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## Week in Review

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



## Multidimensional Poverty

### [New Global Multidimensional Poverty Index Report Reveals Nearly 80% of the World's Poor Live in Regions Exposed to Climate Hazards](#)

UNDP

October 17, 2025

*The report's findings highlight the urgent need for global action to address the unequal burden of climate-related hazards on people living in multidimensional poverty.*

## Key Findings (2025)

1.1b

People live in  
Multidimensional  
Poverty

1.1 billion out of 6.3 billion people  
across 109 countries live in  
multidimensional poverty.

740m

Poor population live in  
middle-income  
countries

Nearly two thirds of all poor people,  
about 740 million or 64.5 percent of  
all poor population live in middle-  
income countries.

887m

Poor people are  
exposed to at least one  
of four climate hazards

Of the 1.1 billion poor people, 887  
million live in subnational regions  
experiencing at least one of four  
climate hazards: high heat, drought,  
floods and air pollution.

309m

Poor people face three  
or four concurrent  
hazards

Out of 887 million poor people who  
are exposed to at least one climate  
hazard, 309 million are living in the  
subnational regions exposed to three  
or four climate hazards.

**...“Our new research shows that to address global poverty and create a more stable world for everyone, we must confront the climate risks endangering nearly 900 million poor people,”** said Haoliang Xu, UNDP Acting Administrator. “When world leaders meet in Brazil for the Climate

Conference, COP30, next month, their national climate pledges must revitalize the stagnating development progress that threatens to leave the world's poorest people behind."

### ***The Burden of Concurrent Poverty and Climate Hazards***

The findings emphasize that poor people globally are often confronting multiple, concurrent environmental challenges rather than a single one in isolation.

- Of the 887 million poor people exposed to at least one climate hazard, 651 million face two or more concurrent hazards.
- **Alarmingly, 309 million poor people live in regions exposed to three or four overlapping climate hazards while experiencing acute multidimensional poverty.** These individuals face a "triple or quadruple burden," often possessing limited assets and minimal access to social protection systems, amplifying the negative effects of the shocks.
- Individually, **the most widespread hazards affecting poor people globally are high heat (608 million) and air pollution (577 million).** Flood-prone regions are home to 465 million poor people, while 207 million live in areas affected by drought.

**"This report shows where the climate crisis and poverty are notably converging.** Understanding where the planet is under greatest strain and where people face additional burdens created by climate challenges is essential to creating mutually reinforcing development strategies that put humanity at the centre of climate action," said co-author, Sabina Alkire, Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.

### ***Geographical and Economic Hotspots***

The burden of exposure is distributed unevenly across regions and income groups.

- **South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa are identified as global hotspots for these compounded hardships,** accounting for the largest numbers of poor people living in regions affected by climate hazards (380 million and 344 million respectively).
- In South Asia, the exposure is nearly universal; fully 99.1 percent of poor people in the region are exposed to one or more climate shocks (380 million people), with 91.6 percent (351 million) facing two or more, much higher than any other world region. Despite making momentous and historic strides in poverty reduction, South Asia must also accelerate climate action.
- **Across income groups, lower-middle-income countries bear the greatest burden of exposure of poor people to climate hazards,** both in terms of absolute number and high proportion. About 548 million poor people in lower-middle-income countries are estimated to be exposed to at least one climate hazard, representing 61.8% of global poor people who are exposed to any climate hazard. Critically, over 470 million poor people in lower-middle-income countries confront two or more, concurrent climate hazards simultaneously.

### ***Projected Future Inequity***

**"The burdens identified are not limited to the present but are expected to intensify in the future,"** said Pedro Conceição, Director of the Human Development Report Office, UNDP. Analysis of temperature projection data reveals that countries with higher current levels of multidimensional poverty are predicted to experience the greatest increases in temperatures by the end of this century.

**These findings highlight the urgent need for global action to address the unequal burden of climate-related hazards on people living in multidimensional poverty.** Confronting these overlapping risks requires moving from recognition to action, emphasizing the need for climate-resilient poverty reduction strategies, strengthened local capacities for adaptation, and scaled international redistribution and cooperative finance mechanisms.

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## Gaza

### [60-day ceasefire plan for Gaza](#)

**WHO** - Emergency situation report

17 October 2025

#### *Overview*

With the initiation of the first phase of the ceasefire in Gaza, humanitarian needs remain dire. In the current situation, it is crucial to scale up humanitarian aid in a coordinated manner while ensuring the start of early recovery and reconstruction. This document summarizes WHO's key planning assumptions, strategic priorities and selected activities. The activities fall within the scope of the overall WHO operational response and early recovery plan for the occupied Palestinian territory: 2025 and the One-UN multi-sectoral Gaza Ceasefire Humanitarian Response Plan Summary: 60 days of 13 October 2025.

#### *[Excerpt]*

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND KEY ACTIVITIES**

- ...B. Public health intelligence, early warning, and prevention and control of communicable disease
- Expansion and strengthening of surveillance for communicable diseases through the provision of surveillance equipment, expansion of Early Warning Alert and Response System, introducing linkages with laboratory and WASH data, and capacity building for Rapid Response Teams.
  - Re-establish the Gaza Central Public Health Building, including rehabilitation of laboratory infrastructure, provision of essential equipment, and staffing capacity.
  - Provide hospital laboratories with essential diagnostic and antimicrobial resistance equipment and testing supplies.
  - Support the availability of safe blood, including entry of blood into the Gaza Strip, restarting local donations, and safety testing.
  - **Implement the catch-up campaign for immunization to target 40 000 children under the age of 3 that are missing doses or zero-dose for immunizations.**
  - Provide infection prevention and control support including establishment of isolation capacity, supplies, and capacity building.
  - Continue water quality testing and support to WASH in health facilities.
  - Undertake modelling exercises to estimate excess mortality, in collaboration...

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## Global ODA

### [Global aid dismantling poses existential threat to collective action and human solidarity: UN expert](#)

*Press releases* 17 October 2025

NEW YORK – **Attacks on global aid, rising securitisation, and the dismantling of the international aid architecture pose an urgent threat to fundamental freedoms**, a UN expert warned today.

**"The collapse of global aid greatly endangers the survival of civil society organisations and threatens the entire civil society ecosystem**, as well as the future of international solidarity, collective action, and participation in multilateral forums," said Gina Romero, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in her report to the 80th session of the UN General Assembly.

Romero noted that, **since the beginning of 2025, thousands of civil society associations** that

have been filling critical gaps by providing life-saving services, supporting victims of human rights violations, delivering vital humanitarian responses, and working to fight corruption, protect the environment, and advance peacebuilding, **are either disappearing or severely reducing their operations**. The impact has been especially severe for grassroots organisations and those led by women, LGBTQI groups, and marginalised communities.

**“What is unfolding is not merely a funding issue, it is a structural crisis in the international solidarity ecosystem,”** the Special Rapporteur said. “Civic space globally is suffocating, not only because States are intensifying the scale and gravity of repression, but also because the lifelines that kept it alive are fundamentally challenged.”

The expert stressed that securitisation of the global agenda is driving a shift in funds and political priorities towards strengthening defence and military capabilities at the expense of democratisation and human rights. **She noted that States are increasingly misusing national security grounds and discourse to justify the repression civil society and social movements.**

“The securitisation and militarisation of State responses to non-violent collective actions, which are increasingly led by youth activists and have resulted in serious violations, are deeply alarming,” Romero said.

**The Special Rapporteur called for urgent action to rebuild international solidarity and redesign a strengthened, fairer global aid architecture.** “This requires reimagining international aid architecture, through a participatory and transparent process, and ensuring that it is equitable, inclusive, people-centred and rights-based,” she said.

The expert warned **that severe restrictions on fundamental freedoms threaten decades of progress on human rights and democratisation**, jeopardising the fulfilment of global commitments towards the Sustainable Development Goals, peace and security, inclusion and equality, and climate justice.

“States should implement a human rights-based approach to security, ensuring security policies and decisions are firmly rooted in international human rights standards; enable freedoms; and foster democratic resilience and inclusive governance,” Romero said.

*Gina Romero is the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association*

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## **Defence Spending – Oversight**

**[IPU publication advocates for stronger parliamentary oversight amid record highs in military expenditure](#)** - Inter-Parliamentary Union

*Press releases 16/10/2025*

**With global military expenditure rising to a record estimate of USD 2.7 trillion in 2024**, a new Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) issue brief calls for parliaments to strengthen their scrutiny of defence spending in the interests of transparency, accountability and democracy.

The IPU publication, **Democratic checks, military balances: Parliamentary oversight in an era of rising military expenditure** warns that unchecked defence spending risks weakening democratic controls, diverting funds from essential public services such as health and education, and allowing executive power to go unchallenged.

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, **2024 marked the tenth consecutive year of global increases in military budgets, amid more than 120 conflicts worldwide.**

**The brief highlights that a portion of military spending remains off budget** – outside regular parliamentary or public scrutiny – often justified on the grounds of national security or emergency response. These opaque practices can undermine transparency and accountability and increase the risk of corruption or misappropriation of public funds.

However, the brief also cites several **examples of effective parliamentary oversight:**

In Canada, independent analysis by the Parliamentary Budget Officer delayed procurement of a costly fighter jet and boosted fiscal transparency.

Chile's repeal of the secretive "Copper Law" led to a more accountable defence funding framework.

Denmark's multi-party Defence Agreements have helped stabilize military budgets while keeping the executive within agreed limits.

In South Africa, parliamentary audits ensure military funds are not diverted without proper oversight, and in the Republic of Korea, parliamentary scrutiny blocked the declaration of martial law in 2024.

**To strengthen democratic control of defence spending, the publication recommends the following:**

- Require regular, public reporting on all military budgets, including off-budget funds.
- Enable independent audits and apply rigorous financial management standards.
- Hold open committee hearings on defence matters to foster trust and transparency.
- Integrate gender analysis into budgeting to create more inclusive security policies.
- Empower legislators to summon senior officials and impose time limits on emergency allocations.

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## **"People-Centered" AI**

### **Humanity AI Commits \$500M to Build a People-Centered Future for AI**

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

October 14, 2025

A broad coalition of philanthropic leaders today **announced a \$500M five-year initiative dedicated to making sure people have a stake in the future of artificial intelligence (AI).**

As part of **Humanity AI, ten of the nation's most dynamic foundations supporting the arts, labor and work, democracy, education, and security will drive new investments** toward establishing a people-driven future where AI delivers for humanity, strengthens communities, and enhances human creativity if used.

To address the important questions that AI is raising,

- Mellon Foundation, together with the
- Doris Duke Foundation,
- Ford Foundation,
- Lumina Foundation,
- Kapor Foundation,
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation,
- Mozilla Foundation,
- Omidyar Network,

- [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#), and
- [Siegal Family Endowment](#)

are mobilizing philanthropy to ensure that people have a powerful voice to amplify their needs and interests, which are too often left out of discussions around AI...

"Every day, people learn more about the ways AI is impacting their lives, and it can often feel like this technology is happening to us rather than with us and for us," said John Palfrey, president of the MacArthur Foundation. "The stakes are too high to defer decisions to a handful of companies and leaders within them. Humanity AI seeks to shift that dynamic by resourcing technologists, researchers, and advocates who are united by a shared vision of ensuring AI is a force for good, putting people and the planet first."

**Humanity AI funders have identified the following priorities and have committed to making grants in one or more these five issue areas:**

**Democracy:** New partnerships and frameworks for AI are needed to advance and protect our democracy, and safeguard our rights and freedoms.

**Education:** The implementation of AI in education must be shaped around the best interests of all students, ensuring it is used as a tool that expands access to knowledge and strengthens how people learn.

**Humanities and Culture:** AI is not a replacement for human creativity; it is an enhancer. This means protecting artists' and creators' work from theft and strengthening ownership protections for the people shaping our culture and society.

**Labor and Economy:** From small towns to big cities, people know AI is and will continue to impact how we work. To truly have an economy that values people, our work, and enables all of us to thrive, we need to ensure AI is used to enhance how people work, rather than replace them.

**Security:** Innovation must not come at a cost to our safety and security. From driverless cars to automated decisions about credit and lending, we need to hold those building and deploying AI to the highest standards to protect people.

**This expansive coalition will grow to include other voices addressing the social and cultural impact of AI.** Humanity AI partners will begin aligned grantmaking as soon as fall 2025, driving new investments across their respective grantmaking portfolios and Humanity AI's areas of focus...

**Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA) will serve as the fiscal sponsor for Humanity AI and will manage a pooled fund of grants.** It will hire a small staff, starting with an Executive Director, who will focus on growing and supporting funder engagement and learning, helping advance the goals of the initiative. RPA will make grants from the pooled fund in 2026.

Organizations interested in Humanity AI can [sign up for updates](#), including details on how to apply for grants. Humanity AI welcomes and continues [to invite additional funders](#) to advance our mission and amplify our work in building a society where people and communities have greater opportunity and agency to shape their lives by shaping AI.

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## Statement on Artificial and Augmented Intelligence in Medical Care

### World Physician Leaders Call for Ethical, Physician-Led Integration of Artificial and Augmented Intelligence in Healthcare

World Medical Association [WMA]

14.10.2025

The World Medical Association (WMA) has adopted a landmark **Statement on Artificial and Augmented Intelligence in Medical Care**, outlining global ethical principles to guide the safe and responsible use of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

The new policy emphasizes that **AI must augment, not replace human judgment**, preserving the physician's central role in patient care. By framing AI as augmented intelligence, the WMA highlights technology's potential to strengthen clinical decision-making while reinforcing empathy, accountability, and professional ethics.

**The statement reaffirms that patient safety, transparency, and human oversight must remain at the core of all medical uses of AI.** The licensed physician retains ultimate authority over all AI-generated outputs influencing diagnosis, treatment, or care decisions.

"AI holds great promise for improving efficiency and expanding access to care, but it must be implemented responsibly," said Dr. Jack Resneck Jr., Chair of the WMA Council. **"Physicians must stay in control of clinical decisions, ensuring that technology enhances rather than erodes the patient-physician relationship."**

The WMA calls for strong regulatory oversight, including real-world validation, continuous performance monitoring, and **explicit mechanisms for patients and physicians to question or override AI recommendations.**

The statement highlights the importance of AI literacy in medical education, equitable access to AI technologies, and responsible data governance to safeguard privacy and prevent bias.

AI should serve as a tool for better healthcare, not a driver of depersonalized or inequitable systems. By embedding ethics, accountability, and human-centered design into every phase of AI development and deployment, the medical profession can harness innovation without sacrificing its moral foundations.

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### Statement on Artificial and Augmented Intelligence in Medical Care

*[Excerpt from Statement]*

#### **... GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR AI IN HEALTHCARE**

6. **Human-centricity:** Human-centricity in AI prioritizes human needs, values, and wellbeing above technological capabilities or performance metrics. This principle includes:
  - Maintaining and respecting patient dignity, autonomy, and rights through meaningful consent for AI use.
  - Preserving patient health and well-being, and the human connection as the paramount considerations.
  - Embedding cultural competence to ensure AI systems respect diverse patient values, clinical needs, languages, and health beliefs.
7. **Physician well-being:** The well-being of physicians and other clinicians must be safeguarded, recognizing that reducing administrative burden and avoiding unnecessary cognitive load are essential not only for supporting healthcare professionals but also for ensuring the quality and safety of patient



care.

8. **AI is a Tool:** AI should serve as a means to support healthcare goals rather than an end in itself. Unlike traditional medical tools, AI systems may appear to learn and adapt without continuous human input, making it essential to pair their use with strong human oversight and ethical governance.
9. **Accountability:** AI integration does not diminish physician responsibility for patient welfare and advocacy. Consistent with the PITL principle, physicians must continue exercising professional judgment, and the final responsibility and accountability for diagnosis, indication, and therapy must always lie with the physician. At the same time, the growing prevalence of these tools necessitates clearly distributed accountability. Responsibility should be appropriately allocated among all stakeholders, including but not limited to developers, healthcare organizations, regulators, researchers and clinicians.
10. **Transparency, Explainability, and Trustworthiness:**
  - AI systems must be designed and developed in ways that ensure their outputs and recommendations can be meaningfully understood by their intended end users—whether physicians, other healthcare professionals, or patients—within the relevant clinical context. Transparency extends beyond the “black box” paradigm, while explainability provides insight into the basis for specific outputs, thereby fostering trust and enabling responsible use. Transparency requirements and disclosures must be tailored to the needs of physicians and patients without adding paperwork or extra administrative tasks. Ensuring these qualities is a shared responsibility across all stakeholders, including developers, healthcare organizations, regulators, researchers, and clinicians.
  - Mechanisms should exist for meaningful challenges of healthcare AI outputs, enabling patients and clinicians – including physicians – to question, review, or override AI recommendations when appropriate. This capacity is essential for building clinical trust, without which clinicians may reject valuable AI tools or overly rely on opaque systems.
  - Explainability exists on a spectrum, with some complex models functioning as “black boxes” where only input/output relationships can be observed. The level of explainability required should generally be proportional to the clinical risk involved and the degree of autonomy granted to the system. In high-stakes contexts such as life-and-death decision-making, additional safeguards and oversight must be in place whenever full explainability cannot be achieved.
11. **Safe deployment:** Safe deployment of AI in healthcare requires real-world validation demonstrating consistent performance, clinical efficacy, and usability before widespread adoption. Before clinical deployment, AI systems must also undergo rigorous ethical and health equity impact assessments that are context-sensitive and adapted to the specific healthcare setting and population, with particular attention to vulnerable and underrepresented groups. Implementation must include continuous performance monitoring, feedback mechanisms, and iterative improvement protocols to ensure sustained benefit and global accessibility. Risks and harmful consequences, including bias, must be properly understood, anticipated, and mitigated.
12. **Equitable implementation:** New and beneficial AI healthcare tools must be developed and deployed equitably, with the goal of being accessible worldwide. Equitable implementation should ultimately bridge gaps in healthcare access, treatment, and outcomes, while expanding access to technology across disparate health care facilities.
13. **Data governance:** All stakeholders must maintain the highest standards of data collection, storage, processing, and sharing to protect patient privacy, and institutional trust. This principle is foundational because healthcare AI depends on data access. Transparency around data provenance – including the origin, diversity, and quality of datasets used to train AI systems – must also be ensured to build trust

and verify that data appropriately represents the patients being served.

14. **Environmental impact:** Effective implementation of AI in healthcare requires careful consideration of its environmental impact and a strong commitment to sustainability. Environmental responsibility must be integrated alongside clinical validation to ensure that new technologies improve care while minimizing harm to the planet...

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## Featured Journal Content

### The International Journal of Children's Rights

Volume 33 (2025): Issue 2 (Jun 2025)

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#### Articles

#### [A Global Review of Children's Visibility in Constitutions](#)

Authors: [Jill D. Berrick](#), [Siri Gloppen](#), [Larissa Cristina Margarido](#), and [Marit Skivenes](#)

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#### **Abstract**

**Based on a study of the world's constitutions, this article argues that while children have some constitutional visibility, they are rarely regarded as persons with agency in a constitutional sense.**

Their rights, as laid down in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child (crc) of 1989, are poorly reflected in the constitutional texts, which potentially has significant implications for the attention to children's rights, and for the possibilities to demand accountability for failures of rights implementation.

**The study includes data derived from the Comparative Constitutions Project** website, which is jointly administered and updated at the University of Texas at Austin, USA, and the University of Chicago, USA.

**The included constitutions cover 190 of the 193 states that are full UN members**, and three non-UN members. Based on qualitative data analysis, we identified 19 themes relevant to children's rights across countries. Although the large majority of countries articulate specified rights for children, many fewer include provisions to account for the enforceability of these rights.

#### *[Selected Excerpts]*

#### **1 Introduction**

Based on a study of the world's constitutions, this article argues that while children have some constitutional visibility, they are rarely regarded as persons with agency in a constitutional sense. Their rights, as laid down in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child (crc) of 1989, are poorly reflected in the constitutional texts, which potentially has significant implications for the attention to children's rights, and for the possibilities to demand accountability for failures of rights implementation.

The crc is ratified across the globe,<sup>1</sup> but little is known about the presence and role of children and children's rights in state constitutions (Nylund, 2020; O'Mahony, 2019). Although constitutions reflect the actual political functioning of a country to varying degrees, a constitution is a central component of a political order as the '... formal source of state authority' (Stone Sweet, 2017: 156). It typically serves as the fundamental law of a country, establishing the framework for governance and providing the legal basis for the functioning of the state. It defines the structure and powers of the different branches of government, outlines the rights and responsibilities of citizens and establishes the relationship between the government and the people (Tobin, 2005). While children make up about one-quarter of the world's population (Dyvik, 2024), they do not necessarily feature in their country's constitution and their rights

may or may not be articulated. Having constitutional protection may increase the position of children's rights in a society and make a stronger case for charging violations in law and practice...

***Code themes relating to children in constitutions, in alphabetical order***

1. **Code 1. Abuse or maltreatment:** Mention of a child's right to protection from abuse, maltreatment, violence or exploitation. The category may also include protection for abandoned or orphaned children or mention criteria for loss of parenting capacity.
2. **Code 2. Adoption:** Mention of rights or rules regulating adoption, and/or mention of State support for adoption, and/or mention of values or norms concerning adoption.
3. **Code 3. Child's best interest:** Mention of the principle of the best interests of the child/well-being of the child.
4. **Code 4. Concept of children:** Concept of children, youth or adolescents used to categorize minors.
5. **Code 5. crc inclusion:** Mention of the signature or constitutional inclusion of the crc (whether citing its name or "international conventions ratified" regarding the rights of children and/or young people).
6. **Code 6. Development:** Mention of either child and/or adolescents' right to development, including physical, mental and/or intellectual development.
7. **Code 7. Disability:** Mention of the rights of children with any type of disabling condition.
8. **Code 8. Discrimination:** Mention of the protection by the State of children and young people from any kind of discrimination as their right, including those born out of wedlock and gender discrimination.
9. **Code 9. Duty to help parents:** Mention of the child's or young person's duty to aid their parents.
10. **Code 10. Education:** Mention of children's and young people's access to education as a right.
11. **Code 11. Employment:** Mention of the minimum legal age to work, limits on the employment of children and/or special protection and labour rights.
12. **Code 12. Family life:** Mention of children's and young people's access to parental care and family life (whether biological or adoptive) and/or to the knowledge of their paternity or ancestry as their right.
13. **Code 13. Health or health care:** Mention of children's and young people's access to health care as their right.
14. **Code 14. Life:** Mention of a child's right to life.
15. **Code 15. Name and nationality:** Mention of specifically children's and young people's access to a name (including family name) as their right, and/or specifically their right to a nationality.
16. **Code 16. Participation:** Mention of the rules and/or State support for the political participation of children and/or young people. And/or mention of children's and young people's opportunity to express themselves and be heard.
17. **Code 17. Services:** Mention of children's and young people's access to housing, access to food and nutrition, and/or access to social security policies and services as their right.
18. **Code 18. Special Judicial rights:** Mention of children's and youth's access to special judicial rights, including access to separate criminal procedures, free and/or special legal assistance, and/or being awarded exceptions to the publicity of court decisions. And/or mention of special judicial procedures, thresholds and/or arrangements for children. And/or mention of restrictions on the rights of children.
19. **Code 19. Special protection by the State:** Mention of the duty of the State to afford special protection to children and/or young people.

**The distribution and prevalence of these 19 themes vary (see [Figure 1](#)). None of the constitutions include all themes and 29 constitutions include only one theme.** On average, constitutions have 4.1 themes relating to children. Although there is variation in the number of themes relating to children across constitutions, none of the constitutions have text relating to children that exceeds one per cent of the entire constitutional text...

## 6 Discussion

The visibility of children in constitutions has a powerful symbolic value, making a statement about the importance of children in society and recognising children as moral individuals. Furthermore, as constitutions typically serve as a primary source of national law, constitutional inclusion of children provides legal and social status and offers the potential for enforceable rights. It may also serve as a barrier against future legislation that contracts or contradicts constitutional provisions.

**Our analysis of the visibility of children and children's rights in constitutions across the world shows that children are present in 92 per cent of the 193 national constitutions.** Clearly, the role and status of children has changed dramatically throughout history and their mention in the large majority of constitutions is noteworthy.

**The scope and nature of constitutional provisions concerning children, however, varies significantly with no obvious political, geographic, cultural or historical patterns.** We find the largest number of constitutional provisions for children concern civil rights and social, economic and cultural rights, with only a few constitutions including provisions to secure their political rights...

## 7 Concluding Remarks

**Overall, while children have constitutional visibility, they are seldom recognised as individuals with agency in the world's constitutions.** The rights outlined in the crc are inadequately represented in constitutions, which may significantly impact the focus on children's rights and limit the ability to hold authorities accountable for failures in implementing these rights.

Although children are visible in the large majority of constitutions, with particular attention to children's need for protection from maltreatment and the promotion of children's well-being through education, these data do not shed light on the practical implications of their constitutional presence.

**In general, it appears that constitutions that recognise children's agency are a minority, though many constitutions view children as a vulnerable population in need of protection.** Moreover, the preponderance of data regarding children's civil rights and the paucity of data regarding political rights might be an area worth investigating further. Of course, the visibility of protective provisions for children does not reveal anything about practice or enforcement. Can children secure safety from the state when they are harmed? Do children have access to an adequate education that contributes to their growth and development?

Understanding the different types of responsibility terminology is crucial for interpreting how constitutional provisions are meant to be enforced and by whom. The choice of language can significantly impact the practical implementation of constitutional provisions for and about children. **Our findings show the need for more research into the constitutionalisation of children's rights and the practical implications of constitutionalisation on international norms.**

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### **:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch**

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

**United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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*Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]*

17 October 2025 SC/16195

**[Security Council Renews Sanctions Regime on Haiti, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2794 \(2025\)](#)**

The Security Council today decided that the sanctions regime on Haiti will be renewed for one year and that its travel-ban, asset-freeze and arms-embargo measures will also apply to individuals and entities engaging in activities that destabilize the country through the illicit exploitation or trade of natural resources

17 October 2025 GA/AB/4505

**[United Nations Risks Bankruptcy as Resources Shrink, Needs Grow, Secretary-General Warns Fifth Committee during Discussion on Proposed 2026 Programme Budget](#)**

Warning of the risk of bankruptcy amid shrinking resources and growing needs, the United Nations chief today briefed the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) on the Organization's proposed budget for 2026, outlining the funding and staffing required to maintain peace and security, protect human rights, advance sustainable development and achieve other key objectives.

17 October 2025 SG/SM/22867

**[United Nations Faces Financial Crisis without Budget Reform, Secretary-General Warns](#)**

15 October 2025 SG/SM/22865

**[Briefing General Assembly on UN80 Initiative, Secretary-General Stresses 'Ultimate Direction' of Organization Rests with Member States](#)**

13 October 2025 SG/SM/22863

**[Welcoming Continued Implementation of Ceasefire in Gaza, Secretary-General Says United Nations Is Rapidly Scaling Up Humanitarian Operations](#)**

13 October 2025 SG/SM/22861

**[Secretary-General Welcomes Release of Israeli Hostages, Urges Parties to Honour Ceasefire Commitments, End 'Nightmare' in Gaza](#)**

**UN Human Rights – OHCHR** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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

*Press releases* 17 October 2025

Water and sanitation

**[UN expert demands global action to democratise water governance and protect human rights](#)**

*Policy briefs* 17 October 2025

Right to development

**[Duty to Cooperate and Non-State Actors - Policy brief of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development](#)**

*Press releases* 17 October 2025

Climate change

**[Human rights are the path towards a just and sustainable energy transition says UN expert](#)**

*Press releases* 17 October 2025

Freedom of association and assembly

**[Global aid dismantling poses existential threat to collective action and human solidarity: UN expert](#)**

*Press releases* 15 October 2025

Palestine

**[Gaza: Peace demands justice, accountability and dignity says UN expert](#)**

*Statements and speeches* 15 October 2025

**[High Commissioner Türk: Human rights need full-scale financial, political and strategic support](#)**

*Thematic reports* 15 October 2025

**[A/80/479: Right to education in armed conflict: a human rights imperative - Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education - Advance unedited version](#)**

**UN Human Rights Council** [to 18 Oct 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*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest news*

16 Oct 2025 *Press releases*

**[France responsible for grave and systematic violations of rights of unaccompanied migrant children, UN committee finds](#)**

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest News*

13 Oct 2025 *Press releases*

**[Special Rapporteur warns that children in street situations among most marginalised globally](#)**

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>  
*Statements, Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextremepovertyindex.aspx>  
*Latest News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the right to health** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>  
*Latest News*  
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**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/culturalrights/pages/srculturalrightsindex.aspx>  
*Latest news*  
15 Oct 2025 *Press releases*  
[\*\*Azerbaijan: UN experts urge release of researchers Iqbal Abilov and Bahruz Samadov, charged with treason\*\*](#)

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>  
*Latest news*  
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**Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**  
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>  
*Latest News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.unocha.org/>  
*Featured*  
*News*  
*News*  
[\*\*UN Relief Chief calls for renewed commitment to peace and aid delivery in Gaza\*\*](#)  
15 October 2025



**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IOM [International Organization for Migration]** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<http://www.iom.int>

*Press Releases – Selected News*

*News* 15 Oct 2025

**[Displacement in Haiti Reaches Record High as 1.4 Million People Flee Violence](#)**

*News* 14 Oct 2025

**[IOM Releases New Tools to Help Businesses Address Migrant Worker Grievances](#)**

*News* 13 Oct 2025

**[IOM Chief Highlights Record Disaster Displacement and Calls for Resilience Funding](#)**

*News* 13 Oct 2025

**[IOM and EU Launch Initiative to Strengthen Inclusive Disaster Preparedness in Latin America](#)**

**UNAIDS** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*News, Stories, Updates*

*Press Release*

**[At the World Health Summit, global parliamentarians meet with partners to strengthen political leadership in ending AIDS](#)**

BERLIN/GENEVA, 13 October 2025

**UNICEF** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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

*Press release* 15 October 2025

**[More than 212,000 children at risk of acute watery diarrhoea and other deadly waterborne diseases in earthquake-hit eastern Afghanistan](#)**

KABUL, 16 October 2025, – One month after a devastating 6.3-magnitude earthquake and multiple aftershocks struck eastern Afghanistan, over 212,000 surviving children remain at severe risk of deadly disease outbreaks due to widespread destruction of water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, UNICEF warned today...

*Remarks* 14 October 2025

**[Launch of the UNICEF Child Alert on Haiti highlights the growing concern of malnutrition in children](#)**

NEW YORK, 14 October 2025 - "Children in Haiti today wake up not knowing if they will be able to go to school safely, find food, or even survive the day without being hit by a stray bullet or being caught in the crossfire of armed groups. "More than 3.3 million children now need humanitarian assistance. This mean...

*Remarks* 14 October 2025

**Geneva Palais briefing on the situation of children in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh**

GENEVA, 14 October 2025 –, "Good morning and thank you for your time. "Right now, in the refugee camps of Cox's Bazar, in Bangladesh, a funding crisis is threatening to erase years of progress for Rohingya children. Classrooms are closing, services are shrinking, and the futures of hundreds of thousands of childr...

*Press release* 12 October 2025

**At least 17 children reportedly killed in attack on displacement centre in North Darfur's Al Fasher, Sudan**

AMMAN/NEW YORK/PORT SUDAN, Sudan, 12 October 2025 –, At least 17 children – 9 girls and 8 boys, including an infant just seven days old – were killed in an attack on the Dar al-Arqam Displacement Centre in Al Fasher, North Darfur, early yesterday morning, according to reports received by UNICEF. A further 21 children were reportedly injured. The attack occurred in a facility hosting families...

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**WHO & Regional Offices** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*Selected News/Announcements/Statements*

17 October 2025 Departmental update

**Empowering countries to harness digital health for stronger health systems**

17 October 2025 News release

**Health Works Leaders Coalition launched to promote health system investments and spur economic growth, job creation**

16 October 2025 Departmental update

**100 countries committed to climate action for health**

16 October 2025 Departmental update

**Spotlight on traditional medicine at World Health Summit 2025**

15 October 2025 Departmental update

**New guidelines on community hand hygiene to help governments reduce the spread of infectious diseases**

13 October 2025 News release

**WHO upgrades its public health intelligence system to boost global health security**

13 October 2025 *News release*

**Maldives becomes the first country to achieve 'triple elimination' of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B**

13 October 2025 News release

**WHO warns of widespread resistance to common antibiotics worldwide**

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## **WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]**

[https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1)

*Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

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## **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

### **WHO African Region AFRO**

:: 16 October 2025

[Cameroon: A beacon of hope for adolescents and young people living with HIV](#)

:: 14 October 2025

[Republic of Congo reinforces measures to curb potential Ebola outbreak](#)

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

:: 13 Oct 2025

[Protecting health systems by reducing disaster risk: A call to invest in resilience](#)

Washington, D.C., 13 October 2025 (PAHO)— Four out of ten health facilities in Latin America and the Caribbean are exposed to natural hazards. As disasters become more frequent and destructive, public health systems must be ready to respond to and recover from them—ensuring the delivery of essential health services when they are needed most. For...

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

:: [Maldives becomes the first country to achieve 'triple elimination' of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B](#)

:: 15 October 2025 News release

[WHO South-East Asia Regional Committee concludes with landmark decisions and commitments to accelerate health for all](#)

### **WHO European Region EURO**

*No new digest content identified.*

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

:: [WHO and ECHO provide essential aid for malnourished children in Somalia](#)

12 October 2025

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

:: 13 October 2025 News release

[Papua New Guinea Rallies for a Polio-Free Future: Round 2 Mass Vaccination Campaign](#)

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## **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

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

17 October 2025

[60-day ceasefire plan for Gaza](#)

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## **Disease Outbreak News (DONs)**

*Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.  
No new digest content identified.*

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### **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

Vol. 100, No. 42, pp. 469–482 17 October 2025

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

:: Recommended composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the 2026 southern hemisphere influenza season

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### **New WHO Publications**

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

*Selected*

17 October 2025

[\*\*WHO strategic approach on air quality, energy access and health\*\*](#)

15 October 2025

[\*\*Technical consultation to review the ACTwatch Lite survey methodology\*\*](#)

15 October 2025

[\*\*Governance for public health across the health and allied sectors: a report to guide country-level institutional capacity for essential public health functions underpinning multisectoral approaches\*\*](#)

The report is intended for national and subnational actors—within and beyond the health sector—who are involved in public health governance and in coordinating and delivering public health functions and services. This includes governments, ministries of health, public health institutes, research and professional bodies, allied ministries with key responsibilities for public health, such as finance, planning, local administration, environment, education, agriculture, and commerce, and subnational authorities.

14 October 2025

[\*\*Ending tuberculosis in the WHO South-East Asia Region: reflections and the road ahead in the milestone...\*\*](#)

14 October 2025

[\*\*WHO South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Workforce Strategy 2025–2030\*\*](#)

14 October 2025

[\*\*Regional Roadmap to accelerate actions on antimicrobial resistance in the human health sector in the...\*\*](#)

14 October 2025

[\*\*Monitoring progress on universal health coverage and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals...\*\*](#)

13 October 2025

[\*\*Subnational tailoring of malaria strategies and interventions\*\*](#)

13 October 2025

**[Global antibiotic resistance surveillance report 2025: summary](#)**

13 October 2025

**[Global antibiotic resistance surveillance report 2025](#)**

13 October 2025

**[Global scientific panel on chronic respiratory diseases: background paper](#)**

13 October 2025

**[Key advocacy messages for chronic respiratory diseases](#)**

12 October 2025

**[Global status report on neurology](#)**

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**World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE]** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases, Statements*

*Statements*

**[Statement on Rift Valley fever in West Africa](#)**

16 October 2025

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) acknowledges the recent increase in human and animal cases of Rift Valley fever (RVF) in Senegal and Mauritania, which has resulted in several human deaths. These outbreaks appear to be linked to heavy rainfall and flooding in preceding months which have created favourable conditions for disease transmission. As RVF is a transboundary animal disease, regional cooperation will be essential to assess and manage the risk posed by these outbreaks...

**UNFPA United Nations Population Fund** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News story*

**[Amid displacement and despair in Gaza, glimmers of hope for a better tomorrow](#)**

17 October 2025

GAZA STRIP, Occupied Palestinian Territory – "My family and I have been displaced more than 18 times," Riman said last week, shortly before the current ceasefire took effect. "We are staying in a place that feels like a..."

**UNDP United Nations Development Programme** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Centre*

**[New Global Multidimensional Poverty Index Report Reveals Nearly 80% of the World's Poor Live in Regions Exposed to Climate Hazards](#)**

October 17, 2025

The report's findings highlight the urgent need for global action to address the unequal burden of climate-related hazards on people living in multidimensional poverty.

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Resources [Selected]*

16 Oct 2025 | *Press Release*

**[UNEP launches \\$100 million programme to accelerate climate and nature action](#)**

Washington D.C., 16 October 2025 - The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), together with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), have officially launched the Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator Integrated Programme. With \$100 million in GEF funding and \$700 million in co-financing, the Programme will be led by UNEP, with CAF and ADB serving as co-leads. The initiative seeks to align climate and biodiversity goals by driving systemic economic and financial transformation, while mobilizing governments, businesses, and communities to take urgent, integrated action.

14 Oct 2025 | *Press Release*

**[Healthy nature for better food systems: UN awards new World Restoration Flagships](#)**

Rome, 15 October 2025 – The UN today named four new World Restoration Flagships under the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Recognizing global efforts to heal degraded ecosystems, boost community incomes, and support food security, the announcement was made during a high-level side event at the World Food Forum in Rome, ahead of World Food Day.

14 Oct 2025 | *Press Release*

**[Triple investments in forests by 2030 to reap multiple benefits, says UN](#)**

Nairobi, 14 October 2025 – Two reports published today by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) find that the tropical forests most at risk from loss are also the most vital to people. Annual investment in forests will need to triple by 2030, grow sixfold by 2050, and shift towards protecting high-risk forests.

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 18 Oct

2025] <https://www.undrr.org/>

*Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest*

15-10-2025 | DESA

**[Ensuring respect and effective support for families](#)**

15 October - Each year on 17 October, the world comes together to mark the International Day for the

Eradication of Poverty. First commemorated in 1987 and recognized by the United Nations in 1992, the Day is a call to action: to put the furthest behind first, to amplify the voices of people experiencing poverty, and to renew our shared commitment to end poverty in all its forms everywhere.

**ILO International Labour Organization** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

**ILO launches "This is social justice" campaign**

#SocialJustice

The campaign is the second phase in the ILO's long-standing advocacy for social justice and decent work, ahead of the Second World Summit for Social Development in November.

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**UNESCO** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases, News [Selected]*

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

**General History of Africa: UNESCO completes pioneering historical oeuvre and launches new educational resources**

17 October 2025

Sixty years after embarking on the ambition of restoring, documenting and chronicling the history of the African continent from Prehistory to the present day, UNESCO announces the completion of the last three volumes of the General History of Africa. Relaunched by Audrey Azoulay in 2018, work on this monumental project has also made it possible to transform this knowledge into educational resources for teaching the history of the continent.

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Announcements [Selected]*

Oct 14, 2025 ICOMOS network

**ICOMOS at Sixty: A Shared Reflection by Toshiyuki Kono and Gustavo Araoz**

After 60 years of activity, ICOMOS has proven that it has many qualities worth celebrating. As the two former presidents, we would like to draw specific attention to three main aspects that make ICOMOS exceptional, and that are the result of great efforts throughout the decades.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*News*

16 October 2025

**Second session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All**



**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**Pope Leo XIV and world leaders mark World Food Day and FAO at 80 in Rome**

16/10/2025

The theme of this year's World Food Day, "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future," calls for continued collaboration

**World Food Programme** [to 18 Oct

2025] <https://www.wfp.org/news>

*Selected News Releases [Selected]*

17 October 2025

**WFP reaches families most at risk with food assistance as post-ceasefire scale-up gathers pace**

GAZA, Palestine – As food distributions start up again after the ceasefire, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is providing assistance to families across Gaza through its wide-ranging distribution system. This includes bakeries, nutritional support, digital payments to families most at risk, and distribution of family food boxes.

17 October 2025

**OPEC Fund supports WFP in addressing food needs in Syria as it recovers from years of conflict**

WASHINGTON D.C. – On Friday, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the OPEC Fund for International Development (OPEC Fund) signed an agreement for a US\$500,000 grant to support emergency food assistance in Syria.

15 October 2025

**WFP warns that six critical operations are facing significant food aid pipeline breaks by year-end**

*New WFP report, 'A Lifeline at Risk', finds that 13.7 million WFP food aid recipients could be pushed into emergency levels of hunger as support is cut*

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today warned that six of its most critical humanitarian operations are facing severe pipeline breaks by year end, putting more lives at risk, as global humanitarian funding dries up. Without additional resources, millions of vulnerable people could be left without lifesaving food assistance at a time when global hunger has soared to record highs.

15 October 2025

**WFP welcomes US\$25 million commitment from Islamic Relief USA to send food into Gaza and tackle hunger around the world**

WASHINGTON – The World Food Programme (WFP) today welcomed a US\$25 million commitment from Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA), a nonprofit humanitarian and advocacy organization, to support global efforts to reduce hunger and transform lives through a 5-year partnership with World Food Program USA. The first US\$5 million, already authorized, will immediately support WFP's rapidly scaling operations in Gaza following the ceasefire, providing critical hot meals and other essential, lifesaving resources.

**ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest News and Highlights [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO International Maritime Organization** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

*News [Selected]*

**[Carbon dioxide levels increase by record amount to new highs in 2024](#)**

*News* 15 October 2025

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) levels in the atmosphere soared by a record amount to new highs in 2024, committing the planet to more long-term temperature increase, according to a new report from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

**[G20 Declaration supports Early Warnings for All](#)**

*News* 13 October 2025

WMO has welcomed a declaration by the Group of 20 (G20) ministers which gives strong recognition to the need for multi-hazard early warnings and the essential role of National Meteorological Hydrological Services as the authoritative warning provider.

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 18 Oct 2025] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

*Press releases [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]*

*Notification 2025-127*

2025-10-09

**Extension of deadline: Invitation to submit case studies and other information** on relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of indigenous peoples and local communities for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

***Action required by 2025-10-26***

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**DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press releases*

**Huge blow for Putin's war machine as UK sanctions Russian oil**

15 October 2025 — *Press release*

Russia's largest oil companies and global businesses propping up Putin's illegal war have been hit by fresh sanctions as the UK moves to increase pressure on Kremlin revenues.

**Prime Minister pledges UK leadership in Gaza's reconstruction at historic Egyptian Peace summit**

13 October 2025 — *Press release*

Prime Minister pledges UK leadership in Gaza's reconstruction at historic Egyptian Peace summit.

**ECHO** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

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**African Union** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

*Press releases [Selected]*

**ESTI Handover Ceremony as Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona Assumes Commissioner Role**

October 16, 2025

The African Union Commission's Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) convened an official

**AfricaSkillsWeek Opens with Call to Build Skilled, Inclusive & Innovative Africa**

October 14, 2025

**International Day of Rural Women (IDRW) 2025**

October 14, 2025 to October 15, 2025

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 18 Oct 2025] <https://asean.org/category/news/>

*Secretariat News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest [Selected]*

*Statement* Oct 18, 2025

**Statement by Commissioner Várhelyi ahead of the 30th anniversary of EU medicines approval**

**OECD** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases[Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**Incursions into Al-Aqsa; Attacks on the Olive Harvest Season in the West Bank -----Despite the Ceasefire, 432 martyrs and wounded in Gaza**

The Israeli occupation forces have killed 78 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip since the announcement of the ceasefire agreement, during the period October 7-13, 2025,  
2025-10-15

**Group of 77** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]*

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations, at the Second Committee of the eightieth session of the UN General Assembly on agenda item 60: **Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the Occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources** (New York, 17 October 2025)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations on agenda item 137, Programme planning, and agenda item 136, Proposed programme budget for 2026, at the main part of the eightieth session of the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly (New York, 17 October 2025)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of the Republic of Iraq during the informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General entitled **"Shifting Paradigms: United to Deliver" under Workstream 3: Changing Structures and Realigning Programmes of the UN80 Initiative** (New York, 15 October 2025)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the Republic of Iraq at the Joint General Discussion on Agenda Items 22 (**Eradication of poverty**) and 24 (**Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**) of the Second Committee, during the Eightieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly (New York, 15 October 2025)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the Republic of Iraq at the Joint General Discussion on Agenda Item 18: Sustainable Development, and Item 19: **Global Code of Ethics for Tourism**, of the Second Committee, during the Eightieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly (New York, 14 October 2025) (New York, 14 October 2025)

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**UNCTAD** [to 18 Oct 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*

15 October 2025

**Taking an inclusive approach and leveraging partnerships: highlights from the 5th conference of the Network for Gender Equality and Diversity in Customs**

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 18 Oct 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]*

**WTO launches new resource hub for parliamentarians**

16 October 2025

The WTO Secretariat has launched a new resource hub for parliamentarians on the WTO website, with the aim of providing legislators with timely updates on trade issues, direct access to key resources and information on training opportunities related to the multilateral trading system. The hub is intended to strengthen the link between parliaments and global trade rules, providing guidance to parliamentarians on the ratification of WTO agreements, the implementation of commitments and engagement on trade issues.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 18 Oct

2025] <https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>

*Press releases*

16/10/2025

**IPU publication advocates for stronger parliamentary oversight amid record highs in military expenditure**

**European Court of Human Rights**

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

*News, Announcements*

*Chamber News*

**Judgment on Just satisfaction in an inter-State case**

14/10/25

In the case of **Georgia v. Russia (IV)** the Court ruled on the question of just satisfaction (Article 41) and awarded in total 253,018,000 euros in respect of non-pecuniary damage suffered by more than 29,000 victims of that pattern or system of violations, for which Russia had been found responsible in the 2024 judgment.

The case concerned the human-rights toll caused by the hardening of boundary lines after the 2008 conflict between the two States. In particular the armed conflict had led to a process, which had started in 2009 and was known as “borderisation”, blocking people from crossing the administrative boundary lines freely between Georgian-controlled territory and the Russian-backed breakaway Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

In its judgment of 9 April 2024 the Court found that there had been a pattern or system of violations of the Convention by Russia: including excessive use of force; ill-treatment; unlawful detention; unlawful restrictions on day-to-day movement across the administrative boundary line and on access to homes, land and families; and, denial of the right to education in Georgian.

**International Court of Justice** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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

*News [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Law Commission** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Recent Developments*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest News*

13 October 2025

**[The M/T "Heroic Idun" \(No. 2\) Case \(Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea\)](#)**

The public hearing concluded on 13 October 2025. The Special Chamber will now deliberate on the case.

**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 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News [Selected]*

**[Launch of the Health Works Leaders Coalition](#)**

On October 16, 2025, the World Bank Group, the Government of Japan, and the World Health Organization officially launched the Health Works Leaders Coalition. This global alliance brings together health and finance ministers, philanthropic organizations, business leaders, leaders of global health agencies, and civil society representatives with the aim of promoting investments in health systems as a strategy for economic growth, job creation, and improved resilience...

Date: October 16, 2025 Type: Factsheet



## Mineral Resources of Africa

The report highlights Africa's rich endowment of twenty-six key minerals, underscoring the continent's growing strategic importance in the global shift to clean energy and advanced technologies. It provides...

Date: October 15, 2025 Type: Brief Language: English

## The Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable (GSDR)

ABOUT THE GSDR The Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable (GSDR) brings together debtor countries and creditors. The objective is to build greater common understanding among key stakeholders on debt sustainability...

Date: October 15, 2025 Type: Brief Language: English

## Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable - 5th Cochairs Progress Report

Washington, D.C. — The Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable (GSDR) met today and reviewed progress on the work to improve debt restructuring processes and timelines, and to help address debt vulnerabilities...

Date: October 15, 2025 Type: Statement

**IMF** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

October 17, 2025

## Chair's Statement Fifty-Second Meeting of the IMFC - Mr. Mohammed Aljadaan, Minister for Finance of Saudi Arabia

The global economy is undergoing a profound transformation and facing elevated uncertainty, bringing challenges, but also opportunities. Growth has been resilient, but strains are emerging. We will adopt sound policies that foster confidence, build resilience, and safeguard macroeconomic and financial stability. We will continue to cooperate to address global challenges. Ongoing wars and conflicts continue to impose a heavy humanitarian toll, with large economic costs and significant negative spillovers. Ending wars and conflicts and securing lasting peace around the world remains essential for sustainable growth and long-term stability.

October 17, 2025

## Resilience in a World of Uncertainty

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva delivers remarks at the Plenary Session of the 2025 Annual Meetings.

*[Excerpt]*

...Since we last met here in this big hall on October 25, 2024, uncertainty has shot up-up-up—yet global sentiment is holding. In other words, we have a mix of **anxiety and resilience**. Today I would like to reflect on both.

First, the **anxiety**.

From technology to geopolitics to climate to trade, **change is unsettling**. The world trading system that delivered so much for so many is being shaken to its core—for many reasons, including because the playing field wasn't truly level and the people left behind received too little help in retooling for new and better jobs.

We see **assertive nontariff measures** ranging from import licensing to export controls and port fees, with subsidy counts capturing only part of the picture. We see non-market industrial policies and exchange rate distortions.

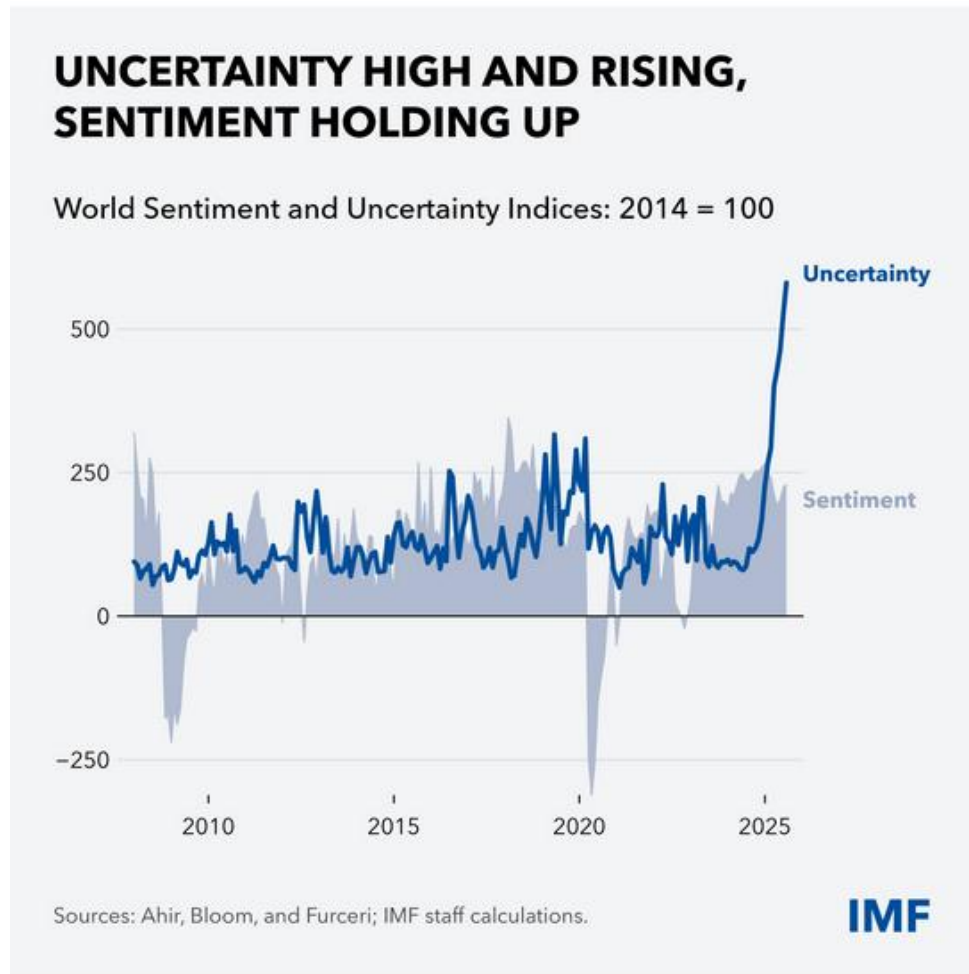
And, of course, we have U.S. tariff rates **shooting up** this year. But here is a key fact: 188 of our 191 member countries have so far avoided tit-for-tat tariff actions.

Having noted that trade barriers hurt both growth and productivity, and having urged policymakers to

preserve trade as an engine of growth, I welcome this restraint by most countries—although surely there will be **more changes to come**.

At this point, despite all the turbulence, an estimated 72 percent of world trade is still being conducted on **most-favored-nation terms**: countries take their lowest bilateral tariff rate and offer it to all of their trading partners. Simple, not complex.

Trade is not a zero-sum game. Provided firms can maintain diversified and robust supply chains, provided governments can retain their strategic autonomy and assist those who lose out from trade, and provided external balances are not unsustainably large, imports and exports **enhance welfare**. No wonder the current uncertainty around trade policies and the risk of losing trade as an engine of growth are creating anxiety.



So let me rotate to the **resilience**.

Despite the sweeping policy shifts we have seen this year, and defying many expert predictions, the global economy has **held up reasonably well thus far**. World growth is projected to slow from 3.3 percent last year to 3.2 percent in 2025 and 3.1 percent in 2026—slower than needed and below what we forecast one year ago, but not a dramatic slowdown.

One reason for this resilience has been **private sector adaptability**, as seen in the import frontloading, the stockbuilding, and the supply-chain strengthening. Years of robust profits have allowed exporters and importers to squeeze margins, cushioning the price impact of higher tariffs on consumers, at least for now.

The other reason is more of a double-edged sword: private sector investment in artificial intelligence, especially in the U.S., is booming. This is propping up U.S. and world growth and delivering **supportive financial conditions** for all...

October 14, 2025

### **Growth of Nonbanks is Revealing New Financial Stability Risks**

Policymakers should strengthen oversight of nonbank financial intermediaries, whose increasing interconnectedness with banks could exacerbate adverse shocks

### **African Development Bank** [to 18 Oct 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

17-Oct-2025

### **Heads of MDBs meet to take stock of progress on joint actions and look ahead**

### **Asian Development Bank** [to 18 Oct 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]*

17 Oct 2025

### **Heads of MDBs Meet to Take Stock of Progress on Joint Actions and Look Ahead**

The Heads of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) Group, chaired in 2025 by the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), met today to review progress on joint actions and chart priority areas for the Group's future work.

### **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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News

Washington DC, Oct. 18, 2025

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### **IDB – Inter-American Development Bank** [to 18 Oct 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

### **Heads of MDBs Meet to Take Stock of Progress on Joint Actions and Look Ahead**

October 17, 2025

### **IDB Presents Ways to Catalyze Private Financing, PPPs for Caribbean Development**

WASHINGTON — Innovative financing solutions and public-private partnerships (PPPs) are key to unlocking the Caribbean's development, according to a new report by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Investment in smart, resilient, well-executed infrastructure projects will both help insulate...

October 16, 2025

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://www.ifad.org/en/all-news>

*Press Releases*

*Press release* 16 October 2025

**[IFAD calls for more partnerships and investments to scale up jobs programme for youth in Africa](#)**

Youth leaders, policymakers, development practitioners, and partners from across Africa called for further partnerships and new investments in the Agribusiness Hubs (ABH), a pilot programme with a successful track record in creating agricultural jobs for young people in nine countries across the continent, to scale up its impact and reach.

*Press release* 16 October 2025

**[Innovatech 2.0 — 16 startups to drive small-scale farmers' digitalization](#)**

The programme is implemented in Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru — and is reaching Asia for the first time, in Bangladesh.

*Press release* 14 October 2025

**[IFAD pledges to transform the lives of at least 70 million small-scale food producers, as part of the World Bank's AgriConnect initiative](#)**

IFAD pledged to reach at least 70 million small-scale farmers and significantly transform their lives by increasing their incomes, productive capacity and market access by 2030 as part of the World Bank's AgriConnect initiative today.

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**[Heads of MDBs meet to take stock of progress on joint actions and look ahead](#)**

17 October 2025

**[Arab Coordination Group \(ACG\) Celebrates 50 Years of Driving Global Sustainable Development](#)**

15 October 2025

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

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

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

*We monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the*

*human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. We will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.*

**Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

**Gaza : l'accord de cessez-le-feu offre de l'espoir, mais la famine persistera si l'accès humanitaire n'est pas garanti**

Publié le 09 octobre 2025,

Après plus de deux ans de famine, de déplacements et de violences extrêmes résultant des opérations militaires israéliennes à Gaza, l'annonce d'un accord de cessez-le-feu aujourd'hui représente une lueur de répit tant attendue.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

*Our Latest News*

**Boga : de la peur à l'espoir**

À Boga, dans l'est de la République démocratique du Congo, des milliers de familles déplacées tentent de se reconstruire après des années de violence.

13 octobre 2025

**Amref Health Africa** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Shield International** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*BS International News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News/Events*

No new digest content identified.

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

16 Oct 2025

**Yemen's Escalating Hunger Crisis: Nearly Half the Population Struggles to Find Enough Food**

14 Oct 2025

**Ukraine: A new space offering support to veterans and families of the missing**

**ECPAT** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://ecpat.org/>

*ECPAT News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**GE2P2 Global Foundation** [27 Sep 2025]

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

*News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements*

*Digests*

:: [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 – 03 Oct 2025](#)

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

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**Explosive weapons kill and injure every day in Syria**

Armed violence reduction | Rehabilitation | Syria | PUBLISHED ON October 13th 2025

People are coming back to their villages littered by unexploded ordnance. Children like 10-year-old Amer are the main victims.

**Heifer International** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**UN General Assembly 80th session: Statement to the First Committee**

*Statement* 17-10-2025

**UN General Assembly 80th session: Statement at the Sixth Committee on protection of persons in the event of disasters**

*Statement* 16-10-2025

**States call for good faith interpretation of international humanitarian law in new report**

*News release* 16-10-2025

**Autonomous Weapon Systems and International Humanitarian Law: Selected Issues**

*Article* 13-10-2025

**IFRC** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press releases*

*Press release* 17/10/2025

**Pacific Red Cross Leaders Unite in Fiji to Strengthen Regional Humanitarian Response**

*Press release* 13/10/2025

**IFRC Donor Advisory Group visits Indonesia to spotlight community resilience and Anticipatory Action**

**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts*

*Story*

**From War to Healing: Stories of Care and Survival in Chad**

October 17, 2025

Since the outbreak of civil war in April 2023, tens of thousands of Sudanese refugees have arrived in Chad each month, with more than 878,000 seeking shelter in Chad as of late September 2025. They shelter in refugee camps—including Dougui, where our teams provide integrated healthcare and nutrition services to refugees, returnees and host communities. ...

**IRC [International Rescue Committee]** [to 18 Oct 2025]



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

*Press Releases*

**Refugee Resettlement Works — International Rescue Committee Appeals for Restoration of America's Refugee Commitments**

October 17, 2025

**IRCT** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest news and updates*

*Gaza News*

**Gaza ceasefire: Islamic Relief continues to save lives on the ground**

October 15, 2025

**Mercy Corps** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

October 14, 2025

**Ebola Outbreak in DR Congo: Mercy Corps Launches Emergency Response**

The Democratic Republic of Congo's Ministry of Health declared an Ebola outbreak in Kasai Province on 4 September 2025...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Haiti*

**MSF announces permanent closure of our Turgeau emergency centre in Port-au-Prince**

Press Release 15 Oct 2025

**The New Humanitarian** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet* 17 October 2025

**Gaza's uneasy truce, underwhelming UN80 reforms, and a changing of the guard in Madagascar**

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

**Norwegian Refugee Council**

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

*News & Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**OXFAM** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases/Stories*

*Story*

**[Is humanitarian aid getting into Gaza?](#)**

Oct. 17, 2025

**Pact** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest News & Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News & Stories*

*Programs*

**[A Bold Vision for Global Health: The Paul Farmer Memorial Resolution](#)**

The Paul Farmer Memorial Resolution is a 21st-century global health strategy based on the life's work of PIH's Co-founder, the late Dr. Paul Farmer.

October 16, 2025

**[Foreign Aid Cuts Halt Migrant and Refugee Health Project in Peru](#)**

More than 7,000 Venezuelan migrants in Peru were set to benefit from comprehensive medical care, but recent actions by the U.S. government unraveled everything.

October 14, 2025

**PATH** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*Newsroom [Selected]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**[At least 17 children killed as violence escalates in Sudan's...](#)**

Recent drone strikes in El Fasher, North Darfur, have killed dozens of people sheltering in a displacement centre, including 17 children.

**Save the Children** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest news*

17 Oct 2025 *Mexico*

**[MEXICO: The homes of about 160,000 children damaged or destroyed in devastating floods](#)**

The homes of an estimated 160,000 children have been damaged or destroyed in eastern and southern Mexico following some of the worst rains and flooding to hit the country in recent years, said

Save the Children

16 Oct 2025 *Finland*

**FINLAND: One in five children unintentionally exposed to content about suicide and war online**

Save the Children's surveyed over 1,000 Finnish 9-15-year-olds about their experiences of online violence they have seen, experienced and committed, with the findings revealing the children as young as nine are encountering inappropriate, scary or distressing content on a regular basis.

16 Oct 2025 *GLOBAL*

**CONFLICT PLUNGED 63 MILLION CHILDREN INTO HUNGER IN 2025**

Of the around 118 million children plunged into hunger so far in 2025, around 63 million – over half - were forced into this situation by conflict.

15 Oct 2025 *GLOBAL*

**Number of Rohingya refugees leaving Bangladesh by boat tripled in first half of 2025, including at least 87 children**

Reduced funding, which has led to cuts in essential services like education and healthcare, and international aid cuts have meant that this has been a particularly difficult year for children living in the world's largest refugee camp.

14 Oct 2025 *GLOBAL*

**More than 240 children pushed to the brink of poverty every day in Europe over past five years**

The EU is falling behind on its pledge to lift at least 5 million children out of poverty or social exclusion in Europe by 2030, with now more children at risk now than when the pledge was made.

**Tostan** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://tostan.org/>

*News & Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Articles*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases & Resources*

October 14, 2025

**World Vision warns: disruptions in US food aid impacts farmers at home and hungry children abroad**

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Our Work*

Press Release / October 16, 2025

**Labor Unions, EFF Sue Trump Administration to Stop Ideological Surveillance of Free Speech Online**

The complaint asks a federal court to stop this unconstitutional surveillance program, which has silenced and frightened both citizens and noncitizens, and hampered the ability of the unions to associate with their members and potential members.

**Freedom House** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Releases/Spotlight*

Spotlight

October 15, 2025 | *News Release*

**Brazil: Illegal Ranches Devastate Rainforest, Livelihoods**

Illegal cattle ranching has devastated the territories of small farmers and Indigenous peoples in Pará, the state that will hold the COP30 climate summit this year.

October 15, 2025 | *News Release*

**Morocco: Protests Met with Repression, Violence**

October 14, 2025 | *Commentary*

**In Donald Trump's Game of Geopolitical Musical Chairs, Will Albanese Find a Seat?**

October 14, 2025 | *News Release*

**Sri Lanka: Ruinous Tax Policies Stoke Inequality**

October 14, 2025 | *Dispatches*

**UN Meeting Seeks to Embed Human Rights in New Economic Indicators**

**Transparency International** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**Climate Summit or Industry Trade Fair?**

News 15 October 2025

Transparency International analysed how companies attending COPs engage with climate policy at national and regional levels.

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*

**CONCORD's Initial Thoughts on GAP IV in the context of the 2026-2030 Gender Equality Strategy**

Oct 15, 2025 | *Gender equality*

**The Elders** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Elder's Statements, News*

**The global health security situation today demands collective responsibility**

Juan Manuel Santos

17 October 2025

Juan Manuel Santos addresses the World Health Summit on the need for renewed multilateralism to protect global health

**The UN must take the need for reform seriously**

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein

14 October 2025

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein calls for honest reflection and bold reform to rebuild the United Nations' legitimacy and strength for future generations

**Gavi** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Releases*

12 October 2025

**Bangladesh launches nationwide typhoid conjugate vaccine campaign to protect 50 million children**

Dhaka, 12 October 2025 – The Government of Bangladesh, with support from UNICEF, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and WHO, today officially launched the nationwide Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) campaign. Bangladesh is the eighth country in the world to introduce TCV. The campaign aims to vaccinate approximately 50 million children aged 9 months to under 15 years with a single, life-saving dose of the TCV vaccine, protecting them from deadly typhoid fever...

**Global Fund** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Releases*

12 October 2025

**Germany's Commitment to the Global Fund Replenishment: A Timely Investment in Health, Equity, and Resilience**

The Global Fund warmly welcomes Germany's commitment of €1 billion to the Eighth Replenishment, announced at the World Health Summit in Berlin - a powerful signal of its enduring leadership in global health and its deep commitment to equity, resilience...

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Blogs, Press Releases & Statements*

**ICVA's ED Reflects on NGOs' Roles in the Humanitarian Reset: From Reform to Real Impact**

14 October 2025

Over the past month, ICVA's Secretariat and members have engaged across working groups and policy fora to navigate the humanitarian reset — a process both urgent and deeply consequential for NGOs worldwide. At its core, the reset is not about structures or systems alone, but about impact: ensuring humanitarian action remains principled, people-centred, and possible amid growing global constraints...

**InterAction** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*What's New/Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CHS Alliance** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies** [nee CERAH] — [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://www.unige.ch/medecine/humanitarianstudies/latest-updates/news>

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://www.urd.org/en/news/>  
*Publications, Events, News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*News, Events*

**Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection, Oct 17, 2025**

*[Text bolding from original]*

As many welcome the Gaza ceasefire, including release of hostages and detainees, concerns mount over vagueness of the terms of the agreement. **Power asymmetries, insufficient detail on transitional governance and accountability, and continued violence in the West Bank risk threaten the durability of any peace.** Regional dimensions of the conflict increase these fears, including **Israel's continued attacks on Southern Lebanon and Syria.**

In Tigray, we read about how **invisibility and erasure have compounded the suffering of those who survived the 2020-22 man-made famine.** According to survivor testimonies it is not only what harm was perpetrated "but how the world looked away". **This silence has far-reaching implications for the normalisation of hunger as a political and military weapon against civilians in conflict.**

**For the Rohingya in Bangladesh, there are renewed calls to address their precarity and "limited rights to have rights"** through the adoption of a National Refugee Law and the right to work.

Meanwhile in the **EU, Greece and Germany** are quietly redefining asylum norms through **"national level derogations, cloaked in procedural legality."**

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 18 Oct 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

*News/Events/Resources*

*Webinar*

**Launch of We Thrive, an Open Resource for Child Protection, Education, and MHPSS in Crises**

18 November 2025 12:00pm - 1:00pm (UTC)

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News and Blog*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Unitaid** [18 Oct 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Press Releases*

**Ambassador Anne Claire Amprou appointed new Chair of Unitaid's Executive Board**

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**Brookings** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Research*

**Can global cooperation prevent a financial tsunami?**

*Global Economy & Development*

Dennis J. Snower

October 17, 2025

**As oversight weakens, protecting IRS data is essential**

*Federal Fiscal & Tax Policy*

Vanessa Williamson, Ellis Chen

October 16, 2025

**Racial profiling by ICE will have a marked impact on Latino communities**

*Demographics & Population*

Gabriel R. Sanchez, Edward D. Vargas

October 16, 2025

**Center for Global Development** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*All Research*

*POLICY PAPER*

**Are International Financial Institutions Doing Enough to Prepare for a Stablecoin Tsunami?**

Karen Mathiasen and Nico Martinez

October 16, 2025

While most stablecoin activity now involves buying and selling other cryptocurrencies, this is starting to change, with increased stablecoin use for remittances and international settlements. The passage of the US GENIUS Act has accelerated their legitimacy and adoption, helping drive stablecoin tra...

**Chatham House** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Selected Analysis, Comment, Events*

**Independent Thinking: How to advance Trump's Gaza plan from magical thinking to lasting peace**

The first phase of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire is now underway, but the long-term challenges facing Gaza are vast. Our experts discuss the steps needed to secure peace.

Audio

Published 17 October 2025 30 minute listen



*Featured content*

*Expert comment*

**[China spy case shows the UK must do more to tackle Chinese espionage and influence operations](#)**

China is both an important economic partner and a systemic rival to the UK. This poses a unique challenge, which demands a long-term response.

17 October 2025 3 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[Hamas can't rebuild Gaza. For Trump's plan to work, Palestinians must be given hope](#)**

President Trump's Gaza peace plan has a far greater chance of success if Palestinians believe it will provide the essential services, security and credible political future they urgently require.

17 October 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[Trump's Gaza plan is still not a complete peace settlement](#)**

Sharm el-Sheikh's summit did not produce a detailed agreement. That creates a danger that requires an urgent response – including the appointment of a Palestinian Peace Advisory Board.

17 October 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[Africa after USAID: who will pay the health bill?](#)**

The US retreat from global health funding has disproportionately affected African countries. Will African governments allow the cycle of dependency to continue, or reassert sovereignty over their health systems?

16 October 2025 4 minute READ

*Expert comment*

**[India is seeking to reset relations with the Taliban. But can this rapprochement last?](#)**

New Delhi has announced the reopening of its embassy in Afghanistan amid a sharp deterioration in relations between the Taliban and Pakistan.

15 October 2025 4 minute READ

**Council on Foreign Relations** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Releases*

*Asia*

**[CFR Welcomes Joseph Torigian as Senior Fellow for Asia Studies](#)**

October 13, 2025

**CSIS** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Reports [Selected]*

**[Improving U.S. Cooperation with Allies and Partners](#)**

To make the most of its vast network of allies and partners, the United States must understand the barriers inhibiting U.S.-allied cooperation and devise ways to overcome them.

Report by Daniel Byman, Alexander Palmer, Audrey Aldisert, Henry H. Carroll, Cynthia R. Cook, Chris H. Park, and Seth G. Jones — October 14, 2025

**McKinsey Global Institute** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Featured Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI** [Overseas Development Institute] [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Publications [Selected]*

**[Early warning and early response to violence for civilian safety and security](#)**

16 October 2025

Briefing/policy paper

**[Ten ways to create people-centred early warning systems in conflicts and recurrent crises](#)**

15 October 2025

Briefing/policy paper

**[Ten ways to reduce disaster risk in conflicts and recurring crises](#)**

15 October 2025

Briefing/policy paper

**[Twelve ways to take anticipatory action to scale in conflicts and recurring crises](#)**

15 October 2025

Briefing/policy paper

**[Justice financing and justice outcomes: a cross-sectional and dynamic panel analysis](#)**

13 October 2025

Working paper

**[State of justice financing 2025 annual review: domestic financing and aid](#)**

13 October 2025

Briefing/policy paper

**Pew Research Center** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest Publications*

*short reads* Oct 15, 2025

**[Growing share of Americans say the U.S. higher education system is headed in the wrong direction](#)**

In both parties, the share that say the higher education system is going in the wrong direction has gone up by at least 10 percentage points since 2020.

**Rand** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Published Research [Selected]*

*Commentary* Oct 10, 2025

**[Making the 20-Point Plan Work in Gaza](#)**

With President Trump's 20-point plan accepted by Israel and tentatively by Hamas, a path to ending the devastating conflict is emerging. But achieving a lasting peace will require exceptional leadership and

vision from both sides.

*Expert Insights* Oct 14, 2025

**Pivots and Pathways on the Road to Artificial General Intelligence Futures**

The authors of this paper introduce a framework for policy discussions about artificial general intelligence (AGI), showing how six key dimensions can be used to classify and compare different combinations of factors and potential AGI futures.

*Research* Oct 13, 2025

**The Relationship Between State Vaccination Exemption Policies and MMR Vaccination Trends in the U.S.**

In this study, we present results from a two-phase analysis that further elucidates the relationship between state-level non-medical exemption policies and MMR vaccination trends in the post pandemic era.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 18 Oct 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

*RoRI News, Events*

October 15, 2025

**New Zealand announces move to a single research funding agency**

The reforms draw on international work on funding and research assessment, including research from RoRI

October 14, 2025

**RoRI welcomes nine new researchers**

The RoRI team is growing with new researchers and UKRI AI Metascience fellows

**Alan Turing Institute**

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

*News, Events*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*New Research Publications - Selected*

**The Wistar Institute** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Media [Selected]*

**Seven Sectors, 80% of Workers: Four Technologies Driving the Future of Work**

Published 14 Oct 2025

;; Four technologies are poised to transform labour markets with the greatest impact expected in seven

job families that employ almost 80% of workers worldwide.

:: Realizing the vast opportunities while minimizing risks will require targeted investment, improved technology access in developing markets and inclusive platform design.

:: Applications already making an impact include drone-enabled agricultural harvesting, AI-powered logistics support for small businesses and micro-energy systems.

:: Read the report [here](#). Follow the Annual Meetings of the Global Future Councils and Cybersecurity 2025 [here](#) and on social media using #AMGFCC25

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### **ISC / International Science Council** [to 18 Oct 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.*

*news*

#### **[Steering Group appointed to guide the ISC Social Science Matters Programme](#)**

October 15, 2025

*news*

#### **[New primers examine AI use, environmental impacts and data in science](#)**

October 13, 2025

As artificial intelligence (AI) rapidly reshapes the scientific landscape, the International Science Council (ISC) is releasing a series of three technical primers to support informed engagement across global science systems. These primers explore the practical applications, environmental implications, and data governance challenges of AI in science - helping policy-makers, researchers, and institutions navigate complex and fast-evolving terrain.

### **Global Research Council** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **National Academy of Engineering** - USA [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]*

#### **[National Academy of Engineering Concludes 2025 Annual Meeting Focused on Artificial Intelligence](#)**

Mon, October 13, 2025

The meeting highlighted how engineering leadership and innovation shape the technologies of tomorrow and their impacts on society.

### **National Academy of Medicine** - USA [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News, Stories, Insights*

Oct 18, 2025 *Member Achievement*

#### **[Richard D. Krugman Receives 2025 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program Lifetime Achievement Award](#)**

**National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.]** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**NIH** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

## **CIOMS Benefit-risk balance webinar 2**

Online October 23, 2025

This webinar introduces and explains the main concepts of the CIOMS report on Benefit-risk balance for medicinal products.

**Hastings Center** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

Press Releases, Events

No new digest content identified.

**INSERM** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]**

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

### **ICH: E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials**

ICH 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

**USA, FDA, Deadline 12/01 2025 Docket No. FDA-2025-D-3023**

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.

Rapporteur: Dr. Gregory Levin (FDA, United States)

Regulatory Chair: Dr. Christian Roes (EC, Europe)

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

#### 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)

> **Q3E EWG** Guideline for Extractables and Leachables

> **E20 EWG** Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials

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

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics** [to 18 Oct 2025] <https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news>  
*News and blogs*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights**  
<https://www.unescobiochair.org/>  
*Activities and News*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 06 Sep 025]  
<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>  
*Press Releases*

**World Physician Leaders Call for Ethical, Physician-Led Integration of Artificial and Augmented Intelligence in Healthcare**  
14.10.2025

The World Medical Association (WMA) has adopted a landmark Statement on Artificial and Augmented Intelligence in Medical Care, outlining global ethical principles to guide the safe and responsible use of artificial intelligence in healthcare....

**World Medical Association Urges Israeli Government to Uphold Humanitarian Law and Protect Healthcare in Gaza**  
13.10.2025

The World Medical Association (WMA) has adopted a new resolution calling on the Government of Israel to immediately cease attacks on healthcare personnel, patients, and medical facilities in Gaza in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and applicable international humanitarian law.

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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** [18 Oct 2025]  
<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

*Recent News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News & Updates*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 18 Oct 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.*

*Website not responding...under construction...*

**Ford Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News & Press*

*No new digest content identified.*

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest*

**[Latin-American Photographers](#)**

From the streets of Mexico City to the Argentine Pampas, these photographs capture moments in lives, generations, and professions that cannot be replicated

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**GHIT Fund** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025] <http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>  
*Latest Updates [Selected]*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>  
*Press Room*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025] <http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://ikeafoundation.org/>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>  
*Latest News and Highlights*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF** [18 Oct 2025]  
[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)  
*Newsroom*

**[States Are Forming "Health Alliances." Can They Make a Difference for Public Health Policy?](#)**  
Policy Watch  
Oct 16, 2025

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]  
<https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/whats-new/press-release>

*News Releases*

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**[A milestone celebration of music from the world of Islam](#)**

NEWS RELEASE – Aga Khan Music Awards unveil a historic four-day programme on London's iconic stages, in partnership with the EFG London Jazz Festival.

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Latest News and Grantee News*

*Press Releases*

**[Humanity AI Commits \\$500 Million to Build a People-Centered Future for AI](#)**

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**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**[Humanity AI Commits \\$500M to Build a People-Centered Future for AI](#)**

October 14, 2025

A broad coalition of philanthropic leaders today announced a \$500M five-year initiative dedicated to making sure people have a stake in the future of artificial intelligence (AI). As part of Humanity AI, ten of the nation's most dynamic foundations supporting the arts, labor and work, democracy, education, and security will drive new investments toward establishing a people-driven future where AI delivers for humanity, strengthens communities, and enhances human creativity if used.

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

**[Advancing discovery: 2025 Experimental Physics Investigators](#)**

**[Catalyzing invention: Moore Inventor Fellows program achievements](#)**

**Open Society Foundations** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News*

**[The David and Lucile Packard Foundation Announces the 2025 Class of Packard Fellows for Science and Engineering](#)**

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**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News Room*

**[America's Most Problematic Drug Is Alcohol](#)**

Podcast October 17, 2025

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News and Announcements*

**Statement by Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on the Passing of the Right Honorable Raila Amolo Odinga of Kenya**

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**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 18 Oct 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 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [18 Oct 2025]

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

*News. Opinion, Reports*

*Expert perspective*

*Rachael Hore*

**Turning cholera evidence into impact means breaking out of the research bubble**

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*Press Room*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 18 Oct 2025]

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

*News, Press Releases [Selected]*

*Press Release*

**Statement on Potential IRS Changes to Pursue Criminal Investigations Against Charitable Nonprofits**

WASHINGTON — The Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday that the administration is preparing to make significant changes at the IRS that could allow the agency to pursue criminal investigations of nonprofit organizations more easily. The following statement is attributable to Kathleen Enright, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations and Dr. Akilah Watkins, President and CEO of

Independent Sector.

"The charitable sector has long supported fair oversight to ensure that we live up to our collective duty: helping strengthen communities through generosity, within the bounds of the law. Any attempt to use the Internal Revenue Service to target lawful work simply because political leaders disfavor the work or the organization is an affront to our long-established First Amendment right to free speech and expression, including expression through charitable giving. That freedom has endured through political administrations of varying ideologies precisely because it is a core tenet of American society. Together, as a united sector, we will continue to protect this freedom no matter which party is in office, and no matter which causes fall under political scrutiny."

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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 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**AJOB Neuroscience**

Volume 16, Issue 4 (2025)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabn20/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 27, Number 10: E713-767 Oct 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/diagnostic-research>

***Diagnostic Research***

What exactly is a medical mystery? Any one condition of illness could be diagnosed, misdiagnosed, a missed diagnosis, undiagnosed, or perhaps something else. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) defines undiagnosed diseases as "long-standing symptoms or elusive medical conditions that have not

been diagnosed despite extensive clinical evaluation.” What is now known as the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN) was a research study first established by the NIH in 2008 and is now funded by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Its charge is to convene experts, conduct research on human subjects at 14 US clinic locations, forge new knowledge, and “solve the most challenging medical mysteries.” UDN research subjects must apply with supporting documentation from their clinicians and health records. Fewer than half of UDN applicants are enrolled in a protocol, and, among subjects evaluated by clinician-investigators, some receive a diagnosis. This theme issue considers a range of neglected diagnostic research ethics questions and investigates ethics questions about UDN policies, practices, and public support.

### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Oct 02, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 10 p2251-2562

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

#### **This month in The Journal**

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Obesity and obesity-related traits have a major impact on global health. While a myriad of genes and variants have been associated with these traits, substantial functional work still needs to be performed to understand the underlying molecular mechanisms. In this issue, Baya et al. identify genes associated with obesity and fat distribution using exome sequencing from the UK Biobank and test their function in a human adipocyte cell line. Using rare variant gene burden tests, the authors find 69 genes associated with traits, including body mass index (BMI), waist-to-hip ratio adjusted for BMI, and body fat percentage.

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### **American Journal of Infection Control**

September 2025 Volume 53 Issue 9 p919-1022

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### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

October 2025 Volume 69 Issue 4

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### **American Journal of Public Health**

October 2025 115(10)

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

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### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 113 (2025): Issue 3 (Sep 2025)

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### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

September 2025 Volume 178, Issue 9

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

Issue 406 - August 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 347 October 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/346/suppl/C>  
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### **Bioethics**

Volume 39, Issue 9, Pages: 785-855 November 2025

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

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

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### **BMC Health Services Research**

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### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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#### **Strengthening ethics review of the development of artificial intelligence (AI) systems in health research: a guide for research ethics committees in Uganda**

*The ability of artificial intelligence (AI) to analyze data in real-time and improve patients' diagnosis has led to a rapid growth of AI- health research in Uganda. Yet, there are no national guidelines on how...*

Authors: Sylvia Nabukenya, William Wasswa, Adelline Twimukye and Erisa S. Mwaka

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2025 26:137

Content type: Research Published on: 15 October 2025

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

October 2025 - Volume 30 - 5

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### **BMJ Global Health**

October 2025 - Volume 10 - 10

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**Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - September 2025

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2025-09/#post-heading>

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Volume 103, Number 10, October 2025, 577-640

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

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**Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 51, Issue 6 November 2025

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Volume 166 August 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/166/suppl/C>

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**Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 118, Issue 4 Pages: 749-966 October 2025

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**Clinical Therapeutics**

October 2025 Volume 47 Issue 10 p827-956

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**Clinical Trials**

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**Conflict and Health**

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

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**[Understanding relationships among climate change, conflict, migration/displacement and health in humanitarian settings: a scoping review](#)**

*Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of various extreme weather events across regions, globally. Climate change has also been associated with conflict, migration and displacement, and health...*



Authors: Molly E. Lasater, Gabrielle Prager, Yuni A. Choi, Tim Groteclaes, Divya Rao, Shona P. Kamps, Chiara Altare and Paul B. Spiegel  
Citation: Conflict and Health 2025 19:73  
Content type: Review Published on: 14 October 2025

**The impact of armed conflict on vaccination coverage: a systematic review of empirical evidence from 1985 to 2025**

*Armed conflict disrupts health systems and undermines routine immunization, contributing to excess morbidity and mortality. This systematic review examines empirical evidence on the impact of armed conflict on...*

Authors: Tyler Y. Headley, Christopher Wiley Shay and Yesim Tozan  
Citation: Conflict and Health 2025 19:71  
Content type: Review Published on: 14 October 2025

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Volume 156 September 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/156/suppl/C>

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**Development Policy Review**

Volume 43, Issue 5 September 2025  
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### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 19 - 2025  
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### **Disasters**

Volume 49, Issue 4 October 2025  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>  
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### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 26 Issue 198 October 2025  
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>  
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### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 31, Number 9—September 2025  
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### **Ethics & Human Research**

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### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 39 - Issue 2 - Summer 2025  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue> [

### ***Roundtable: Global Governance in Hard Times***

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### **Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 32 2024

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### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 35, Issue 4, August 2025

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/35/4>

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### **Food Policy**

Volume 132 April 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/132/suppl/C> [Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 17, Issue 2 April 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/17-2> [Reviewed earlier]

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 75 May 2025

<https://www.fmreview.org/dangerous-journeys/>

#### ***Dangerous journeys: Saving lives and responding to missing migrants and refugees***

Dangerous journeys are taken every day by refugees and other migrants, often with tragic consequences. This issue explores how more lives can be saved on land and sea and how disappearances can be prevented or resolved. Articles highlight the growing constraints on search and rescue through criminalisation and 'bureaucratisation'; how rescue operates in different locations – from the mountains to the desert; the role of high-level diplomacy and regional cooperation in preventing deaths and disappearances and on-the-ground approaches to identification; the particular perils of new migration routes – and more.

### **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

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#### ***The Rebirth of the Global South: Geopolitics, Imageries, and Developmental Realities***

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Accepted on 18 Oct 2025

#### **BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED QUALITY BY DESIGN SYSTEM FOR CLINICAL TRIALS**

Reza Vatankhah Barenji, eza Ebrahimi Hariry

Frontiers in Medicine

doi 10.3389/fmed.2025.1546897

*Review*

Accepted on 06 Oct 2025

#### **The Future of Pediatric Gene Therapy: CRISPR-Cas9, AI, and Personalized Medicine**

Yinping Pan, et al. Frontiers in Medicine

doi 10.3389/fmed.2025.1690225

### **Gene Therapy – Nature**

Volume 32 Issue 5, October 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**

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### **Geoheritage**

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### **Global Health Action**

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### **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

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

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### **Globalization and Health**

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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.*  
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Volume 27, Issue 1, June 2025  
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### **Human Gene Therapy**

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### **Human Rights Quarterly**

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### **International Human Rights Law Review**

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Bulletin - Issue 3 2025

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### **The International Journal of Children's Rights**

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Author: Jonathan Todres

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Authors: Jill D. Berrick, Siri Gloppen, Larissa Cristina Margarido, and Marit Skivenes

Pages: 291–325

Online Publication Date: 19 Jun 2025

### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol. 12 No. 9 (2025): September 2025

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

Volume 128 1 October 2025

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### **International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 54, Issue 3, June 2025

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### **International Journal of Heritage Studies**

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### **International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 18 Issue 3 2025

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### **International Migration Review**

Volume 59 Issue 3, September 2025

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### **International Review of Education – Journal of Lifelong Learning**

Volume 71, Issue 4 August 2025

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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. XLII, No. 1, Fall 2025



<https://issues.org/issue/42-1/>

### ***Superglue for Fragmented Policy***

A remarkable treatment for subdural hematomas involves, essentially, using superglue to repair the brain. The superglue procedure inspires the question of whether there exist analogous policy tools that could help fix systems that suffer from a lack of coordination: the health care bureaucracy, state and federal cannabis regulation, biosecurity, or artificial intelligence.

### **JAMA**

October 14, 2025, Vol 334, No. 14, Pages 1213-1308

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

*Research Letter*

### **Conflicts of Interest in Federal Vaccine Advisory Committees**

Genevieve P. Kanter, PhD; Toni Mankowitz, BS; Peter Lurie, MD, MPH

*JAMA*. 2025;334(14):1295-1297. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.13245

This study analyzes the prevalence of reported conflicts of interest (COIs) among attendees at 2000-2024 meetings of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the US Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC).

### **JAMA Health Forum**

October 2025, Vol 6, No. 10

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### **JAMA Pediatrics**

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### **JBIR Evidence Synthesis**

October 2025 - Volume 23 - Issue 10

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### **Journal of Adolescent Health**

October 2025 Volume 77 Issue 4 p587-796

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### **Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research**

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### **Journal of Bioethical Inquiry**

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### **Journal of Community Health**

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### **Journal of Current Medical Research and Opinion**

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

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### **Journal of Cultural Heritage**

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### **Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics**

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### **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

September 2025 - Volume 79 - 9

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### **Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine**

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Volume 27, Issue 4 August 2025  
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Volume 23, Issue 3 (2025)  
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***Public Health, Markets, and Law***

**Intellectual Property Rights and Global Access to Health Technologies During Pandemics:  
Reflecting on Vaccine Nationalism, COVID-19 & the WHO Pandemic Agreement Negotiations  
— The Need for Collective Action and Institutional Change**

Aisling M. McMahon

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***Abstract***

Focusing on intellectual property rights (IPRs) and their role in global access to vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, this article argues that key aspects of the current institutional system align towards delivering individualistic state/regional/rightsholders priorities in the use of IPRs over pandemic health technologies. This played a key role in the vaccine nationalism and global vaccine inequity that emerged during the pandemic. It critically analyzes the IPR provisions within the World Health Organisation's Pandemic Agreement and negotiation process. It argues that nationalistic/individualistic approaches toward the use of IPRs over health technologies also permeate such contexts. The final text of the Agreement leaves considerable discretion to states around IPRs, and much will depend on how it is implemented in practice. For effective future pandemic preparedness around how IPRs are used over health technologies, this article argues that a deeper bottom-up institutional change is needed — one which offers nuanced strategies to balance the potential incentivization role of IPRs with the implications certain uses of IPRs can have on access to downstream health technologies. A key element of this change is embedding a greater recognition of the range of resources provided by entities (e.g. funders, biobanks, and universities) necessary in the successful development of health technologies, including in pandemic contexts. Such entities should leverage these resources, including by attaching contractual conditions to access these, which mandate avenues for downstream access to pandemic health technologies. In the longer term such approaches could be part of a broader institutional change, which prioritises global collective health needs in pandemics.

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*Editorial*

### **Health progress in a post-COVID-19 world**

The Lancet

*[Excerpts]*

The COVID-19 pandemic upended global mortality and morbidity. COVID-19 was ranked as the number one age-standardised cause of death globally in 2021 but by 2023 had dropped to the 20th cause of death among all leading global causes, replaced by ischaemic heart disease and stroke as the two leading causes of death. During the COVID-19 pandemic, disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) due to infectious, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases all increased, but have since returned to pre-pandemic levels. These findings and others are presented in the 2023 Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study (GBD) in three papers in The Lancet. Together, these papers lay out for the first time a comprehensive description of health in the post-pandemic world. With less than 5 years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), these metrics are a starting point for reshaping health policy and financing for the post-SDG health agenda...

39 countries in 2024 were considered fragile and conflict-affected by the World Bank and require complex diplomatic solutions, innovative funding, governance oversight and policy reforms, and access to a basic package of health services that includes violence prevention and mental health interventions. 19 of these countries are in Africa, including Nigeria, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which together account for almost a third of the continent's population. The current isolationist-driven health landscape is incompatible with a successful global health agenda.

The truth laid bare by these papers is that policies to address global health challenges do not accurately reflect the reality of the global burden of disease and disability today. Countries will have to radically adapt their health systems to meet these new priorities, but the challenges are not insurmountable. Universal health coverage can still improve population health. Service integration is promising, although the people who are most at risk and hardest to reach still face important barriers to access to care. Civil society organisations remain essential for health services to reach vulnerable and stigmatised people.

*Comment*

### **Good governance essential to expanding vaccine capacity and strengthening public trust**

Kelley Lee, Jillian Kohler

*Articles*

### **Global burden of 292 causes of death in 204 countries and territories and 660 subnational locations, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023**

GBD 2023 Causes of Death Collaborators

We examined global mortality patterns over the past three decades, highlighting—with enhanced estimation methods—the impacts of major events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to broader trends such as increasing NCDs in low-income regions that reflect ongoing shifts in the global epidemiological transition. This study also delves into premature mortality patterns, exploring the interplay between age and causes of death and deepening our understanding of where targeted resources could be applied to further reduce preventable sources of mortality. We provide essential insights into global and regional health disparities, identifying locations in need of targeted interventions to address both communicable and non-communicable diseases. There is an ever-present need for strengthened health-care systems that are resilient to future pandemics and the shifting burden of disease, particularly among ageing populations in regions with high mortality rates. Robust estimates of causes of death are increasingly essential to inform health priorities and guide efforts toward achieving

global health equity. The need for global collaboration to reduce preventable mortality is more important than ever, as shifting burdens of disease are affecting all nations, albeit at different paces and scales.

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**[Revisiting consent, Gillick competency, parens patriae, and the access of minors to mental health services in Singapore](#)**

Tracey Evans Chan

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*Editorial*

**[UNESCO stands at a crossroads — researchers must back its new leader](#)**

Khaled El-Enany, the agency's first director-general from an Arab state, will lead the UN's education, science and cultural organization through one of its most severe tests.

15 Oct 2025

## **Nature Biotechnology**

Volume 43 Issue 10, October 2025

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/43/issues/10>

*Editorial* 14 Oct 2025

**[Rewriting the code of plant immunity](#)**

New approaches to engineering plant immunity can more broadly protect crops against pathogens and disease, once they get through regulatory hurdles.

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*Review Article* 06 Oct 2025

### **Generative artificial intelligence in medicine**

This Review summarizes recent technical advancements in generative AI, outlines how new models might improve healthcare and discusses validation approaches—using lessons from recent successes and failures in the field.

Zhen Ling Teo, Arun James Thirunavukarasu, Daniel Shu Wei Ting

*Consensus Statement* 15 Sept 2025

### **The STARD-AI reporting guideline for diagnostic accuracy studies using artificial intelligence**

The STARD-AI statement, which was developed through a multistage process involving over 240 international stakeholders, provides a minimum set of criteria that allows for comprehensive reporting of AI-centered diagnostic test accuracy studies.

Viknesh Sounderajah, Ahmad Guni, Suchi Saria

#### *Abstract*

The Standards for Reporting Diagnostic Accuracy (STARD) 2015 statement facilitates transparent and complete reporting of diagnostic test accuracy studies. However, there are unique considerations associated with artificial intelligence (AI)-centered diagnostic test studies. The STARD-AI statement, which was developed through a multistage, multistakeholder process, provides a minimum set of criteria that allows for comprehensive reporting of AI-centered diagnostic test accuracy studies. The process involved a literature review, a scoping survey of international experts, and a patient and public involvement and engagement initiative, culminating in a modified Delphi consensus process involving over 240 international stakeholders and a consensus meeting. The checklist was subsequently finalized by the Steering Committee and includes 18 new or modified items in addition to the STARD 2015 checklist items. Authors are encouraged to provide descriptions of dataset practices, the AI index test and how it was evaluated, as well as considerations of algorithmic bias and fairness. The STARD-AI statement supports comprehensive and transparent reporting in all AI-centered diagnostic accuracy studies, and it can help key stakeholders to evaluate the biases, applicability and generalizability of study findings.

*Article* Open Access 07 Aug 2025

### **Geographical shifting of cholera burden in Africa and its implications for disease control**

High-resolution geospatial mapping found that the annual incidence of cholera shifted from western to central and eastern Africa between 2011 and 2020, with the latter regions more likely to report cholera in 2022–2023, reflecting instability in cholera burden patterns that can impact progress in disease control.

Javier Perez-Saez, Qulu Zheng, Elizabeth C. Lee

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Volume 25 Issue 10, October 2025

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*Review Article* 07 Aug 2025

#### **Fifty years of monoclonals: the past, present and future of antibody therapeutics**

Fifty years ago, Köhler and Milstein introduced the world to hybridoma technology for the generation of monoclonal antibodies. Scientists have subsequently built upon this seminal discovery to develop antibody-based therapies for numerous diseases, with millions of patients benefiting from such drugs. To mark 50 years of monoclonal antibodies, this Review from Chan, Martyn and Carter provides an overview of how antibody engineering strategies have continued to improve antibody-based therapeutics, chiefly focusing on antibody-mediated targeting of B cells and also human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)<sup>+</sup> cancers. The authors also highlight the promise of emerging tools, including artificial intelligence, for development of the next generation of antibody-based therapeutics.

Andrew C. Chan, Greg D. Martyn, Paul J. Carter

### **New England Journal of Medicine Volume**

Volume 393 No. 15 October 16, 2025

<https://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

*Perspective*

#### **The AI Frontier in Humanitarian Aid — Embracing Possibilities and Addressing Risks**

M. Barry , J. Hansen , and G.L. Darmstadt

AI has the potential to expand the reach of humanitarian aid during crises. Yet there are substantial challenges and risks associated with deploying new technologies in complex health care settings.

### **NEJM Evidence**

Volume 4 No. 9 September 2025

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### **[Impact of Covid-19 control strategies on health and GDP growth outcomes in 193 sovereign jurisdictions](#)**

Matt Boyd, Michael G. Baker, Amanda Kvalsvig, Nick Wilson

Research Article | published 16 Oct 2025 PLOS Global Public Health

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#### *Abstract*

The Covid-19 pandemic caused approximately 27.3 million excess deaths globally as of June 2024. Despite growing research on pandemic response factors, the effectiveness of different strategic approaches to Covid-19 control remains insufficiently investigated. We aimed to examine associations between Covid-19 pandemic control strategies (including stringent border restrictions) with age-standardized excess mortality and GDP per capita growth outcomes during 2020–2021. We analyzed 193 sovereign jurisdictions with existing Global Burden of Disease Study data. Jurisdictions were classified by implementation of exclusion/elimination strategies reported in published literature, and the level of border restriction measures based on the Oxford Stringency Index. Multivariable analyses adjusted for island status, GDP per capita, and an index of government corruption. Excess mortality was cube root transformed and GDP per capita log transformed for regression analysis. Jurisdictions implementing explicit exclusion/elimination strategies showed the lowest cumulative age-standardized excess mortality (-2.1/100,000) compared to others (166.5/100,000). Island jurisdictions experienced lower mortality (64.8/100,000) than non-islands (194.3/100,000). Duration of border restrictions correlated with reduced excess mortality in islands (Pearson's  $r = -0.624$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ;  $\beta -0.004$ , island interaction  $-0.005$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), but not in non-islands. However, this effect weakened when controlling for government corruption in a subsample (lower corruption was associated with lowered mortality). No consistent significant relationships emerged between border measures and GDP growth, suggesting that stringent border restrictions in a pandemic may not significantly harm economies. We concluded that exclusion/elimination strategies and related stringent border restrictions were associated with better health outcomes, particularly for islands. Effectiveness was likely partially mediated by governance quality. Future pandemic planning should consider both control strategy selection and implementation context, both of which are modifiable.

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#### **[Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the routine immunization system in Bangladesh](#)**

Md. Tanvir Hossen, Md Sayik Bin Alam, Md. Sahidul Islam, Emanuele Montomoli, Ralf Clemens, Sue Ann Costa Clemens, Mohammad Delwer Hossain Hawlader, Md Foyjul Islam

Research Article | published 14 Oct 2025 PLOS ONE

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Fall 2025 Volume 23, Number 4

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Read about philanthropy's response to new threats to the social sector; how community-led outcomes contracts are working for Indigenous communities in northern Canada; how randomized controlled trials can harm nonprofits; how the World Wildlife Fund innovated to address escalating environmental challenges; and other topics in the Fall 2025 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

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*operational activities for development*

**[United Nations Development Work Should Engage All Member States](#)**

Max-Otto Baumann and Sebastian Haug

Established North–South dynamics have been explicitly challenged by the 2030 Agenda, which sets out the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for "developed and developing countries alike".

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

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Volume 23, Issue 1 2025

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#### **Expanding Equity and Innovation in Pharmaceutical Law and Drug Development: Paying Clinical Trial Participants for their Data**

Steve Calandrillo, Bernadette Tosti, Jefferson Smith, and Jamison Koeman

Bringing a drug to market is exceedingly expensive and exposes pharmaceutical manufacturers to significant legal risk. But when companies are successful, their profits make the PowerBall jackpot look like petty cash. Staggering rewards measure in the billions or millions for the firms, CEOs, pharmacies, drug benefit managers, data brokers, and many more actors in the pharmaceutical-to-patient pipeline. The only individuals who don't get paid handsomely are the clinical trial participants, whose voluntary participation and data helped make those successes possible. It is long past time that we reform the legal and regulatory roadblocks to paying clinical trial participants in the United States for the fair value of their data—for it is precisely their information (and personal sacrifice) that makes so many others in our country wealthy beyond imagination.

### **World Development**

Volume 194 October 2025

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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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### **Privacy, freedom of expression, and the right to be forgotten in Europe**

Stefan Kulk, Frederik Zuiderveen Borgesius

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### **Collective Health Decision-Making: Exploring Examples from Chinese Families in Australia**

Bingyi Han, Shanton Chang, Dana McKay, Carlene Wilson, Joyce Jiang, Jennifer McIntosh, Mark Jenkins  
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### **Assessing the Capacity, Barriers, and Facilitators of the Health Care System to Handle Neglected Tropical Diseases in a Refugee Settlement in Uganda: A Mixed Methods Study**

Elvis Tamale, Paddy Derrick Malinga, Mable Ssebaduka Nabweteme, Celine Ahurira, Conrad Makai, Kenneth Ssembuze, Patricia Ajeru, Patience Atuhaire

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## **Systematic and Bibliometric Insights of Over Seven Decades of Sickle Cell Disease Research in Africa**

Emohchonne Utos Jonathan, Dauda Wadzani Palnam, Peter Abraham, Israel Ogwuche Ogra, Seun Cecilia Joshua, Morumda Daji, Dasoem Naanswan Joseph, Dogara Elisha Tumba, Mela Ilu Luka, Okechukwu Kalu Iroha, Grace Peter Wabba, Ndukwe K. Johnson, Mercy Nathaniel, Elkanah Glen, Samson Usman, Emmanuel Oluwadare Balogun, Umezuruike Linus Opara  
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## **Autonomous conversational agents for loneliness, social isolation, depression and anxiety in older people without cognitive impairment: Systematic review and meta-analysis**

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### *Abstract*

Loneliness is a major psychological challenge in older adulthood, contributing to increased risks of depression, anxiety, and mortality. Conversational agents -technologies that interact with users via natural language- have emerged as potential tools to support psychological wellbeing in later life. This systematic review and meta-analysis evaluated the effects of autonomous conversational agents, including robotic and non-robotic systems, on loneliness, as well as social isolation, depression and anxiety in older people without cognitive impairment. Seventeen studies with pre-post intervention data were included. Nine used physically embodied robots and eight employed non-robotic agents such as personal voice assistants, chatbots, or screen-based embodied agents. Due to the limited number of high-quality comparison studies, all meta-analyses were based on within-group pre-post comparisons. Meta-analytic results showed mild to moderate improvements in loneliness (standardised mean changes using change score [SMCC] = 0.350, 95% CI: 0.180-0.520) and depression (SMCC = 0.464, 95% CI: 0.327-0.602), with no study reporting symptom worsening. No study included validated measures of social isolation, and only one assessed anxiety. These findings indicate that conversational agents may offer scalable support for older adults' mental health, with potential especially for reducing loneliness and depression. Nonetheless, methodological limitations, including lack of blinded outcome assessment, inconsistent reporting and heterogeneous intervention designs, underscore the need for more rigorous research. Advances in large language models may further enhance the responsiveness and relevance of these technologies for supporting psychological wellbeing in aging populations.

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## **Living mapping review of global research funding for infectious diseases with a pandemic potential – Pandemic PACT Grant Tracker**

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Rodrigo Furst, et al.

The COVID-19 pandemic spurred an unprecedented global research response, highlighting the need for better coordination amid limited resources and the ongoing threat of emerging diseases. The Pandemic PACT Programme has developed a live database tracking funded research on pandemic-prone diseases and broader preparedness efforts to facilitate improved pandemic preparedness.

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## **Bridging ethical & security gaps in Kenyan research: a critical analysis of ethical review boards and the data protection authority**

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

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### *Abstract*

The evolving landscape of research in Kenya, particularly in health sciences and cross-border data studies, reveals critical ethical and security gaps stemming from the fragmented roles of Ethical Review Boards (ERBs) and the Data Protection Authority (DPA). This study investigates the regulatory overlaps, inconsistencies, and jurisdictional ambiguities between ERBs and the DPA, which contribute to cybersecurity vulnerabilities and potential ethical breaches in handling sensitive human participant data. Using a mixed methods approach involving key informant interviews, document analysis, and case studies, the research identifies gaps in data governance frameworks, limited harmonization of ethical guidelines, and weak enforcement mechanisms. The findings underscore the urgent need for integrated regulatory frameworks that foster collaboration between ERBs and the DPA to strengthen data protection, enhance ethical compliance, and mitigate risks associated with data misuse in research. This study proposes policy recommendations aimed at bridging these gaps to promote robust ethical standards and cybersecurity resilience in Kenyan research environments.

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## **Why common values across the United Nations system should underpin the global response to climate change**

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### *Abstract*

Climate change raises not only scientific and economic challenges but also profound ethics questions, particularly where health and human well-being are at stake. The United Nations (UN) system has issued a wide range of instruments in response, yet the values embedded in these texts have not been systematically mapped. This article examines how ethics values are articulated across UN climate, health, bioethics, and humanitarian instruments, highlighting their role in shaping legitimacy and guiding global action. Drawing on a purposive sample of treaties, resolutions, frameworks, and declarations related to climate change, the study brings together dispersed references to ethics into a coherent picture. The resulting map shows how normative commitments underpin UN climate governance and reveal linkages across domains. Recognising these values can align efforts across UN bodies and identify areas requiring further action, offering decision-makers both a shared language and a practical roadmap for fairer and more effective climate responses.

### *Plain Language Summary*

Climate change is often described in scientific or economic terms, but also raises important ethics questions. These include who is responsible for acting, how harms and burdens should be shared, and how the needs of vulnerable populations and future generations are considered. The United Nations (UN) system has created many agreements, declarations, and policies to guide climate and health action, but the values expressed in these documents had never been systematically brought together and compared.

This article reviews forty-four UN instruments, including treaties, resolutions, bioethics declarations, health frameworks, and humanitarian policies. It identifies the ethical language they use and brings together references to values that are often dispersed across different parts of the UN system. By mapping these values in one place, the study shows that ethical commitments already form part of how the UN frames its response to the climate crisis. This makes it easier for decision-makers, researchers, and the public to see where there is shared ground, where gaps appear, and how future policies can be more coherent, fair, and effective.

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Public Consultation Opportunities

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.

ICH: E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials

ICH 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
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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.

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Regulatory Chair: Dr. Christian Roes (EC, Europe)

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