety**

Samuel T. Segun, Rachel Adams, Ana Florido, Scott Timcke, Jonathan Shock, Leah Junck, Fola Adeleke, Nicolas Grossman, Ayantola Alayande, Jerry John Kponyo, Matthew Smith, Dickson Marfo Fosu, Prince Dawson Tetteh, Juliet Arthur, Stephanie Kasaon, Odilile Ayodele, Laetitia Badolo, Paul Plantinga, Michael Gastrow, Sumaya Nur Adan, Joanna Wiaterek, Cecil Abungu, Kojo Apeagyei, Luise Eder, Tegawende Bissyande

Comments: 28 pages, 2 figures

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### **Leveraging Large Language Models for Predictive Analysis of Human Misery**

Bishanka Seal, Rahul Seetharaman, Aman Bansal, Abhilash Nandy

Comments: 14 pages, 4 tables

arXiv:2508.10911 (cross-list from cs.HC) [pdf, html, other]

### **Uncovering Latent Connections in Indigenous Heritage: Semantic Pipelines for Cultural Preservation in Brazil**

Luis Vitor Zerkowski, Nina S. T. Hirata

Comments: 8 tables, 7 figures, submitted to AAAI2026

Indigenous communities face ongoing challenges in preserving their cultural heritage, particularly in the face of systemic marginalization and urban development. In Brazil, the Museu Nacional dos Povos Indigenas through the Tainacan platform hosts the country's largest online collection of Indigenous objects and iconographies, providing a critical resource for cultural engagement. Using publicly available data from this repository, we present a data-driven initiative that applies artificial intelligence

to enhance accessibility, interpretation, and exploration. We develop two semantic pipelines: a visual pipeline that models image-based similarity and a textual pipeline that captures semantic relationships from item descriptions. These embedding spaces are projected into two dimensions and integrated into an interactive visualization tool we also developed. In addition to similarity-based navigation, users can explore the collection through temporal and geographic lenses, enabling both semantic and contextualized perspectives. The system supports curatorial tasks, aids public engagement, and reveals latent connections within the collection. This work demonstrates how AI can ethically contribute to cultural preservation practices.

[arXiv:2508.13421](#) (cross-list from cs.AI) [[pdf](#), [html](#), [other](#)]

### **Virtuous Machines: Towards Artificial General Science**

[Gabrielle Wehr](#), [Reuben Rideaux](#), [Amaya J. Fox](#), [David R. Lightfoot](#), [Jason Tangen](#), [Jason B. Mattingley](#), [Shane E. Ehrhardt](#)

Artificial intelligence systems are transforming scientific discovery by accelerating specific research tasks, from protein structure prediction to materials design, yet remain confined to narrow domains requiring substantial human oversight. The exponential growth of scientific literature and increasing domain specialisation constrain researchers' capacity to synthesise knowledge across disciplines and develop unifying theories, motivating exploration of more general-purpose AI systems for science. Here we show that a domain-agnostic, agentic AI system can independently navigate the scientific workflow - from hypothesis generation through data collection to manuscript preparation. The system autonomously designed and executed three psychological studies on visual working memory, mental rotation, and imagery vividness, executed one new online data collection with 288 participants, developed analysis pipelines through 8-hour+ continuous coding sessions, and produced completed manuscripts. The results demonstrate the capability of AI scientific discovery pipelines to conduct non-trivial research with theoretical reasoning and methodological rigour comparable to experienced researchers, though with limitations in conceptual nuance and theoretical interpretation. This is a step toward embodied AI that can test hypotheses through real-world experiments, accelerating discovery by autonomously exploring regions of scientific space that human cognitive and resource constraints might otherwise leave unexplored. It raises important questions about the nature of scientific understanding and the attribution of scientific credit.

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### **Beyond Traditional Surveillance: Harnessing Expert Knowledge for Public Health Forecasting**

[Garrik Hoyt](#), [Eleanor Bergren](#), [Gabrielle String](#), [Thomas McAndrew](#)

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### **Maternal and child healthcare-seeking among victims of violence in armed conflict: A matched case-control study in northeast Nigeria**

Max Schaub, Gbadebo Collins Adeyanju, Aisha Aliyu Abulfathi, Musa Muhammad Bello, Lennart Kasserra, Aminatu Ayaba Kwaku, Muhammad Ibrahim Jalo, Ahmad Mahmud, Pia Schrage, Rabiul Ibrahim Jalo, Liliana Abreu  
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### Public Consultation Opportunities

#### **Call for written submissions on the draft guidelines on addressing multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities**

UN - Treaty bodies **Deadline: 15 September 2025**

*Purpose:*

To further guide states parties and other duty bearers to address the implementation gaps and to collect a repository of good practices in addressing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities.

*Background*

Since it was established, in 2009, the Committee has considered more than 150 reports submitted by States parties to the Convention. The Committee has identified the following gaps in the implementation of article 5 (non-discrimination), article 6 (women with disabilities) and article 16 (protection against violence, exploitation and abuse):

- Limited understanding and awareness about the concept of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities.
- Anti-discrimination legislative and policy frameworks do not often recognize multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities.
- Disaggregated data is not collected regularly and systematically, limiting the possibilities for influencing action-oriented policies and strategies on addressing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.
- Limited identification of instances of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against women, limited availability of redress mechanisms and broad impunity of perpetrators.
- Limited understanding about gender-based violence and disability-based violence as forms of discrimination.

#### **Call for input for EMRTD study "Artificial Intelligence, Cultural Rights, and the Right to Development"**

Issued by UN Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development **Deadline: 30 November 2025**

*Purpose:*



To inform the drafting of EMRTD’s thematic study on “Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cultural Rights, and the Right to Development.” This study is part of the Mechanism’s broader mandate to examine emerging global challenges that impact the realization of the right to development.

#### *Background*

The Human Rights Council, in its resolution [45/6](#), welcomed the first report ([A/HRC/45/29](#)) of the [Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development](#), and requested it to implement the recommendations contained therein, including the preparation and submission to the Council thematic studies in the discharge of Expert Mechanism’s mandate. At its [8th session](#), the EMRTD outlined the thematic studies that it planned to submit to the Human Rights Council during the 2024-2026 cycle, including a study addressing artificial intelligence, regulation and the right to development.

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