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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.



Iran

[Joint statement from the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada and others on the Strait of Hormuz: 19 March 2026](#)

Joint statement from the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Denmark, Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Czechia, Romania, Bahrain, Lithuania, Australia and United Arab Emirates on the Strait of Hormuz
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We condemn in the strongest terms recent attacks by Iran on unarmed commercial vessels in the Gulf, attacks on civilian infrastructure including oil and gas installations, and the de facto closure of the Strait of Hormuz by Iranian forces.

We express our deep concern about the escalating conflict. We call on Iran to cease immediately its threats, laying of mines, drone and missile attacks and other attempts to block the Strait to commercial shipping, and to comply with UN Security Council Resolution 2817.

Freedom of navigation is a fundamental principle of international law, including under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The effects of Iran's actions will be felt by people in all parts of the world, especially the most vulnerable.

Consistent with UNSC Resolution 2817, we emphasise that such interference with international shipping and the disruption of global energy supply chains constitute a threat to international peace and security. In this regard, we call for an immediate comprehensive moratorium on attacks on civilian infrastructure, including oil and gas installations.

We express our readiness to contribute to appropriate efforts to ensure safe passage through the Strait. We welcome the commitment of nations who are engaging in preparatory planning.

We welcome the International Energy Agency decision to authorise a coordinated release of strategic petroleum reserves. We will take other steps to stabilise energy markets, including working with certain producing nations to increase output.

We will also work to provide support for the most affected nations, including through the United Nations and the IFIs.

Maritime security and freedom of navigation benefit all countries. We call on all states to respect international law and uphold the fundamental principles of international prosperity and security.

Following publication, Canada, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Denmark, Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Czechia, Romania, Bahrain, Lithuania, Australia and United Arab Emirates confirmed they also joined this joint leaders' statement.



WFP projects food insecurity could reach record levels as a result of Middle East escalation
:: Roughly 45 million more people could be pushed into acute hunger this year if conflict persists

:: Global numbers of food-insecure people could reach levels last seen at start of Ukraine war
:: Import reliant countries in Africa and Asia face the steepest potential rise in hunger risk

17 March 2026

ROME, Italy – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is warning today that the total number of **people around the world facing acute levels of hunger could reach record numbers in 2026 if the escalation in the Middle East continues to destabilize the world’s economy.**

New analysis by WFP estimates that almost 45 million more people could fall into acute food insecurity or worse (known as IPC3+) if the conflict does not end by the middle of the year, and if oil prices remain above USD 100 a barrel. These would add to the 318 million people around the world who are already food insecure...

“If this conflict continues, it will send shockwaves across the globe, and families who already cannot afford their next meal will be hit the hardest,” said WFP Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer Carl Skau. “Without an adequately funded humanitarian response, it could spell catastrophe for millions already on the edge.”

The virtual shipping standstill in the Strait of Hormuz and mounting risks to Red Sea maritime traffic are already increasing energy, fuel, and fertilizer costs, deepening hunger beyond the Middle East. The conflict reverberates far and wide — and the world’s most vulnerable people are the ones who will be most exposed to its ripple effects.

According to WFP’s analysis, **countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia are the most vulnerable due to a reliance on food and fuel imports.** Projections indicate an increase of 21 percent in food-insecure people for West and Central Africa and 17 percent for East and Southern Africa. An increase of 24 percent is forecast for Asia...

This crisis comes amid severe funding shortfalls for WFP which has forced significant prioritization of programmes across all continents, ultimately meaning that people in need of assistance are being left behind. Further increases in food insecurity that are not matched by increased resources could spell catastrophe for some of the world’s most vulnerable countries that are already at risk of famine.



Closure of the Strait of Hormuz and regional airspace closures are heavily impacting aid supply chains; IRC warns of a “triple emergency” in humanitarian contexts

Press Release International Rescue Committee

New York, NY, March 20, 2026 — The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is **warning that airspace closures across parts of the Middle East and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz are beginning to severely affect global humanitarian supply chains,** threatening the timely delivery of life saving assistance to crisis affected communities around the world. Rising fuel and energy prices are increasing operational costs for IRC’s humanitarian programming.

Airspace closures across the Gulf and Iraq have forced the suspension or rerouting of many commercial and cargo flights which has resulted in **the delay of staff movements and disruptions to critical**

nutrition, medical and emergency supplies. The closure of maritime routes is resulting in diversions and rerouting of cargo ships as well as the disruption of the flow of 20% of the world's global oil exports. These diversions significantly extend shipping timelines, driving up freight costs and insurance premiums for vessels operating in the region.

For humanitarian organizations like the IRC that rely on global procurement systems, **the delays are already disrupting supply chains for essential relief items, including temperature-sensitive commodities used in health care, nutrition programs and vaccine delivery.**

As an example, approximately \$130,000 worth of essential pharmaceutical supplies intended for IRC's humanitarian response in Sudan are currently stranded in Dubai, delaying their delivery to communities in urgent need.

Elsewhere across IRC operations, teams are already being forced to rapidly reassess how they deliver aid in an increasingly uncertain and unstable environment. Program and proposal budgets are being reopened and revised to account for sharp increases in fuel, shipping and commodity costs, with the full scale of these price rises still unfolding. This volatility is creating a ripple effect across all areas of programming, **raising concerns that resources may need to be stretched further or reprioritized, potentially impacting the scope and reach of humanitarian assistance...**

David Miliband, President and CEO of IRC, said, "What we are seeing is the war in Iran unleashing a triple emergency. First, a surge in humanitarian need, with Lebanon now the most visible humanitarian scar and one of the fastest-growing displacement crises in the world, with over one million people forced from their homes in weeks. IRC teams are preparing for a major humanitarian response.

Second, a global economic shock, as disruptions to food, fuel and fertilizer markets, putting up to 30 percent of fertilizer trade at risk—threaten more than 300 million people already facing acute food insecurity. As has been warned, this risks becoming a 'slow-motion famine machine,' with Gaza already seeing flour prices rise by 270 percent in a population staring famine in the face, and fragile countries from Somalia to Yemen at risk of shocks like those seen during COVID and the war in Ukraine.

"Third, a system under strain, with more than 60 conflicts stretching diplomatic attention and funding to breaking point, pushing crises like Sudan and Gaza further down the list of priorities. IRC's Lebanon program was itself faced with funding cuts just as a major scale-up is needed. The result is an overstretched humanitarian system forced into impossible trade-offs- when \$11.3 billion can be spent on war in days, while just \$4 billion is enough to pay for treatment for every acutely malnourished child in the world. This is not a contained crisis. It has explosive consequences globally, and it is the world's most vulnerable who risk paying the highest price."

IRC calls on governments and all actors to prioritize humanitarian access in all decisions affecting airspace and maritime routes, and to provide flexible, predictable funding that enables aid organizations to respond effectively to rising costs and supply chain disruption.

The IRC has also issued urgent recommendations to protect civilians and ensure humanitarian aid can reach those most affected by the escalating violence, including:

- Restore respect for international humanitarian law: Pending a cessation of hostilities, which would offer the greatest protection for civilians, all parties should respect international law and protect civilians and civilian infrastructure.
- Prioritize aid funding and delivery to maximize impact and sustainability: flexible funding is urgently needed to scale up emergency response efforts, expand health and protection services, and provide

cash assistance and essential relief items to families who have fled with little or nothing.



Afghanistan – Pakistan

[Afghanistan joint statement: Humanitarian NGOs condemn civilian toll in Kabul airstrikes and call for respect for international humanitarian law](#)

Press release 18. Mar 2026

Seventeen humanitarian NGOs operating in Afghanistan are profoundly alarmed by hundreds of civilian casualties (1) in Kabul, Afghanistan, following heavy airstrikes on the capital on 16 March 2026. We urge international efforts to support de-escalation.

The airstrike comes following months of tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan, including regular border clashes and multiple air strikes. Over 115,000 civilians are already reportedly displaced, including high numbers of children (2). The conflict has also led to border closures, disrupting the flow of imports and leading to a rise in the price of essential items (3).

The most recent airstrikes hit a drug dependency treatment hospital in Kabul. Hundreds of people are reported to have been killed, with the death toll expected to rise further as rescue missions are still underway (4). We urgently remind all parties to the conflict of their absolute obligations under international humanitarian law: civilians and civilian infrastructure must be protected at all times and must never be the object of attack.

We will continue our humanitarian operations on the ground, including providing assistance to displaced families, and emergency treatment for those injured in the most recent attack.

Signatories:

1. AFRANE (Amitié franco-afghane)
2. Action Against Hunger
3. Caritas Germany
4. DACAAR
5. DPA / DAARTT (Danish People's Aid / Danish Assistance to Afghan Rehabilitation and Technical Training)
6. Danish Refugee Council
7. La Chaîne de l'Espoir
8. Hagar International in Afghanistan
9. Médecins du Monde
10. Mission East
11. Norwegian Refugee Council
12. Operation Mercy Afghanistan
13. Première Urgence Internationale
14. Solidarités International
15. Terre des Hommes Foundation 4
16. War Child UK
17. World Vision Afghanistan

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2. <https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/afghanistan-situation-update-1-humanitarian-impact-afghanistan-pakistan-military-escalation-5-march-2026>

3. <https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/afghanistan-weekly-market-report-issue-287-week-2-march-20>
4. <https://unama.unmissions.org/en/press-releases/unama-statement-airstrike-medical-facility-kabul>



“Global Freedom”

[NEW REPORT: Global Freedom Declined for 20th Consecutive Year in 2025](#)

Freedom House, March 19, 2026

A successful response must include stronger coordination among democracies, reformed democracy assistance, and more strategic engagement with young people around the world.

WASHINGTON—**Military coups, violence against peaceful protesters, and efforts to weaken constitutional safeguards in 2025 drove the 20th consecutive year of decline in global freedom**, according to a new report released today by Freedom House. The report, *Freedom in the World 2026: The Growing Shadow of Autocracy*, found that 54 countries experienced deterioration in their political rights and civil liberties, while only 35 registered improvements. **Today just 21 percent of the world’s people live in countries rated Free, down from 46 percent two decades ago.**

“Even as 2026 has brought new opportunities for those living under authoritarian rule from Venezuela to Iran, the last 20 years have been a dark period for global freedom,” said Jamie Fly, chief executive officer of Freedom House. “Armed conflict, coups, attacks on democratic institutions, and crackdowns on rights by authoritarians have now resulted in two full decades of decline. Those who still enjoy the blessings of freedom must do more to counter authoritarianism and provide more effective support for the democratic aspirations of people standing up to repression around the world, or this persistent decline will continue.”

In addition to deepening repression among authoritarian regimes, the past year featured a checkered performance among the world’s democracies. Of the 88 countries rated Free, the United States experienced the sharpest decline, with a drop of 3 points to a score of 81 on the report’s 100-point scale; it was matched in this group only by a decline in Bulgaria (–3), closely followed by Italy (–2).

Worsening gridlock in Congress and escalating assertions of unilateral executive authority—combined with a multiyear rise in threats and reprisals for nonviolent speech, and a weakening of anticorruption safeguards—brought the US score to its lowest level since *Freedom in the World* began publishing 0–100 scores in 2002. The United States’ decline for 2025 contributed to a 12-point erosion over the past two decades, under both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Key report findings:

- **Global freedom declined for the 20th consecutive year in 2025.** A total of 54 countries experienced deterioration in their political rights and civil liberties during the year, while only 35 countries registered improvements.
- **Largest increases and best overall scores:** On *Freedom in the World’s* 100-point scale for political rights and civil liberties, Syria (+5), Sri Lanka (+5), Bolivia (+4), and Gabon (+4) recorded the largest gains for 2025. The best overall country scores were those of Finland (100), Sweden (99), Norway (99), and New Zealand (99).
- **Largest declines and worst overall scores:** Guinea-Bissau (–8), Tanzania (–7), Burkina Faso, (–5), Madagascar (–5), and El Salvador (–5) had the largest one-year score declines. The countries with the worst overall scores were South Sudan (0), Sudan (1), and Turkmenistan (1).
- **Status changes:** Three countries—Bolivia, Fiji, and Malawi—improved from Partly Free to Free status

thanks to competitive elections, growing judicial independence, and the strengthening of the rule of law.

- **Deepening and persistent authoritarian repression:** Conditions for freedom continued to deteriorate in Iran in 2025, with authorities arresting more than 21,000 people as part of a crackdown on alleged espionage and collaboration following the regime's 12-day war with Israel in June, and expelling some 1.8 million Afghan migrants and refugees without regard for their basic rights. The country's score fell by 1 point to 10 out of 100. The scores for Russia and China remained unchanged at 12 and 9, respectively, but Russian authorities took further steps to suppress antiwar speech and independent journalism, while Chinese officials cracked down on small but multiplying protests.
- Although the scores for many rights and liberties deteriorated over the last two decades, **media freedom, freedom of personal expression, and due process have suffered the heaviest impacts.** Coups, armed conflicts, attacks on democratic institutions by elected leaders, and intensified repression by authoritarian regimes have been the main drivers of global decline during this 20-year period.
- Since 2005, the group of countries with Partly Free status has shrunk substantially. Of the 59 countries that were rated Partly Free as of 2005, a total of 19 have dropped to Not Free, swelling the ranks of the world's autocracies, whereas just 9 have improved to Free.
- **Most democracies remain resilient in the face of daunting challenges.** Despite internal pressures and threats from foreign powers, democracies continue to demonstrate that their domestic political systems are responsive and capable of course correction. **Of the 87 countries rated Free in 2005, a total of 76—more than 85 percent—have remained Free throughout the two-decade period of global decline.**

"We continue to see that the desire for freedom is universal," said Yana Gorokhovskaia, Freedom House's research director and coauthor of the report. "From Belarus to Zimbabwe, people around the world are taking great personal risks to stand up and defend their fundamental rights. To reverse the long period of global decline, democratic governments and societies must demonstrate their solidarity with those seeking freedom, in part through funding and diplomatic support for frontline human rights defenders and nongovernmental organizations."

The report identifies a number of measures that democratic governments, civil society groups, business leaders, and others hoping to protect democracy **can implement to defend and expand political rights and civil liberties.**

The recommendations include:

- **Strengthen democratic coordination and collective action.** Democracies should exert greater collective leadership at the regional level and within international organizations to defend democratic norms and the rules-based international order.
- **Reimagine international democracy assistance** to help reverse the global decline in freedom. Democracy assistance cannot survive on shrinking public budgets alone; it requires a broader, more diversified, and more coordinated financing ecosystem, including public-private partnerships that draw on governments, philanthropy, and the private sector and focus on achievable results.
- **Prioritize engagement with younger generations in the digital spaces where civic identity is now formed.** Investment in younger generations is an essential part of any long-term strategy to ensure that democratic norms remain relevant, resilient, and capable of renewal in the decades ahead.



Social Protection

[100 million more people access social protection through ILO support](#)

Over the past decade, the International Labour Organization has helped countries expand social protection through its Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All.

GENEVA (ILO News) | 19 March 2026

Since its launch in 2016, the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All has supported countries in all regions to extend social protection to more than 100 million additional people. Through technical assistance to States, the ILO helped strengthen national social protection systems so that they provide adequate protection throughout the life cycle, while supporting just transitions in the context of new and emerging challenges.

Progress achieved under the programme was highlighted by ILO Member States at the Development Partners Meeting of the Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All, held on 19 March.

During the second phase of the Programme (2021–25), the **Flagship Programme contributed to extending the coverage, adequacy and comprehensiveness of social protection to more than 84 million people, significantly exceeding its target of 60 million.** In 2025 alone, nearly 29 million people benefited from improved social protection coverage as a result of the Programme's technical support...

Operating across 50 priority countries and 16 thematic areas, the Programme more than doubled its target, supporting 180 institutional changes — from new social protection laws to scheme reforms and strengthened operational systems...

The Flagship Programme is now entering its third phase (2026–30). Building on past achievements, it will continue to extend and strengthen national social protection systems in **40 priority countries**, grounded in inclusive social dialogue and guided by international social security standards. It will also place greater emphasis on policy coherence, promoting stronger alignment between social protection and economic, labour, fiscal and climate policies to maximise social and economic returns and position social protection as a key enabler of just transitions.

By 2030, the Programme aims to extend legal coverage to an additional 20 million people, achieve effective coverage for 30 million more, and improve the comprehensiveness of social protection for a further 10 million.

Development partners have reaffirmed their commitment to support countries in accelerating progress towards universal social protection and social justice through continued collaboration under the ILO's Flagship Programme...

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Water; Women and Girls

[The United Nations World Water Development Report 2026, Water for all people: equal rights and opportunities](#)

UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme [627]

Document code: SC-2026/WS/1 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.54679/KBGK8241>

[Link to the report](#)

[Global water crisis aggravated by gender inequalities according to new UN Report](#)

Despite decades of progress, inequalities continue to compromise global water security, disproportionately

impacting women and girls, who despite of being the main collectors of water, continue to be excluded from water management and leadership roles.

19 March 2026

Key findings:

- **Globally, women and girls spend a total of 250 million hours every day collecting water**, time that could otherwise be spent on education, leisure, or income-generating activities. Girls under 15 (7%) are more likely than boys under 15 (4%) to fetch water.
- **Poor sanitation facilities disproportionately affect women and girls**, especially in urban slums and rural areas. Lack of toilets and water for menstrual hygiene leads to shame and absenteeism: an estimated 10 million adolescent girls (15–19), across 41 countries, missed school, work, or social activities between 2016 and 2022.
- Despite their central role in household water provision, agriculture, ecosystem stewardship, and community resilience, **women remain systematically underrepresented in water governance, financing, utilities, and decision-making.**
- Despite numerous gender equality declarations and policies, progress towards equal access to water and sanitation, and **women's participation in water management, remain insufficient due to weak integration into operational plans.**
- **Gender inequalities in land and property ownership directly impact women's access to water.** Water rights are often linked to land rights, directly impacting the availability of water for productive uses such as farming. Land tenure-related laws and regulations that discriminate against women leave them at social and economic disadvantages. In some countries, men have ownership over twice the amount of land than women.
- Women remain under-represented in water management and governance, available data from 64 utilities in 28 low- and middle-income countries indicated that fewer than one in five water workers were women, and they were paid less than their male counterparts (World Bank, 2019). In 2021/2022, women held fewer than half of WASH positions in government jobs in 79 of 109 responding countries and fewer than 10% in almost a quarter of responding countries (WHO,2022).

Khaled El-Enany, UNESCO Director-General, said **"Ensuring women's participation in water management and governance is a key driver for progress and sustainable development.** We must step up efforts to safeguard women and girls' access to water. This is not only a basic right, when women have equal access to water, everyone benefits." Alvaro Lario, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and Chair of UN-Water, said **"It is time to fully recognize the central role of women and girls in water solutions – as users, leaders and professionals.** We need women and men to manage water side by side as a common good that benefits the whole of society."

The United Nations World Water Development Report is released annually in the context of World Water Day. **This year's report, *Water for All People: Equal Rights and Opportunities*, warns that 2.1 billion people still lack safely managed drinking water, with women and girls bearing the heaviest burden.** Women and girls are most often responsible for collecting and managing water for their households, exposing them to physical strain, lost education and livelihoods, health risks, and heightened vulnerability to gender-based violence — particularly where services are unsafe or unreliable...

The report provides concrete recommendations to drive meaningful progress, including:

- Removing legal, institutional and financial barriers to women's equal rights to water, land and services
- Scaling up gender-responsive financing and budgeting, with strong accountability mechanisms
- Investing in sex-disaggregated water data to expose inequalities and guide policy
- Valuing unpaid water-related labour in planning, pricing and investment decisions
- Strengthening women's leadership and technical capacity, particularly in scientific and technical fields of water governance

- Moving beyond “low-cost” solutions that rely on unpaid labour and exacerbate inequality.

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“Agentic AI co-Scientists”

[OpenScientist: evaluating an open agentic AI co-scientist to accelerate biomedical discovery](#)

Kaleigh F. Roberts, Zachary B. Abrams, Luca Cappelletti, Mahdi Moqri, Nicholas Heugel, J. Harry Caulfield, Mathieu Bourdenx, Yan Li, Jineta Banerjee, Luca Foschini, Diego Galeano, Nomi L. Harris, Melody Li, Kejun Ying, Justin A. Melendez, Nicolas R. Barthélemy, James G. Bollinger, Yingxin He, Vitaliy Ovod, Tammie L. S. Benzinger, Shaney Flores, Brian A. Gordon, Adegoke A. Ojewole, Mukta Phatak, Donald L. Elbert, Sarah Biber, Eric C. Landsness, Christopher J. Mungall, Randall J. Bateman, Justin T. Reese

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Abstract

Background

Advances in medicine depend on analyzing large and complex data sources, but discovery is partly constrained by the limited time and domain expertise of human researchers. Agentic artificial intelligence (agentic AI) can accelerate discovery by automating components of the scientific workflow, including information retrieval, data analysis, and knowledge synthesis.

Aim

OpenScientist, an open-source agentic AI co-scientist, aims to accelerate biomedical discovery by semi-autonomously investigating scientist-defined queries and generating clinically relevant, verifiable scientific insights.

Methods

Domain experts evaluated OpenScientist for novel discoveries in four clinical case studies:

(1) a prespecified analysis in a community-based Alzheimer’s disease biomarker cohort, (2) unsupervised modeling for plasma proteomic survival prediction, (3) hypothesis investigation in single-cell transcriptomic data from neurons with neurofibrillary tangles, and (4) hypothesis generation with validation in a multiple myeloma dataset with a randomized negative control.

Results

OpenScientist completed analyses in minutes that otherwise would take weeks to months of human time and expertise. It identified %p_{tau217} as the best predictor of amyloid PET status, generated a plasma proteomic survival model with performance comparable to published models, proposed a mechanism linking tau pathology to altered lysosomal acidification, and generated multiple myeloma hypotheses that were validated in an external cohort while distinguishing true signal from randomized controls.

Conclusion

OpenScientist demonstrates that open, auditable, agentic AI can support real-world clinical research by generating hypotheses, executing analyses, and discovering insights from complex datasets.

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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 20 Mar 2025]

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Meetings Coverage/Press Releases [Selected]

19 March 2026 WOM/2254

[Commission on the Status of Women Concludes Session as Tensions over Language, Scope, Prevent Consensus on Key Text](#)

The Commission on the Status of Women concluded its seventieth session today, with delegates adopting a text on “women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS”, and many airing pent-up concerns over the Agreed Conclusions adopted last week, which they argued had been weakened by unprecedented objections of some Member States.

18 March 2026 SG/SM/23054

[‘Stand with Those Who Serve Humanity’, Secretary-General Says on International Day Honouring Missing, Detained Staff Members](#)

18 March 2026 SC/16319

[Middle East Escalation Spilling into Syria, Driving Displacement, Civilian Harm, Deputy Special Envoy Warns Security Council](#)

The alarming escalation in the Middle East is spilling into Syria, driving cross-border displacement and civilian casualties, United Nations officials told the Security Council today, warning that Damascus’s “steady but fragile recovery” could be derailed.

16 March 2026 SC/16317

[Security Council Extends United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2818 \(2026\)](#)

The Security Council today decided to extend the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) until 17 June, as speakers urged the Taliban to reverse its policy banning Afghan women from UN buildings and underscored the Mission’s critical role in supporting the Afghan people amid continuing humanitarian, security and human rights challenges.

16 March 2026 SC/16318

[Security Council Delegates Stress Importance of Resolution 1540 \(2004\) as Risks of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation Rise Globally](#)

The Security Council was briefed today on the work of its subsidiary body tasked with monitoring and supporting efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors, as speakers underscored the importance of its work in a tumultuous time for global security.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

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Racial discrimination

[**High Commissioner Türk: Let's confront, call out, and act against racism**](#)

Press releases 19 March 2026

Israel

[**As aid restrictions deepen crisis in the occupied Palestinian territories, women and girls pay heightened price, warn UN experts**](#)

Statements and speeches 18 March 2026

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Country reports 17 March 2026

[**A/HRC/61/70: Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan - Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Advance edited version**](#)

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Afghanistan

[**Afghanistan: Deadly blast kills many at rehab center in Kabul**](#)

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News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 20 Mar 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 20 Mar 2025]

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

Statements, Press Releases

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[In Their Own Words: Voices of Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Service-Providers](#)

Highlights

In this unique anthology, which spans a dozen countries and includes more than 150 testimonies from conflicts ranging from 1992 to the present, survivors and service-providers speak in their own words

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 20 Mar 2025]

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[State-backed terror squads at the forefront of Israel's ethnic cleansing and annexation policy in the West Bank, warn UN experts](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 20 Mar 2025]

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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[Argentina: Alarming setbacks in transitional justice on 50th anniversary of coup d'état, warn UN experts](#)

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 20 Mar 2025]

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IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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[IOM Chief Condemns Sudan Hospital Attack](#)

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[IOM, Government of Bangladesh Facilitate Evacuation of 186 Bangladeshi Migrants from Iran](#)

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[Over 1M Supported in 2025 as Nearly 11M Still Need Assistance in Ukraine](#)

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[Spain Welcomes IOM Chief as Migration Cooperation Gains Momentum](#)

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[187,000 in South Sudan Risk Losing Life-Saving Services as USD 6 Million Funding Gap Looms](#)

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[Over 125,000 Cross Syria Border from Lebanon, Half are Children](#)

UNAIDS [20 Mar 2025]

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

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[UNAIDS is deeply concerned about the impact of the harshening of a law against LGBTQ people in Senegal](#)

UNAIDS urges the President not to sign the Bill and calls on Senegal to safeguard life-saving health services including HIV prevention, treatment and care.

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UNICEF [to 20 Mar 2025]

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[Remarks by UNICEF Executive Catherine Russell on World Water Day 2026: Where water flows, equality grows](#)

NEW YORK, 19 March 2026 –, “Excellencies, distinguished delegates, and colleagues, good morning. “For millions of girls around the world, the global water crisis is not abstract. It is the reason they wake before dawn to collect water, the reason they miss school when they are menstruating the reason their safety,...

Press release 17 March 2026

[Progress in reducing child deaths slows as 4.9 million children under five die in 2024](#)

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 18 March 2026, – An estimated 4.9 million children died before their fifth birthday in 2024, including 2.3 million newborns, according to new estimates released today. Most of these deaths are preventable with proven, low-cost interventions and access to quality health care. According to the repor...

Statement 17 March 2026

[Statement by UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Edouard Beigbeder, on the killing of Palestinian children in the West Bank](#)

AMMAN, 17 March 2026 –, “Violence has again claimed the lives of Palestinian children in the West Bank. On 14 March, two siblings, aged 5 and 7, were shot and killed by Israeli forces in the town of Tammun in the West Bank alongside their parents inside their car. “Since January 2025, 65 Palestinian children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem –...

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[Towards responsible AI for mental health and well-being: experts chart a way forward](#)

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 20 Mar 2026

[Guatemala joins the Alliance for Primary Health Care in the Americas to strengthen its health system](#)

Washington, DC, March 20, 2026 (PAHO) — Guatemala has officially joined the Alliance for Primary Health Care in the Americas, a regional initiative led by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the World Bank (WB) to accelerate the transformation of health systems through investment, innovation...

:: 19 Mar 2026

[PAHO's 2025 Annual Report highlights resilience, innovation, and regional cooperation for health in the Americas](#)

Washington, D.C., March 19, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today released its 2025 Annual Report, highlighting major advances in health security, disease elimination, digital transformation, and stronger health systems across the Americas. The web-based report, Driving ...

17 Mar 2026

[PAHO and ParlAmericas sign framework agreement to strengthen legislative action on health in the Americas](#)

Washington, D.C., March 17, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and ParlAmericas have signed a Framework Agreement for Technical Cooperation to strengthen the legislative agenda on health challenges and priorities across the Americas. The agreement, signed by Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, Director of PAHO, and Chilean Senator Ivan...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

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[Digital health equity gaps remain, but solutions are becoming clearer, new report shows](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

[WHO releases US\\$2 million in emergency funds to support health response in Lebanon, Iraq and Syria](#)

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[Pakistan: when a WHO-supported measles–rubella drive also protects millions from polio](#)

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

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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.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

vol. 101, 12 [full issue] 20 March 2026

<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/1ea408da-cd90-438b-b80c-b00aaf4e7315/content>

:: 14th Meeting of the WHO Expert Working Group of the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) for Surveillance of Antiviral Susceptibility

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New WHO Publications

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

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Genomics costing tool, user manual, 2nd edition

Overview

The second edition of the Genomics Costing Tool builds on the first version, which focused on SARS-CoV-2, by enabling costing a broader range of viral and bacterial pathogens, including influenza and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Developed by WHO in collaboration with the Association of Public Health Laboratories, FIND, and the UK Health Security Agency, this edition features an expanded list of sequencing platforms and reagents and is designed to remain adaptable as pathogen and technology needs evolve.

The GCT is a Microsoft Excel-based interactive tool supported by a detailed user manual. The manual provides step-by-step guidance for data collection, cost estimation, and interpreting outputs to inform financial planning and resource mobilization for infrastructure, workforce, biosafety, and quality management across genomic surveillance systems.

The tool is intended for policymakers at all levels, health administrators and economists, laboratory leaders, quality managers, donor institutions, and other stakeholders involved in sequencing and bioinformatics for priority pathogens...

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [20 Mar 2025]

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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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20-03-2026 | DESA

[World Down Syndrome Day: Together against loneliness](#)

20 March 2026 - For many people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities, loneliness can be persistent and deeply isolating. Families may also experience social isolation, reduced support networks, and barriers to community participation.

19-03-2026 | DESA

[Nearly 5 million children are still dying annually before their fifth birthday: Here's why](#)

19 March 2026 - An estimated 4.9 million children died before their fifth birthday in 2024, including 2.3 million newborns, according to new United Nations estimates [released](#) on Tuesday – highlighting a worrying slowdown in global progress on child survival.

19-03-2026 | DESA

[World Water Day 2026: Where water flows, equality grows](#)

19 March 2026 - World Water Day 2026, marked on 22 March, focuses on safe water and sanitation as human rights and critical enablers of gender equality.

17-03-2026 | DESA

UN appoints Joseph Gordon-Levitt as first Global Advocate for Human-centric Digital Governance

17 March 2026 - The United Nations today announced the appointment of Joseph Gordon-Levitt as the UN's first Global Advocate for Human-centric Digital Governance, a newly established role designed to strengthen public understanding of how digital technologies shape everyday life, rights and opportunities.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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100 million more people access social protection through ILO support

Over the past decade, the International Labour Organization has helped countries expand social protection through its Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All.

News | 19 March 2026

Social dialogue advances gender equality and shared care responsibilities in Latin America

An ILO report shows how collective bargaining and innovative company practices are strengthening care policies and gender equality in eight countries in Latin America.

News | 18 March 2026

ILO meeting adopts first global Guidelines on labour rights for professional athletes

Tripartite experts agree measures to promote fundamental principles and rights at work and prevent violence and harassment in professional sport.

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

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Global water crisis aggravated by gender inequalities according to new UN Report

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UNODC-INTERPOL global summit mobilizes action against fraud surge

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 20 Mar 2025]

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Website not responding at inquiry.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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[FAO report: agriculture remains a lifeline for rural families in war-affected Ukraine](#)

FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

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World Food Programme [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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17 March 2026

[WFP and ADB Forge Strategic Partnership to Transform Food Systems in Asia-Pacific](#)

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a landmark Cooperation Arrangement at the Asia and the Pacific Food Systems Forum 2026, committing to work together on food systems transformation, emergency assistance, and nutrition-sensitive policies to address food insecurity and build resilience across the region.

17 March 2026

[WFP projects food insecurity could reach record levels as a result of Middle East escalation](#)

15 March 2026

[WFP delivers lifesaving assistance to families caught in conflict in Afghanistan](#)

KABUL – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has begun to rapidly mobilize a large-scale emergency response for communities in Afghanistan impacted by the conflict with Pakistan and is adapting quickly to keep life-saving aid moving despite violence in the region and shipping disruptions.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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IMO International Maritime Organization [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://public.wmo.int>

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[World Day for Glaciers: Science must inform action](#)

News 20 March 2026

The International Year for Glaciers' Preservation in 2025 put glaciers firmly on the global agenda. It is now time to follow through with concrete action, informed by science.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 20 Mar 2025]
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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 20 Mar 2025] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>
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[WIPO Launches Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure Interchange](#)

WIPO today launched the Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure Interchange (AIII), a new initiative for expert dialogue on IP and AI issues that will focus on technical and operational issues and complement ongoing discussions at other WIPO forums.

Mar 17, 2026 [PR/2026/949](#)

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<https://www.darpa.mil/news>
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[Sanctioning a Global Network Supporting Hizballah Financing](#)

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Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

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19 March 2026 — *Press release*

[Foreign Secretary sets out new innovative development reforms](#)

Tackling conflict and supporting fragile states at centre of the government's new approach to development.

21 March 2026 — *Press release*

[Joint statement from the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada and others on the Strait of Hormuz: 19 March 2026](#)

Joint statement from the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Denmark, Latvia, Slovenia, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Czechia, Romania, Bahrain, Lithuania, Australia and United Arab Emirates on the Strait of Hormuz

ECHO [to 20 Mar 2025]

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News article 17 March 2026

[Kabul rehabilitation centre strike: joint statement by High Representative/Vice President Kallas and Commissioner Lahbib](#)

We call on both sides to exercise maximum restraint and take all feasible measures to minimise the risk of harming civilians.

News article 16 March 2026

[EU announces €36 million in humanitarian aid to Mozambique and neighbouring countries in Southern Africa](#)

The European Commission announced €36 million in EU humanitarian aid that will reach 6 countries across Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean region. Millions of people face acute food insecurity, and conflict in northern Mozambique.

News article 16 March 2026

[EU announces €458 million in humanitarian aid for the war-torn Middle East](#)

With major donors withdrawing from the region and international humanitarian law under unprecedented strain, the EU is sustaining life-saving assistance to millions of people.

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African Union [to 20 Mar 2025]

<http://www.au.int>

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[Opening Remarks, AUC Chairperson Envoy on Women Peace and Security](#)

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ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 20 Mar 2025]

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European Commission [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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Press release Mar 15, 2026

[EU announces €458 million in humanitarian aid for the war-torn Middle East](#)

The European Commission is confirming €458 million in humanitarian aid for Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt in 2026. With major donors withdrawing from the region and international humanitarian law under unprecedented strain, the EU is sustaining life-saving assistance to millions of people.

OECD [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Newsroom

[G20 GDP growth slows to 0.7% in the fourth quarter of 2025](#)

GDP growth in the G20 area slowed to 0.7% in the fourth quarter of 2025, according to provisional estimates, down from 0.9% in the previous quarter.

Statistical release 16 March 2026

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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[CITEL of the OAS Promotes New Connectivity and Telemedicine Initiatives for Rural and Indigenous Communities in the Americas](#)

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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[The OIC Media Observatory on Israeli Crimes Against Palestinians Issues its 120th Report, Documenting Alarming Figures on Agricultural Lands Bulldozed by Israel](#)

The OIC Media Observatory on Israeli Crimes Against Palestinians documented 122 Palestinian martyrs in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It documented the killing of 23 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip between March 10

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Group of 77 [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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[UN Tourism strengthens tourism measurement in global economic system](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

[AI investment and Middle East conflict shape outlook for global trade](#)

20 March 2026

The outlook for world trade in 2026 will be shaped by two powerful and opposite forces. On the one hand, the extraordinary momentum of investment in artificial intelligence (AI) continues to energize global demand for high-tech goods and digitally delivered services. On the other hand, the conflict in the Middle East – and the resulting spike in energy and transport costs – could weigh heavily on world trade and output.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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18/03/2026

[UNITE and IPU sign agreement to mobilize parliamentarians for stronger health systems](#)

European Court of Human Rights

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

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International Court of Justice [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 20 Mar 2025]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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International Law Commission [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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No new digest content identified.

United States Court of International Trade

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

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World Bank [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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[Modernizing Caribbean Water Systems for Jobs, Resilience, and Growth](#)

Across the Caribbean, tourism, agriculture, and fisheries shape the rhythm of economic life. They support millions of livelihoods in the region. Tourism alone sustains more than 2.75 million jobs. Agriculture...

Date: March 20, 2026 Type: Opinion

[Electric Mobility in Developing Countries: Cost Benefit Analysis and Policy Guidance](#)

DOWNLOAD This report explores how the transition to electric mobility can drive jobs, growth, and economic transformation in developing countries. In the next 10–15 years, 1.2 billion young people in developing...

Date: March 19, 2026 Type: Publication

[Smarter Water Use Could Feed 10 Billion and Create Nearly 250 Million Jobs](#)

WASHINGTON, March 19, 2026— Rebalancing water use across the global food system is key to meeting future food demand sustainably and could generate 245 million long-term jobs, largely in Sub-Saharan Africa...

Date: March 19, 2026 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Group Approves \\$135 Million to Strengthen Senegal's Health System and Expand Financial Protection for Vulnerable Populations](#)

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2026 - The World Bank has approved \$135 million in financing to strengthen Senegal's health system, improve health outcomes for women, children and adolescents and provide financial...

Date: March 18, 2026 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest News

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Mauritius Adheres to the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard Plus

Mauritius has adhered to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) Plus, the highest tier of the IMF's Data Standards Initiatives. It is the first country in Africa and the 32nd country globally to achieve this milestone in data transparency.

African Development Bank [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases>

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Asian Development Bank [to 20 Mar 2025]

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ADB Surpasses \$14 Billion Food Security Commitment, Expands Food System Support

ADB has surpassed its \$14 billion commitment to strengthen food security in Asia and the Pacific during 2022–2025, while advancing a broader agenda to transform the region's food systems through additional funding and expanded partnerships.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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Beijing, March 19, 2026

AIIB President Zou Meets Southeast and South Asia Leaders, Advancing Partnerships to Deepen Infrastructure Impact

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) President Zou Jiayi visited founding AIIB members Indonesia, Singapore and India ...

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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News

IDB Lab Invests in Innogen Delta I to Drive Tech Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation in Central America

WASHINGTON – IDB Lab, the innovation and venture arm of the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB Group), approved plans to invest up to \$2.5 million in Innogen Delta I, the first venture capital fund to focus exclusively on Central American startups, especially in El Salvador, Guatemala,

and...
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IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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Press release 19 March 2026

[Norway and IFAD reaffirm partnership to advance food security and rural transformation
An IFAD-Norway joint statement highlights the need for sustained investment in agriculture,
food systems and rural development.](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 20 Mar 2025]

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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 20 Mar 2025]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Afghanistan

[Les ONG humanitaires condamnent les pertes civiles causées par les frappes aériennes à Kaboul](#)

Publié le 18 mars 2026, Mis à jour le 20 mars 2026

Dix-sept ONG opérant en Afghanistan sont profondément alarmées par les centaines de victimes¹ à Kaboul, en Afghanistan, à la suite des violentes frappes aériennes qui ont frappé la capitale le 16 mars 2026. Nous appelons la communauté internationale à intensifier ses efforts pour favoriser la désescalade.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://alima.ngo/>

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No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 20 Mar 2025]

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[Unitaid invests US\\$52 million to expand lifesaving care for pregnant women in Africa](#)

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New SUPREME initiative pairs Unitaid funding with CHAI and Amref expertise to tackle preeclampsia and anemia ...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://aravind.org/>

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Blue Shield International [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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Danish Refugee Council [to 20 Mar 2025]

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<https://ecpat.org/>

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EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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

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Fountain House [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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GE2P2 Global Foundation [20 Mar 2025]

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:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 19 March 2026](#)

:: [Genomics, Gene Editing, Convergent Biosciences: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Review – Nov 2025](#)

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest press releases and statements

[Iran: Civilians are paying a heavy price amid escalating hostilities](#)

Statement 17-03-2026

“Our generation is planting the seeds of system failure in international law, but it is our children who will have to harvest this violent future.”

Statement 17-03-2026

[Lebanon: Intensification of hostilities worsens ...](#)

IFRC [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press releases

[IFRC warns: Sudan crisis spills across borders as humanitarian crisis worsens](#)

17/03/2026 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases

[Closure of the Strait of Hormuz and regional airspace closures are heavily impacting aid supply chains; IRC warns of a “triple emergency” in humanitarian contexts](#)

March 20, 2026

Press Release

[One million people displaced across Lebanon in just two weeks; Children in need of urgent support, warns IRC](#)

March 17, 2026

IRCT [to 20 Mar 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 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest news and updates

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News Releases & Alerts

March 18, 2026

[Middle East Conflict Sends Fuel and Fertilizer Price Shocks Threatening Food Security Across Africa](#)

Mercy Corps warns that escalating conflict in the Middle East is sending economic shockwaves far beyond the region...

March 18, 2026

[Mercy Corps to Become Prosper Global in September 2026](#)

After more than four decades supporting tens of millions of people in crisis-affected communities, the global...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

About MSF

[ONE PIECE's Tony Tony Chopper appointed as an official MSF supporter](#)

Press Release 20 Mar 2026

South Sudan

[Displaced people in central and northeastern South Sudan need urgent support](#)

Project Update 19 Mar 2026

Poland

[Polish legislators must drop harmful 'age as a verdict' measures for children and migrants](#)

Press Release 17 Mar 2026

War and conflict

[MSF's response to war in the Middle East](#)

Project Update 16 Mar 2026

The New Humanitarian [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 20 Mar 2026

[Iran gas strikes, Kabul rehab centre bombing, and crunch time in Cuba](#)

Conflict Editor's take

19 March 2026

[Pakistan bombed a Kabul rehab centre. Where's the outrage?](#)

Aid and Policy Opinion

19 March 2026

[UN pay should be based on merit, not passport](#)

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

[Afghanistan joint statement: Humanitarian NGOs condemn civilian toll in Kabul airstrikes and call for respect for international humanitarian law](#)

18. Mar 2026 | Afghanistan

OXFAM [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases/Stories
No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.pactworld.org/press-room>
Latest News & Highlights
No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.pih.org/news>
News & Stories
[6 Tech Innovations Improving Tuberculosis Care](#)
Learn about technologies strengthening care in Lesotho.
March 16, 2026

PATH [20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.path.org/media-center/>
Newsroom [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 20 Mar 2025]
<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>
News
No new digest content identified.

Save the Children [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>
Latest news
20 Mar 2026 *South Sudan*

[South Sudan: Death, distress – and a baby born in a canoe – as Akobo evacuates](#)

One Save the Children staffer who was caught up in the violence has told a harrowing story of suffering and survival, following the repeated evacuations of towns across Akobo County in eastern Jonglei state since the start of the year.

19 Mar 2026 *Lebanon, Occupied Palestinian territory, Afghanistan*

[Conflict drives Eid food price surge across Middle East and wider region, leaving families struggling to cope](#)

Food prices have surged in some of the most food-insecure countries in the Middle East and wider region due to the ongoing conflict, threatening to push the most vulnerable families further into hunger as Eid approaches.

18 Mar 2026 *Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan*

[Middle East Regional Conflict blocking lifesaving aid for nearly half a million children](#)

The conflict in the Middle East and wider region is obstructing key delivery routes for humanitarian supplies, delaying lifesaving medical shipments for at least 410,000 children in three countries, said Save the Children, warning the global impact will only grow.

18 Mar 2026 *Tonga*

TONGA RAISES AGE OF MARRIAGE TO 18 WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN URGING OTHER PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS TO FOLLOW

Across the Pacific child marriage remains a significant challenge, with deep inequalities and slow progress in some nations, despite a commitment by countries under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end child marriage by 2030.

17 Mar 2026 *Sudan*

SUDAN: Over 80,000 children to benefit as Save the Children delivers lifesaving medicines to Tawila after three-week journey

The shipment, transported from Port Sudan, is expected to support over 80,000 children and 57,000 adults in Tawila and is enough to keep 20 health facilities and mobile clinics serving displaced communities running for six months.

17 Mar 2026 *Colombia*

COLOMBIA: THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FLEEING VIOLENCE HITS A 10-YEAR HIGH

At least 215 children on average were forced from their homes each day in Colombia in 2025 - the highest number in at least a decade – due to intensified armed conflict.

Tostan [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://tostan.org/blog/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Articles

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Featured Press Releases

March 18, 2026

Cold and rain put forcibly displaced children at even greater risk in Lebanon

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News Releases & Statements

NEW REPORT: Global Freedom Declined for 20th Consecutive Year in 2025

March 19, 2026

A successful response must include stronger coordination among democracies, reformed democracy

assistance, and more strategic engagement with young people around the world.

Request to Mark Up the Transnational Repression Policy Act

Joint Statement March 16, 2026

Dear Chairman Mast, Chairman Risch, Ranking Member Meeks, and Ranking Member Shaheen: We, the 35 undersigned diaspora, human rights, faith-based, and civil society organizations are writing to request that Congress prioritize preventing and addressing the pressing threat of transnational repression, or efforts by foreign governments or their proxies to silence, harm, or intimidate dissidents, members of minority diaspora communities, and others beyond their borders. With incidents of transnational repression on the rise globally, it is imperative that Congress acts now to protect the lives and liberties of those targeted by foreign powers.

Specifically, we kindly request that the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Senate Foreign Relations Committee hold markup sessions for the bipartisan and bicameral Transnational Repression Policy Act (H.R. 4829/S.2525)...

Human Rights Watch [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

March 20, 2026 | *News Release*

Norway: Halt Extradition of Activist to Greece

The arrest of a human rights activist, Tommy Olsen, by Norwegian authorities on March 16, 2026, is based on a groundless extradition request by Greece.

March 19, 2026 | *Dispatches*

North Korea's Rights Crisis, Not Just Missiles, Needs Global Attention

March 18, 2026 | *Commentary*

China's Repression Still Haunts Uyghur Exiles

March 18, 2026 | *Dispatches*

Hungary Bans Trans Rights Demonstration

March 18, 2026 | *Dispatches*

How Human Rights Watch Mitigates Harm when Publishing Open-Source Analysis

Transparency International [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 20 Mar 2025]

<http://concordeurope.org/>
Latest News and Events
No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://theelders.org/news-insight>
Elder's Statements, News

[War in Iran: Elders call for consistency in defence of the international rule of law](#)
18 March 2026

The Elders urge leaders to uphold the international rule of law consistently and to resist being drawn into unlawful conflicts.

Gavi [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.gavi.org/>
News Releases
No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>
News Releases
No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.icvanetwork.org/blogs/>
Blogs, Press Releases & Statements
No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.interaction.org/statements/>
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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.3ieimpact.org/>
What's New/Events
No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 20 Mar 2025]
<http://chsalliance.org/>
News
No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian

Action [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News, Events

[Closing the HIF chapter: Reflections on navigating barriers and building a movement for change](#)

19 March 2026 *Elrha insights*

Since 2010, the Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF) has awarded over 270 research and innovation grants, with more than £25 million invested to transform humanitarian action. But beyond this the HIF has been about something deeper, creating the space and support for humanitarians to challenge how the system works, and reimagine humanitarian response.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

[Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection, Mar 21, 2026](#)

[Text-bolding from original]

This week highlights how heightening humanitarian conditions bring enormous challenges to the lives of millions of people. These challenges range from **increased hunger, displacement, refugee protection, migration, lack of shelter, and dwindling public services**. Compounded by existing conflict, these bring **tremendous pressure on fragile economies**, as seen in Lebanon, and contribute to the **looming famine** in Yemen, with calls to **rethink protection policies** in the UK, Netherlands, and other EU countries. In Gaza, despite the so-called ceasefire, **people continue to endure daily violence and food insecurity**.

Amid these worsening humanitarian situations, we also look into the **growing inclusion of local actors as leaders in designing humanitarian models**, recognizing the effectiveness of such responses, as in the case of various outbreaks in Nigeria. Furthermore, **addressing gender inequality requires examining current infrastructures**. We also explore the **changing nature of human**

decision-making and the role of algorithms in armed conflicts.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://inee.org/>

Resources

INEE Event

[INEE Community Conversation - "The Importance of Integrating Care Pedagogy among Refugee Educators"](#)

Right to Learn Afghanistan and Area Centre Study, University of Peshawar

9 April 2026 1:00pm - 2:00pm (UTC)

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news, events

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

Sphere [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

[Sphere and LEGS enter historic shared services agreement](#)

16 March 2026 | Sphere

Geneva / Southampton – 16.03.2026 Sphere and Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS) today announced a landmark shared services agreement that deepens their long-standing collaboration and marks a new phase in how humanitarian standard-setting organisations work together...

Start Network [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [20 Mar 2025]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

[Unitaid and Jhpiego welcome the Government of Kenya's US\\$7.8 million commitment to scale up lifesaving care for mothers and newborns](#)

20 March 2026

... This will expand access to two key products that help health workers detect and prevent life-threatening bleeding after birth, known as postpartum hemorrhage...

News releases

[Unitaid invests US\\$52 million to expand lifesaving care for pregnant women in Africa](#)

19 March 2026

... a new US\$52.5 million investment to introduce and scale up existing interventions and emerging innovations to ensure pregnant women receive timely detection and treatment for preeclampsia and

anemia...

News releases

[Expression of Interest: Call for Community and Civil Society Representatives to serve on the Regional Manufacturing for Equitable Access Portfolio Advisory Committee](#)

16 March 2026

Closing Date: 6 April 2026 (17:00 CET)

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Brookings [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Research, Events

Research

[Analyzing the passage of state-level AI bills](#)

James S. Denford, Gregory S. Dawson, Kevin C. Desouza, and Marc Barda Picavet

March 17, 2026

:: Richer states see more failed AI bills and higher failure rates, paralleling our earlier findings that wealthy states generate more legislative activity overall.

:: Highly educated states tend to introduce more ambitious, more complex, and more technically demanding legislation, leading to stakeholder fragmentation.

:: Having a clear understanding of what leads to bill passage allows elected officials to tailor their own bills to the unique characteristics of their state.

Research

[The economic value of policies and programs to support children's mental health](#)

Richard G. Frank and Chloe Zilkha

March 17, 2026

Center for Global Development [20 Mar 2025]

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

All Research

POLICY PAPER

[Emigration as a Growth Strategy](#)

Charles Kenny

March 19, 2026

The model of manufacturing export-led growth followed by a number of countries in East Asia and beyond is becoming ever more complex to emulate. But new pathways to rapid growth for developing countries are emerging. Higher-income countries are seeing rapidly declining working-age populations, creat...

CGD NOTE

[Strategic Not Transactional: Using Development Cooperation to Advance Economic and National Security](#)

Conor M. Savoy

March 18, 2026

A purely transactional approach, is not a reform of foreign assistance; it is an abdication of it. This note argues for an economic statecraft agenda that is both strategically purposeful and genuinely beneficial to partner countries, because these two goals are not in conflict.

Chatham House [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

[Is Iran one crisis too many for Trump? Independent Thinking podcast](#)

The US-Israel war on Iran is straining Trump's alliances, at home and abroad.

Audio

Published 20 March 2026 35 minute listen

Featured content

Expert comment

[Should the Gulf Arab states join the war against Iran?](#)

Saudia Arabia and the UAE have capable air forces that could complement Israeli and US strikes on Iranian missile and drone infrastructure. But the risks are considerable.

19 March 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

[To secure critical minerals supply governments need to take a stake in industry](#)

To establish some measure of control of minerals supply, market-oriented governments are starting to directly invest in mining projects. Governments that don't are placing their manufacturing sectors, energy security, and national defence at risk.

18 March 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

[The Iran war should boost security cooperation by US Pacific allies like Japan, the Philippines and South Korea](#)

The war is fuelling worries about US commitment to its Pacific partners. The 'triangle' of US-aligned countries must use the moment to strengthen their mutual defence.

18 March 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

[Tinubu's UK state visit: diplomacy alone won't fix Nigeria's problems](#)

The Nigerian president's visit is his latest high-profile foreign policy moment on the world stage. But his diplomatic engagements have not produced concrete benefits for most ordinary Nigerians.

17 March 2026 4 minute READ

The World Today

[How Iran's 'forward defence' became a strategic boomerang](#)

Tehran's decades-long cultivation of the 'axis of resistance' led to the war with US and Israel that it long sought to avoid – whatever the outcome, the regime is weakened, writes Sanam Vakil.

16 March 2026

Council on Foreign Relations [20 Mar 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Reports [Selected]

[Using Minerals and Energy to Rebuild the U.S.-South Africa Relationship](#)

Minerals have been the backbone of the U.S.–South Africa relationship for over a century. South Africa is a mineral production and processing powerhouse, but rising energy costs are pushing capacity to China. If it declines, U.S. dependence on China and Russia deepens.
Brief by Gracelin Baskaran — March 18, 2026

[Energy Infrastructure and the Defense Industrial Base](#)

This paper recommends extending defense-critical electric infrastructure designations to industrial nodes, creating dedicated permitting and finance pathways to facilitate energy production, and integrating energy resilience into supply chain risk assessments.
Brief by Joseph Majkut, Alexander Palmer, and Raj Sawhney — March 17, 2026

[Chicago’s Emerging Quantum Innovation Cluster](#)

Chicago is emerging as a major U.S. hub for quantum technology. Backed by world-class research institutions, strong state investment, and growing federal support, the region is building a powerful innovation ecosystem.
Report by Sujai Shivakumar, Charles Wessner, Thomas Howell, Phillip Singerman, and Hideki Tomoshige — March 16, 2026

IS Global [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

McKinsey Global Institute [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Featured Research

[Geopolitics and the geometry of global trade: 2026 update](#)

March 19, 2026 -

Tariff splashes, AI waves, and the ripples reshaping global trade.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Publications

[Dialogue #4: How to be a donor in a post-aid world](#)

16 March 2026

[What can development finance institutions learn from new growth theories?](#)

16 March 2026

Working paper

Pew Research Center [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest Publications

No new digest content identified.

Rand [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Mar 19, 2026

[RCTs for Human-AI Evaluation: Methodological Challenges and Practical Solutions](#)

This report examines human uplift studies — randomized controlled trial (RCT)-style evaluations of artificial intelligence (AI) systems. Analysis of interviews with 16 practitioners identifies methodological challenges and emerging solutions.

Research Mar 17, 2026

[More Students Use AI for Homework, and More Believe It Harms Critical Thinking: Selected Findings from the American Youth Panel](#)

In 2025, most U.S. students who used artificial intelligence (AI) for homework worried about its effects on critical thinking. Survey results from 1,214 youth offer insights to help schools guide students in using AI to enhance, not replace, learning.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 20 Mar 2025]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

New Research Publications - Selected Brief

[Nearly One in Three Households with Children Were Food Insecure in 2025](#)

Findings from the Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey

March 18, 2026

The Wistar Institute [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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ISC / International Science Council [to 20 Mar 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.

Blog

Why do health innovations still fail to reach the Global South?

Innovative technologies could transform the fight against neglected tropical diseases, yet many remain inaccessible across the Global South.

March 16, 2026

Global Research Council [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News, Stories, Insights

Mar 18, 2026 *News*

National Academy of Medicine Announces 26 New Change Maker Accelerators to Advance Health Workforce Well-Being

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience today announced the selection of 26 organizations to participate in the second cohort of the Change Maker Accelerators, a yearlong program designed to help health organizations implement and measure professional well-being efforts.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

NAS Members Receive Turing Award

Announcement

National Academy of Sciences member Charles H. Bennett and international member Gilles Brassard are receiving the A.M. Turing Award for their essential role in establishing the foundations of quantum information science and transforming secure communication and computing. The award, presented by the Association for Computing Machinery, comes with a \$1 million prize.

Mar 20, 2026

Integrating Data and Computing into K-12 Education Is Critical and Requires Coordinated Approach To Be Effective, Says New Report

News Release

By Dana Korsen

Last update March 12, 2026

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 20 Mar 2025]

https://www.nih.gov/newsroom?f%5B0%5D=news_type%3A281&f%5B1%5D=newsroom_content_type%3Anews
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

[NIH invests \\$150 million in human-based research to reduce use of animal models](#)

March 18, 2026 — New program will develop, validate and standardize research tools to develop more sophisticated and relevant models of disease.

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

<https://www.unesco.org/en/ethics-science-technology/comest>
Reports. Statements, Meetings
No new digest content identified.

International Bioethics Committee (IBC-UNESCO)

<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-UNESCO)

<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 20 Mar 2025]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events
No new digest content identified.

Hastings Center [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases, Events
Hastings Center News

[Join Us for The Embryo Frontier: Editing Human Life](#)

Published March 19, 2026

Should we use science to edit human life? Gene editing of human embryos could prevent serious genetic disease and improve quality of life in unprecedented ways. But it also raises major ethical concerns. Join us

online for a lively debate with Cathy Tie, CEO and Founder of Origin Genomics, and I. Glenn Cohen of Harvard, moderated by [Vardit Ravitsky](#). April 23, 6 – 7:15 pm. [Learn more and register for the livestream](#).

Bioethics Forum Essay

[In a World with Many Epsteins, Does Ethics Still Matter?](#)

by [Jonathan D. Moreno](#) and [Arthur Caplan](#)

Published March 20, 2026

INSERM [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

20 March 2026

[Updated and Expanded ICH Q9\(R1\) Quality Risk Management Briefing Pack Now Available](#)

ICH has published an updated and expanded Q9(R1) Quality Risk Management Briefing Pack to support the implementation of a systematic approach to quality risk management in pharmaceutical development, manufacturing and distribution.

Ongoing Public Consultations		^
>	E22 EWG	General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies
>	M4Q(R2) EWG	Revision of M4Q(R1)

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

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 20 Mar 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.

UN Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics

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

By providing a forum for exchange of information in the field of bioethics and related issues, with special attention to human rights, the UN Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics (UNIACB) intends to promote coordination and cooperation in the activities carried out by its members.

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 20 Mar 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 20 Mar 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/media-center/>
News & Updates
No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 20 Mar 2025]
www.co-impact.io
Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.
Website not responding...under construction...

Ford Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.fordfoundation.org/news-and-stories/news-and-press/>
News & Press
No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.getty.edu/news/all/>
Latest
No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]
<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>
Latest Updates [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [20 Mar 2025]
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]
<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [20 Mar 2025]

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

Newsroom

[HHS Public Health Policy Actions Under the Trump Administration 2025-2026](#)

Mar 19, 2026 *Tracker*

A comprehensive timeline of public health policy actions by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the Trump administration from 2025-2026, with key dates, descriptions, and impacts.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Lilly Endowment Inc. [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://lillyendowment.org/news-and-insights/endowment-news/>

Endowment News

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

No new digest content identified.

Mastercard Foundation [Canada] [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://mastercardfdn.org/en/press/>

News

[Mastercard Foundation and BRAC Expand Landmark Partnership to Unlock Pathways to Dignified and Fulfilling Work for 2 Million Young Women Across Africa](#)

Published On 10 March 2026

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Novo Nordisk Foundation [Denmark] [to 20 Mar 2025]

<https://novonordiskfonden.dk/en/news-media/>

News and media

19 Mar 2026

[Obesity Prize for Excellence awarded to clinical researcher for distinguished and innovative work in obesity and its complications](#)

18 Mar 2026

[Four teams of educators receive the Novo Nordisk Foundation's university teaching prizes for 2026](#)

18 Mar 2026

[Six teachers and educators honoured for strengthening children's and young people's interest in science](#)

Open Society Foundations [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News Room

[State Titling Policies and Manufactured Home Financing](#)

Event - Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Rockefeller Foundation [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

News and Announcements

[Rockefeller Foundation, Global Energy Alliance Invest More Than US\\$100 Million To Expand Electricity in Africa](#)

:: Mission 300 commitment has grown from US\$10 million to US\$100 million over past 19 months
:: Strengthening delivery capacity, mobilizing private investment, accelerating project pipelines, and advancing Mission 300 efforts in nearly two dozen countries
March 19, 2026

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 20 Mar 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 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Stichting INGKA Foundation [Netherlands] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Tata Trusts [India] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [20 Mar 2025]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

[From rethinking to reform: the way forward for the global health system](#)

This paper outlines reflections and takeaways from five regional discussions involving participants from over 114 countries about global health reform.

Published 18 March 2026

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 20 Mar 2025]

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

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

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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 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/aging-bad-you>

Aging Is Bad for You?

At some point along life's trajectory, growing becomes aging. Gerotherapeutics—biologically-based approaches to health that target processes of aging—seem poised to respond. This theme issue investigates ethical valences of what gerotherapeutics suggest about our socially, culturally, and historically entrenched patterns of pathologizing and medicalizing aging. Advancement in our understanding of physiological mechanisms of aging has prompted some to reconceive lifespans as health spans. Geroscience also suggests the need to critically evaluate whether and to what extent we should think of anti-aging ventures as legitimate enterprises of health care. Normative roles played by aging in our personal and relational narratives, in our expectations about how duration and quality of life confer value to life, and in how life extension promotes or undermines our notions of wisdom and a good life are all at stake.

AJOB Neuroscience

Volume 17, Issue 1 (2026)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Mar 05, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 3 p401-636

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

As genomic medicine is being increasingly integrated into healthcare systems, we're seeing a shift in workforce needs. More clinicians, genetic counselors, and scientists need specific training in variant interpretation, but education, training initiatives, and professional competencies are poorly defined. In this issue, Nisselle et al. developed learning outcomes for variant interpretation training, used these outcomes to inform both introductory and advanced education courses, and then evaluated program outcomes.

American Journal of Public Health

March 2026 116(3)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 114 (2026): Issue 3 (Mar 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/114/2/tpmd.114.issue-3.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

March 2026 Volume 179, Issue 3

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

Medicine and Public Issues

Unexplained Pauses in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Surveillance: Erosion of the Public Evidence Base for Health Policy

Jeremy W. Jacobs, MD, MHS, et al.

Special Articles

GRADE Guidance: Update on Developing Good Practice Statements in Guidelines

Omar Dewidar, HBSc, MSc, et al.

Ideas and Opinions

Context Matters: Comparing the United States and Denmark in Vaccine-Preventable Disease Risk

Lone Graff Stensballe, DMSc, PhD

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 409 - February 2026

<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 352 March 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/352/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bioethics

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

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14678519/2025/39/9>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 20 Mar 2025)

[A framework policy analysis of single-dose HPV vaccination adoption in East Africa: a rapid review](#)

Grace Umutesi, Bryan J. Weiner, Ruanne V. Barnabas

Systematic Review Open access 21 March 2026

[Vaccines as a psychological shield: the role of vaccine acceptance in mitigating COVID-19 obsession, burnout, and death anxiety among medical personnel](#)

Preeda Sansakorn, Iqra Mushtaque, Muhammad Awais-E-Yazdan

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 20 Mar 2025)

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

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BMC Medicine

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

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

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BMC Public Health

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

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Articles

[Navigating vaccine access, trust, coercion and regret: post-pandemic lessons on COVID-19 vaccination among newcomer communities in Alberta, Canada](#)

Minnella Antonio, Mohammad Yasir Essar, Gabriel E. Fabreau

Research Open access 18 March 2026

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 20 Mar 2025)

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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

February 2026 - Volume 31 - 1

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

March 2026 - Volume 11 - 3

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/3>

Analysis

[Collective action for responsible global health data sharing and use](#) (4 March, 2026)

Alfredo Mayor, Busiku Hamainza, Arantxa Roca-Feltrer

Commentary

[Strengthening equitable research capacity in response to infectious diseases of poverty](#) (19

March, 2026)

Emmanuel Asampong, Maria Isabel Echavarria Mejia, Yodi Mahendradhata, Mahnaz Vahedi, Anna

Thorson

Original research

[Data reuse in global health: perspectives from actors in policy, funding and research](#) (4

March, 2026)

Naomi Waithira, Evelyne Kestelyn, Mavuto Mukaka, Dung Nguyen Thi Phuong, Keitcheya Chotthanawathit, Hoa Nguyen Thanh, Rachel Odhiambo, Jennifer Van Nuil, Phaik Yeong Cheah

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - March 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-03/>

[Introduction: Disinformation as a multiplier of existential threat](#)

By Dan Drollette Jr

[How AI use in scholarly publishing threatens research integrity, lessens trust, and invites misinformation](#)

By Andrew Gray

Since 2023, a significant number of published scholarly papers show signs of having been edited using AI tools. These tools are also being used to review papers and search and discovery tools, in ways that are not always well understood. Consequently, academic databases are starting to show signs of being affected by AI-generated hallucinated research—placing additional stresses on the integrity of the scholarly publishing system, potentially making it more vulnerable to organized and intentional disinformation campaigns.

[How to counter health misinformation when it's coming from the top](#)

By Lisa Fazio

Health misinformation is now being generated and spread by those in charge of the United States' public health system. Multiple interventions against health misinformation have been identified and are effective, but many are challenging to implement in the current political environment. Effective interventions require accountability and societal repercussions for purveyors of disinformation, particularly those with power and large audiences.

[As measles outbreaks grow, the economic cost of anti-vaccine misinformation could become clearer](#)

By Matt Field

Health economists are growing concerned about the future economic consequences of falling vaccination rates in the United States. In some regions, they are well below the level necessary to stop outbreaks of diseases such as measles. The Trump administration, stacked with anti-vaccine activists or vaccine skeptics, is now a significant source of the vaccine misinformation that experts say is helping to depress support for vaccination.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 2, February 2026, 61-136

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 2 March 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 173 March 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/173/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 119, Issue 4 Pages: 813-1111 April 2026
<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>
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Clinical Therapeutics

March 2026 Volume 48 Issue 3 p213-298
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>
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Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 1, February 2026
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/23-1>
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Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 20 Mar 2025]

[**Utilizing the COM-B model to identify childhood routine vaccination barriers and uptake among parents and caregivers living in the frontline and Zakarpattia regions of Ukraine amidst Russia's full-scale invasion**](#)

Olha Bondarenko, Georgia Venner, Jarno Habicht
Research Open access 17 March 2026

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 162 March 2026
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/162/suppl/C>
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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 8, Issue 6 / December 2025
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/8/6>
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Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 41, Issue 12, 2025
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/curret>
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Current Protocols in Human Genetics

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1934825>

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 26, Issue 1 Pages: 1-80 March 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

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[Global Interdependence, Just Vaccine Allocation, and Compensatory Justice: A New Model](#)

[Kalen J. Fredette](#)

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[Mpox and the Ethics of Outbreak Management: Lessons for Future Public Health Crises](#)

[Adetayo E. Obasa](#), [Marietjie Botes](#), [Anita Kleinsmidt](#), [Ciara Staunton](#)

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[Making Advanced Therapies Affordable and Accessible: Two Strategic Approaches](#)

[Ubaka Ogbogu](#), [Lauren Albrecht](#)

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Development in Practice

Volume 35, Issue 5, 2025

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/35/5?nav=toCList>

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Development Policy Review

Volume 44, Issue 2 March 2026

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

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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 20 - 2026

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

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Disasters

Volume 50, Issue 2 April 2026

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

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EMBO Reports

Volume 27, Issue 5 March 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/44319/volumes-and-issues/27-5>

Article

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 32, Number 2—February 2026

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

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Epidemics

Volume 54 March 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/53/suppl/C>

Review article Open access

[The epidemiology of pathogens with pandemic potential: A review of key parameters and clustering analysis](#)

Jack Ward, Oswaldo Gressani, Sol Kim, Niel Hens, W. John Edmunds

Article 100882

Research article Open access

[Maternal immunity drives age-related patterns of RSV disease](#)

Clara Brigitta, David Hodgson, Graham F. Medley, Rosalind M. Eggo

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Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 154 - 2026

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

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Volume 48, Issue 1 Pages: 1-48 January–February 2026

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

Research and pregnant women • Considerations for informed consent

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Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 39 - Issue 4 - Winter 2025

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

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Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 33 2025

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

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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 36, Issue 1, February 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/36/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 136 October 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/136/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 17, Issue 5 October 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/volumes-and-issues/17-5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 76 November 2025

<https://www.fmreview.org/#latest-issue>

Climate change: Choices for displaced people

From rising sea levels threatening coastal populations to the intensifying frequency and severity of natural hazards, the climate crisis is rendering homes uninhabitable and futures uncertain for millions – especially for those who have been least responsible for climate change. The contributions to this issue of FMR emphasise that responses to climate displacement must be proactive, rights-based, and human-centered, moving beyond reactive measures. Authors from five continents share from their unique perspectives to bring you a rich body of articles which we hope will inform and inspire, bringing fresh thinking and provoking debate.

Foreign Affairs

January/February 2026 Volume 105, Number 1

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2026/105/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 52, 2025 - Issue 2

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

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

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Frontiers in Genetics

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

[Accessed 20 Mar 2025]

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Frontiers in Medicine

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1463>

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Gene Therapy – Nature

Volume 33 Issue 1, January 2026

<https://www.nature.com/gt/volumes/33/issues/1>

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Genetics in Medicines

Volume 28, Issue 3 March 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/28/issue/3>

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Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>

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Volume 17, Issue 4 December 2025

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/volumes-and-issues/17-4>

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Global Health Action

Volume 19, Issue 1 (2026)

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<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

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

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>

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Volume 21, Issue 1 (2026)

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Globalization and Health

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

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The Hastings Center Report

Volume 56, Issue 1 Pages: 5-51, ii-v January–February 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/1552146x/2026/56/1>

The Hastings Center Report explores the ethical, legal, and social issues in medicine, health care, public health, and the life sciences.

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 27, Issue 2, December 2025

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-27-issue-2-december-2025/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 21 - Issue 1 - January 2026

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

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 41, Issue 3, March 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/41/3>

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[Stakeholder perceptions of political and economic factors influencing vaccination in two States with a high burden of zero-dose children in Nigeria](#)

Tanimola Makanjuola Akande and others

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 41, Issue 3, March 2026, Pages 421–432,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaf010>

Reviews

[The impact of official development assistance for health on health outcomes: a rapid systematic review](#)

Newton Chagoma and others

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 41, Issue 3, March 2026, Pages 442–459,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czaf102>

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 36, Issue 23-24 / December 2025

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/36/23-24>

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 48, Number 1, February 2026

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/56376>

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<https://odihpn.org/>

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

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Volume 18, Issue 2, March 2026

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<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/14/2/hrlr.14.issue-2.xml>

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Volume 55, Issue 1, February 2026

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Volume 32, 2025 Issue 3

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IRRC No. 930 December 2025

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Symposium on Colombia's JEP & Selected Articles

23 articles

This edition of the Review focuses on selected decisions of Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace (Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz, JEP), with several contributions by individuals directly engaged in its work. It also features twelve thought-provoking articles covering a wide range of issues in international humanitarian law, policy and action, followed by a selection of reports and documents of interest to the Review's readers.

Issues in Science and Technology

Vol. XLII, No. 2, Winter 2026

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Working Proofs for State-Level Science

The past year's cuts to science funding, haphazard layoffs and rehires at federal agencies, and myriad threats to federal support for research universities have left many researchers demoralized. In fast-moving and deeply uncomfortable times like this, the science community searches for a story about where we are going. After nearly 80 years of federally driven science policy, the stories in this issue demonstrate that states can be places where transformative ideas about the relationship between science and the public can emerge, possibly offering new models to connect the research enterprise with society's needs.

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<https://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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April 2026 Volume 78 Issue 4 p537-684

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

Commentaries

[New Guidance for Countries to Compile and Act on Adolescent Health and Well-Being Data](#)

Titus Divala, et al.

Published online: February 05, 2026

p537-540

Adolescence is a critical period for human development. Even though 10–19-year olds make up approximately one-sixth of the global population [1], the 1.3 billion adolescents worldwide remain overlooked in most national data systems. They have historically been underserved by fragmented measurement approaches that fail to capture the multidimensional nature of well-being and often underutilize existing data [2–4]. Data are essential for promoting and advancing adolescent well-being, enabling evidence-based programming and ensuring accountability for commitments made to this critical population. It is against this background that the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, and UNICEF, has developed comprehensive new guidance to support countries in assessing adolescent health and well-being [5].

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Editorial 17 Mar 2026

[Why the crisis in official statistics matters — and how it can be fixed](#)

Governments that value effective policymaking should be alert to the perils of falling survey-response rates, inadequate funding and increased politicization of official data.

Nature Biotechnology

Volume 44 Issue 3, March 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/44/issues/3>

Comment 17 Mar 2026

[Rally around the therapeutic hub](#)

Most of the world's diseases have been forgotten by commercial drug development. Patient advocacy groups must look to new types of partnerships to develop therapies.

Andrew Marshall, Juan Carlos López

Nature Communications

<https://www.nature.com/subjects/health-sciences/ncomms> (Accessed 20 Mar 2025)

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Nature Genetics

Volume 58 Issue 3, March 2026

<https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/58/issues/3>

Comment 10 Feb 2026

[Building genomic medicine in Saudi Arabia](#)

Genomic medicine can transform diagnosis and treatment, particularly in populations with high rates of inherited disorders. Here we describe the Genomic Medicine Center of Excellence at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, launched to strengthen Saudi genomic infrastructure and highlight lessons for underrepresented populations.

Ahmed Alfares, Faiqa Imtiaz, Yaseen Mallawi

Comment 12 Feb 2026

[The West African Genetic Medicine Center as a model to address the challenge of genetic disorders in Africa](#)

Here we describe the establishment of the West African Genetic Medicine Centre in Ghana to help the country implement a World Health Assembly resolution to guide capacity building to address sickle-cell disease and other genetic disorders in Africa.

Solomon F. Ofori-Acquah, Melissa Nuno, Kofi A. Anie

Review Article 04 Feb 2026

[Sharing approaches in predictive genomics across animals, plants and humans](#)

This Review compares predictive genomics across humans, animals and plants, and outlines shared statistical foundations and key differences in phenotype structure, as well as opportunities for biologically grounded, generalizable artificial intelligence models.

Saranya Arirangan, Leticia F. de Oliveira, Matthew Tegtmeier

Nature Human Behaviour

Volume 10 Issue 2, February 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nathumbehav/volumes/10/issues/2>

Article Open Access 26 Sept 2025

[Honour, competition and cooperation across 13 societies](#)

This online study with 3,371 participants from 13 societies found that perceived societal honour norms predicted both greater competition and greater cooperation at both societal and individual levels.

Shuxian Jin, Angelo Romano, Ayse K. Uskul

Abstract

Effectively addressing societal challenges often requires unrelated individuals to reduce conflict and successfully coordinate actions. The cultural logic of 'honour' is frequently studied in relation to conflict, but its role in competition and cooperation remains underexplored. The current study investigates how perceived normative and personally endorsed honour values predict competition and cooperation behaviours. In an online experiment testing preregistered hypotheses, 3,371 participants from 13 societies made incentivized competition decisions in a contest game and cooperation decisions for coordination in a step-level public goods game. Perceived normative honour values were associated with greater competition and greater cooperation at both societal and individual levels. Personally endorsing values tied to defence of family reputation was associated with greater coordinative efforts, whereas endorsing self-promotion and retaliation was associated with weaker engagement in coordination. These findings highlight the role of honour as a cultural logic (in its different forms) in shaping competition and cooperation across societies.

Nature Medicine

Volume 32 Issue 3, March 2026

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Editorial 13 Mar 2026

[Keep up the momentum for gene therapies](#)

The field of genetic therapies needs robust investments, transparency and reliable regulatory frameworks to overcome recent challenges and continue to translate new technologies into patients' benefit.

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery

Volume 25 Issue 3, March 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/25/issues/3>

Comment 29 Jan 2026

[The Biomarkers Consortium: 20 years of advancing precision medicine](#)

The Foundation for the National Institutes of Health Biomarkers Consortium is celebrating two decades of advancing biomarker science to enable earlier interventions, personalized medicine and improved outcomes in disease prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment.

Amanda Klein, Jeffrey Siegel, John A. Wagner

Nature Reviews Genetics

Volume 27 Issue 3, March 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/27/issues/3>

Review Article 18 Nov 2025

[Harnessing artificial intelligence to advance CRISPR-based genome editing technologies](#)

CRISPR-based genome editing has revolutionized biotechnology, enabling precise DNA modifications for research and therapy. The authors review how artificial intelligence, including deep learning, is advancing genome editing by improving guide RNA design, editor protein engineering, novel effector discovery and predicting editing outcomes.

Tyler Thomson, Gen Li, Bowen Li

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Volume 394 No. 11 March 12/19, 2026

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NEJM Evidence

Volume 5 No. 3 March 2026

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

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[Measures to strengthen international biosafety and biosecurity practices](#)

Etienne Decroly, Patrick Berche, Ali Asy, Maggie L. Bartlett, Åsa Szekely Björndal, Christian Brechot, Patrick G. Casey, Patrick Couvreur, Maria J. Espona, Claudia Filippone, Diah Iskandriati, Wilmot James, Rafael Elias Marques, Zabta Khan Shinwari, Bernadett Pályi, Dana Perkins, Kathrin Summermatter, Olivier Vandenberg, Kurt Zatloukal, Jonathan Ewbank

Perspective | published 18 Mar 2026 PLOS Biology

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No matter where they are performed, studies with infectious agents need ironclad biorisk management. This can be promoted through robust gatekeeping of funding and publication, using a new formal reporting standard for pathogen research.

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[Estimating population immunity against serotype-two poliomyelitis from the inactivated polio vaccine in routine immunization across 112 countries: A modelling study](#)

Elizabeth J. Gray, Laura V. Cooper, Alejandro Ramirez Gonzalez, Ondrej Mach, Nieves Derqui, Nicholas C. Grassly, Isobel M. Blake

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Tadesse Tarik Tamir, Muluken Chanie Agimas, Dessie Abebaw Angaw

Research Article | published 20 Mar 2026 PLOS ONE

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March 17, 2026 | vol. 123 | no. 11

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Opinion

March 11, 2026 Front Matter

[FDA must regulate stem cell therapies to mitigate risks to patients and the public](#)

Taylor Pike, [Mary Ann Chirba](#) and [Daniel G. Aaron](#)

... Here, we highlight the changes that the current Administration might consider for FDA regulation of stem cell therapies and the potential fallout for patients and public health—a scenario that’s emblematic of the larger, troubling “medical freedom” movement. While riddled with uncertainty, the current conditions make one thing clear: Now is the time for the public and advocacy organizations to make their voices heard. If not, we are likely to see more patients being diverted from evidence-based care to unproven stem cell treatments with a significant risk of harm.

PNAS Nexus

Volume 5, Issue 2, February 2026

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Social Sciences

[Political censorship in large language models originating from China](#)

Jennifer Pan and Xu Xu

PNAS Nexus, Volume 5, Issue 2, February 2026, pgag013, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgag013>

A growing body of research on large language models (LLMs) has identified various biases, primarily in contexts where biases reflect societal patterns. This article focuses on a different source of bias in LLMs—government censorship. By comparing foundation models developed in China and those from outside China, we find substantially higher rates of refusal to respond, shorter responses, and inaccurate responses to a battery of 145 political questions in China-originating models. These disparities diminish

for less-sensitive prompts, showing that technological and market differences cannot fully explain this divergence. While all models exhibit higher refusal to respond rates with Chinese-language prompts than English ones, language differences are less pronounced than disparities between China-originating and non-China-originating models. We caution that our study is observational and cross-sectional and does not establish a causal linkage between regulatory pressures and censorship behaviors of China-originating LLMs, but these results suggest that censorship through government regulation requiring companies to restrict political content may be an important factor contributing to political bias in LLMs.

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Expert Voices

Agentic AI and the next intelligence explosion

BY James Evans, Benjamin Bratton, Blaise Agüera y Arcas
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Volume 32, Issue 2 April 2026

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Winter 2026 Volume 24, Number 1

<https://ssir.org/issue/winter-2026>

Read about how the ACLU is defending civil liberties in Trump's second term; how automatically registering high school students to vote can energize US democracy; how Teach at the Right Level (TaRL) Africa has partnered with governments to scale; how Ukrainian civil society is making the country more resilient and sustainable during wartime; and other topics in the Winter 2026 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*. Plus: Two special supplements from Third Sector ([Realizing the Promise of a Truly Responsive Government](#)) and Urban Strategies Inc. ([Framing the Future with Love](#)).

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discrimination / human rights

[**Progress Towards Dismantling Racial Discrimination Globally: How International Human Rights Law Supports Justice at All Levels**](#)

Gay J. McDougall

The painful legacy of racism and discrimination has scarred societies globally. Millions have lost their lives or had their dreams diminished or denied because of the false ideology that one life is superior to another.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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World Heritage Review

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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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arXiv:2603.18028 [pdf, other]

[Clinically Meaningful Explainability for NeuroAI: An ethical, technical, and clinical perspective](#)

[Laura Schopp](#), [Ambra DImperio](#), [Jalal Etesami](#), [Marcello Ienca](#)

Comments: 20 pages, 2 figures

While explainable AI (XAI) is often heralded as a means to enhance transparency and trustworthiness in closed-loop neurotechnology for psychiatric and neurological conditions, its real-world prevalence remains low. Moreover, empirical evidence suggests that the type of explanations provided by current XAI methods often fails to align with clinicians' end-user needs. In this viewpoint, we argue that clinically meaningful explainability (CME) is essential for AI-enabled closed-loop medical neurotechnology and

must be addressed from an ethical, technical, and clinical perspective. Instead of exhaustive technical detail, clinicians prioritize clinically relevant, actionable explanations, such as clear representations of input-output relationships and feature importance. Full technical transparency, although theoretically desirable, often proves irrelevant or even overwhelming in practice, as it may lead to informational overload. Therefore, we advocate for CME in the neurotechnology domain: prioritizing actionable clarity over technical completeness and designing interface visualizations that intuitively map AI outputs and key features into clinically meaningful formats. To this end, we introduce a reference architecture called NeuroXplain, which translates CME into actionable technical design recommendations for any future neurostimulation device. Our aim is to inform stakeholders working in neurotechnology and regulatory framework development to ensure that explainability fulfills the right needs for the right stakeholders and ultimately leads to better patient treatment and care.

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Large language model (LLM)-based AI agents are increasingly capable of complex clinical reasoning and may soon participate in medical decision-making with limited or no real-time human oversight. This shift raises fundamental questions about how the core principles of medical ethics (i.e., beneficence, nonmaleficence, autonomy, and justice) can be upheld when the clinical responsibility extends to autonomous systems. Here we propose an ethics-by-design framework for medical AI agents comprising six practical interventions: auditable ethical reasoning modules, explicit human override conditions, structured patient preference profiles, AI-specific ethics oversight tools, global benchmarking repositories for ethical scenarios, and regulatory sandboxes for real-world evaluation. Together, these mechanisms aim to operationalize ethical governance for emerging clinical AI agents.

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Abstract

Background Advances in medicine depend on analyzing large and complex data sources, but discovery is partly constrained by the limited time and domain expertise of human researchers. Agentic artificial intelligence (agentic AI) can accelerate discovery by automating components of the scientific workflow, including information retrieval, data analysis, and knowledge synthesis.

Aim OpenScientist, an open-source agentic AI co-scientist, aims to accelerate biomedical discovery by semi-autonomously investigating scientist-defined queries and generating clinically relevant, verifiable scientific insights.

Methods Domain experts evaluated OpenScientist for novel discoveries in four clinical case studies: (1) a prespecified analysis in a community-based Alzheimer's disease biomarker cohort, (2) unsupervised modeling for plasma proteomic survival prediction, (3) hypothesis investigation in single-cell transcriptomic data from neurons with neurofibrillary tangles, and (4) hypothesis generation with validation in a multiple myeloma dataset with a randomized negative control.

Results OpenScientist completed analyses in minutes that otherwise would take weeks to months of human time and expertise. It identified %ptau217 as the best predictor of amyloid PET status, generated a plasma proteomic survival model with performance comparable to published models, proposed a mechanism linking tau pathology to altered lysosomal acidification, and generated multiple myeloma hypotheses that were validated in an external cohort while distinguishing true signal from randomized controls.

Conclusion OpenScientist demonstrates that open, auditable, agentic AI can support real-world clinical research by generating hypotheses, executing analyses, and discovering insights from complex datasets.

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In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

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