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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.



Civilians in Armed Conflict

[Protection of civilians in armed conflict - Security Council, 10154th meeting](#)

Production Date: 20 May 2026

Video Length 03:10:07

[Concept note \(S/2026/390\)](#) [China, UNSC Presidency for May 2026]

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II. Background

Civilians continued to suffer alarming levels of harm and suffering in armed conflicts in 2025, with widespread deaths, injuries and forced displacement. Civilian objects were systematically damaged or destroyed, including homes and energy, water, health and education infrastructure, with cascading effects such as displacement, food insecurity, public health crises and prolonged service outages.

Indiscriminate attacks and disproportionate use of force in urban and densely populated areas caused serious harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure. Attacks against aid workers remained at record levels, with local responders comprising the overwhelming majority of those killed.

Ten years since the Security Council adopted resolution 2286 (2016), violence and attacks against medical facilities, personnel and transport and a range of other impediments to the provision of medical care is on the rise. The ability of the wounded and sick to receive medical care without discrimination in conflict is a fundamental tenet of international humanitarian law.

The rapid development of military applications of emerging technologies is reshaping the conduct of warfare, creating new risks for civilians and civilian infrastructure, and giving rise to humanitarian, legal and ethical concerns. The International Law and International Humanitarian Law continue to be disregarded and distorted in the pursuit of military objectives, reflected in the increasing erosion of limits on the conduct of hostilities and the continued rise in civilian casualties.

Against this backdrop, there is an urgent need to reinvigorate respect for International Humanitarian Law and ensure its full and effective implementation, a call that has been widely echoed by the international community. In this regard, Brazil, China, France, Jordan, Kazakhstan and South Africa, together with the International Committee of the Red Cross, has launched the “Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to International Humanitarian Law” which has garnered the support of over 100 countries.

III. Focus of discussion

Member States are invited to discuss ways to address existing challenges; reaffirm their attachment to applicable legal frameworks, particularly IHL; share good practices, including preventive and preparedness measures on how to better ensure the protection of civilians in armed conflict. Guiding

questions include:

:: How can the Security Council and the international community address the root causes of armed conflict and promote its political resolution, so as to ensure more effective and sustainable protection of civilians?

:: How can the Security Council, Member States and all parties to conflict ensure greater respect and accountability for international humanitarian law and work to reduce the level of harm to civilians in armed conflict?

:: How can the Security Council, Member States and all parties to conflict promote more systematic implementation of existing frameworks and instruments, including resolution 2286 (2016) and resolution 2573 (2021), to address the protection of medical care in conflict? What more could be done to ensure the aspiration of Security Council resolution 2286 to protect medical care is fulfilled?

:: How can Member States promote technology for good, mitigate technology-related security risks and challenges, and strengthen the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure?

:: How can the Security Council and Member States better support national authorities in fulfilling their primary responsibility to protect civilians, including through capacity-building and development efforts that help address the drivers of conflict and sustain peace?

:: What are the challenges to and the good practices for the protection of civilians, including preventive measures to ensure their safety and dignity during armed conflict?

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[**Calls to Uphold International Law Dominate Security Council Debate on Civilian Protection, as Delegates Demand Safety for Journalists, Aid Workers**](#)

20 May 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

SC/16363

While civilians continue to suffer because parties to conflict choose to ignore their legal obligation to protect them, the Security Council heard today that adhering to the rules of war — and enforcing accountability when they are broken — can produce a different result.

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[**Protecting civilians in armed conflict is a responsibility that Member States and the UN Security Council must uphold**](#)

Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee

20 May 2026

As the [Protection of Civilians Week](#) unfolds in New York, **we strongly condemn and raise the alarm about the growing and blatant violations of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law meant to protect civilians in armed conflict.**

Across conflicts, civilians, including children, are killed, injured, and displaced at an alarming scale. Sexual violence is used as a tactic of war, overwhelmingly affecting women and girls and devastating lives. Homes, schools, places of worship, hospitals, including maternal wards, are destroyed or damaged, as are civilian infrastructure and assets, such as water systems, transport network, markets, food production. Essential services are collapsing. Forced displacement is accelerating.

Conflict-induced hunger and famine are spreading, often driven by unlawful siege tactics, starvation, and the arbitrary denial of humanitarian access. This is happening despite the existence of clear obligations under International Humanitarian Law and the framework reaffirmed by UN Security Council resolution 2417 (2018), which condemns the deliberate starvation of civilians and the use of hunger as method of warfare. And a decade after the adoption of UN Security Council resolution

2286 (2016) that demands the protection of the wounded, sick, and medical personnel, violence, attacks and threats against healthcare workers and facilities continue with impunity. More than 10,000 incidents against health care facilities and workers have been verified to date.

Aid workers are also under attack and killed in unprecedented numbers. More than 1,000 humanitarian colleagues have been killed over the past three years. Many others are arbitrarily detained. Often the first to respond, staff from national and local organisations and community initiatives pay an unacceptably high toll. Many women-led-organisations addressing lifesaving protection and gender-based violence are being attacked.

From Gaza to El Fasher, and from Kharkiv to Beirut, **the use of explosive weapons in populated areas is devastating civilian lives. At the same time, new technologies, including drones and artificial intelligence, are reshaping warfare and expanding the battlefield.**

Wars have rules that apply to all parties to conflict. The problem is not a lack of law. The problem is the failure to uphold them consistently, the erosion of accountability and inaction, even in the face of atrocities.

Protecting civilians is a legal obligation and a moral imperative. For the sake of our shared humanity, rules that protect civilians must be upheld.

IASC Key Principals and Members (as of April 2026):

:: Chair: Tom Fletcher (USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, OCHA).
:: United Nations Agencies: Heads of FAO, UNDP, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO.
:: Non-UN Organizations (Standing Invitees): ICRC (Mirjana Spoljaric Egger), IFRC (Jagan Chapagain), InterAction (Tom Hart), ICVA (Nimo Hassan/James Munn), and SCHR (Gareth Price-Jones).
:: Other Key Members: IOM (Amy Pope), OHCHR (Volker Türk), and the World Bank

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[ICRC President: "We can no longer pretend that what we are witnessing across war zones is in accordance with the law"](#)

20 May 2026, New York

Speech given by Mirjana Spoljaric, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, at the UN Security Council Open Debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict –

Mr President,

Wars fought without rules transform wars between combatants into wars against civilians.

In recent weeks, I have undertaken several missions to the Middle East, where the impact of conflict on civilians is painfully clear. But brutal patterns of warfare are becoming pervasive across regions from the Middle East to the Horn of Africa, to eastern Europe, and beyond.

We can no longer pretend that what we are witnessing across war zones is in accordance with the law.

- Not the scale of destruction.
- Not the scale of suffering.
- And not the language being used to justify it.

When leaders direct their militaries to act without restraint, when they label their enemies as sub-human, when they threaten entire populations, they do more than incite war crimes. They threaten to destroy the moral foundations of what it means to be human.

Across history, dehumanization has been a consistent precursor to atrocity. Indiscriminate killing, torture and abuse become far easier to justify when we stop seeing others as equal human beings.

But what happens when brutalizing rhetoric becomes the baseline? It gives your enemy the green light to do the same.

The real-world consequences are horrific and undeniable. Entire territories reduced to rubble and hospitals destroyed, patients killed. Aid workers and medics repeatedly targeted.

These are the IHL violations that happen in plain sight.

Others happen in the shadows, in jail cells, detention centres and interrogation rooms far from public scrutiny. **In the extreme power imbalance between a person in a cell and those holding the keys, moral boundaries can easily collapse.**

In too many conflicts, people behind bars are stripped of any shred of their humanity. They are recast as less than human and therefore unworthy of fair treatment or trial. They are robbed of their identities and are at risk of vanishing, as records of their whereabouts are destroyed.

Dehumanization is not limited to captured combatants; civilians deprived of liberty are often subjected to similar abuses.

Deliberate cruelty does not happen by chance. **There is no such thing as accidental torture or abuse.** It is the product of a system designed to rationalize acts born from a disregard of the law and military strategies designed to irreversibly destroy.

The Geneva Conventions are clear that in international armed conflicts - including occupation - prisoners of war, civilian internees and detainees have a right to be visited by the ICRC. We monitor their treatment and conditions, keep them connected with their families and help prevent them from going missing.

Despite states' obligation to allow ICRC visits, our access is denied or severely restricted in far too many instances today – a dangerous erosion of the norms that risks harming not only people behind bars today, but also tomorrow.

We continue to carry out detention visits wherever we are given access. Last week, I visited Karkh Central Prison in Baghdad, which now houses thousands of people of nearly 70 nationalities who were recently transferred from northeast Syria. Among them are children who were caught up in a war they did not choose and now face a life potentially behind bars.

Their situation symbolizes what can happen when the international community deems entire categories of people outside the bounds of the law and lacks the political and moral courage to manage their fate.

For many people living through war or under occupation, the feeling of imprisonment is not confined to places of detention but [extends] to daily life.

Today, the future of millions of civilians across the world is shackled by a level of destruction that erases their homes and livelihoods, that severs them from their land, that denies them basic human dignity. Armed conflict does not happen in a vacuum. **Where politics fail, wars follow.** It is therefore time to invest genuinely in the lasting resolution of conflicts, and not only the cursory management of them.

Mr President,

Protecting civilians and treating your adversary within the confines of the law does not make you weaker. **It strengthens your moral upper hand at home and abroad.**

The first steps towards peace are often found in the simultaneous release of prisoners or in the return of the deceased to their loved ones. These acts are far easier to carry out when parties respect the rules of war.

This is why I urge leaders to make international humanitarian law a political priority. I am encouraged that 111 states have joined the call to be part of the Global IHL Initiative – an exceptional effort launched by Brazil, China, France, Jordan, Kazakhstan and South Africa to galvanize political commitment to international humanitarian law.

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Middle East Conflict

[Joint Statement by Seven Multilateral Development Banks Pledging Support to Address Impacts of the Middle East Conflict](#)

May 18, 2026

PARIS – The signatory Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are responding to requests for support from countries and clients **to help address the heterogeneous and compound impacts from the conflict in the Middle East, including disruptions to energy and fertilizer markets and trade routes, with spillover effects on inflation, food security, jobs, fiscal and external balances, and financing conditions.**

MDBs are uniquely positioned to combine financing, policy support, private sector instruments, and technical expertise at scale to help countries manage shocks, preserve development gains, and strengthen long-term resilience. With the support of their shareholders, MDBs are providing assistance in line with our respective mandates, strategies, and operational models.

MDBs' responses aim to provide immediate relief by supporting the most vulnerable populations and ensuring the continuity of essential services, while continuing to lay the structural foundations for sustainable resilient economies, including through:

- **Support to preserve access to essential goods**, like to energy, food, and agricultural inputs for economies most exposed to shocks, including through the expansion of trade and supply chain finance to ensure continued access, and support for diversification.
- Fast-disbursing budget support to help governments facing heightened fiscal pressures **mitigate the impact of shocks on the lives and livelihoods of those most at risk**, while maintaining price signals, through targeted support to protect poor and vulnerable households. While client governments are under pressure to act swiftly in delivering support, it should be done without compromising their economies' long-term resilience.
- **Provision of working capital and liquidity** as well as advisory services to help those firms, including micro, small and medium enterprises, utility companies, and other public sector clients that need to absorb market volatility and to protect jobs.
- **Policy advice and technical assistance on targeted and time-bound support measures for vulnerable households and the most affected sectors** while preserving incentives for efficient resource use, maintaining medium-term fiscal sustainability, alongside support for reforms aimed at strengthening resilience, economic governance, job creation and domestic resource mobilization.
- **Supporting investments to enhance resilience**, including through diversification of energy sources and improved connectivity.

In the rapidly changing context vigilant monitoring is key, including of emerging food security risks, to ensure appropriate early warning and coordination of operational responses.

MDBs will continue to adapt and scale their responses in line with countries' and clients' needs.

MDBs will coordinate closely, and work with governments, development partners, and the private sector to ensure fast, targeted, time-bound, and fiscally sustainable responses.

This statement was signed by the following MDBs: African Development Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, Council of Europe Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank Group, and the World Bank Group.



Featured Journal Content

The Lancet

May 23, 2026 Volume 407 Number 10543 p1987-2140

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Editorial

[Transforming the humanitarian system](#)

The Lancet

We are witnessing a dark period for humanity. Recent years have been the most violent since the Cold War. Conflict-related deaths hit a 20-year high in 2022, while more than 123 million people have been forcibly displaced. Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine lay bare the realities of modern conflict. Violation of international law and humanitarian principles has been normalised. Health-care workers and facilities as well as civilian infrastructure are targeted with impunity.

Aid is instrumentalised for military ends and increasingly becomes transactional. Humanitarian crises drag on for years with devastating consequences for health as health services collapse and access to safe water, food, and shelter deteriorate. Geopolitical fragmentation and aid cuts from the USA and major European donors have escalated pressure on the humanitarian system amid these unprecedented levels of need. At this critical juncture, the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health—Lancet Commission on health, conflict, and forced displacement provides a manifesto for a radical transformation of a humanitarian system failing to protect health.

The Commission details how the seeds of the present acute humanitarian crisis were planted long ago. The history of humanitarian aid is one of humanity and solidarity, but also of power rooted in colonialism. Since World War 2, a few powerful actors have controlled funds and set the agenda to advance political and economic interests. Centred around a complex of international humanitarian organisations lacking coordination, local actors have been sidelined and the needs and dignity of affected populations have not been prioritised. Humanitarian investment consistently fails to target the countries that need it most. Mutual aid networks such as Sudan's Emergency Response Rooms have challenged established hierarchies and demonstrated the success of community-led initiatives. Yet, they are kept on the margins of the humanitarian financing. 10 years ago, amid calls to decolonise humanitarian action, the Grand Bargain agreement between donors and humanitarian organisations promised that 25% of funding would go directly to local and national actors by 2022. It reached only 4.7%. Systemic incentives and power structures have remained largely unchanged.

To address these long-standing failures and resistance to reform, the Commission undertook a detailed analysis of the humanitarian system's structural foundations, concluding that change is needed across international law and principles, governance,

financing, and health systems.

The Commission provides a coherent and actionable strategy centred on four interdependent recommendations targeted at states; non-state actors; donors; multilateral institutions; and humanitarian, health, and local leaders.

First, invert power by shifting resources and decision making to affected populations, making external leadership exceptional, and strengthening nationally led health and social protection systems.

Second, end impunity by enforcing accountability to affected populations across governance, financing, coordination, and implementation, with health outcomes and continuity of care serving as measures of compliance.

Third, fix the money by aligning humanitarian financing with needs rather than donor priorities, and by transferring decision-making authority to local and national actors through independently governed global and multilevel pooled funding mechanisms.

Fourth, uphold health for all as a non-negotiable right by ensuring that decisions at all levels advance equitable care and health protection, with service delivery embedded within national health and social protection systems wherever feasible. The Commission provides detailed guidance on how to operationalise these recommendations.

This year, 239 million people need humanitarian assistance and the current humanitarian system cannot cope—it needs to change. It will take courage and leadership from countries, particularly coalitions of middle powers. Beyond the moral argument for shared humanity, international solidarity serves long-term stability that benefits everyone; and compared with national budgets and defence financing, costs little. Reform can be painful and abrupt; ill-thought-out actions can cost lives. Creating an effective community-centred humanitarian system that provides a more just, robust, and sustainable future needs to be managed carefully and responsibly. This Commission provides a compelling argument and a clear evidence-based roadmap for doing so.

Comment

[Transforming the humanitarian system: our role to confront embedded inequities](#)

Awsan Bahattab, Ibrahim R Bou-Orm, Alina Sadaf, Rosemary Jouhaud, Stella Muthuri, Helen Lindsay, Orit Abraham, Ishrat Jahan, Farzana Misha, Munzer Alkhalil, César Rodríguez-Chávez, Kathryn L Falb

The Lancet Commissions

[Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health—Lancet Commission on health, conflict, and forced displacement: health in a world of crises and impunity](#)

Paul Spiegel, Esperanza Martinez, Orit Abraham, Chi-Chi Undie, Chiara Altare, Benjamin Schmid, Aula Abbara, Awsan Bahattab, Ietza Bojorquez, David Cantor, Rosemary Jouhaud, Kemish Kenneth Alier, Daniel Maxwell, Andres Moya, Eray Ontas, Sabina Faiz Rashid, Malavika Rao, Hugo Slim, Arwa Abdelhay, Huda Basaleem, Ghislain Bisimwa, Fouad M Fouad, Joanne Liu, Nicolas Meda, Sara Pantuliano, Muhammad Zaman, Munzer Alkhalil, Kathryn Falb, Kerrie Holloway, Ishrat Jahan, Thaenpaavai Kannan, Helen Lindsay, Pacifique Mwene-Batu, Farzana Misha, Iwona Anna Bielska, Koiti Emmily Nasunbga Modi, Stella Muthuri, Moumini Niaoné, Ibrahim R Bou-Orm, César Rodriguez, Alina Sadaf, Altaf Saadi, Camila Polinori, Caroline Perrin Franck, Vinay Kampalath, Jonathan Polonsky, Mirana Michelle Randriambelonoro, Karl Blanchet

[Excerpt]

...This Commission has three core objectives: to diagnose the systemic barriers and enabling conditions shaping humanitarian health action, to centre the priorities and dignity of communities affected by conflict and forced displacement as the primary reference point for

change, and to deliver evidence-informed, forward-looking recommendations grounded in realism and ambition. These objectives are pursued with urgency. This Commission is not another call to do better; it is a demand to do differently, and to do so now. Decades of diagnoses, frameworks, and pledges have failed to halt deepening crises, expanding impunity, and collapsing political commitment. The 2026 Global Humanitarian Overview confirms that even at maximum ambition, the system now operates as survival triage rather than universal protection. In this moment, incremental reform is not only inadequate; it is dangerous.

This Commission advances a bold, integrated, sequenced, and execution-oriented programme for transformation, grounded in a deliberate shift of power and resources toward affected populations and locally legitimate actors. This is not a menu of options, but a coherent framework designed to be operationalised, measured, and enforced, explicitly accounting for political resistance and unequal power dynamics. This framework is implemented through a structured, context-specific decision matrix that guides decision-making across crisis contexts, governance conditions, and levels of system capacity. Communities are placed at the centre, and protection, accountability, climate risk, and ethical obligations are treated as non-negotiable. Decolonisation is made practical through localisation with authority.

The Commission's framework is grounded in a streamlined crisis typology of acute, acute-on-protracted, and protracted emergencies, recognising that most humanitarian health needs now arise in acute-on-protracted and protracted emergencies. Governance, financing, and external engagement must therefore be calibrated together to each crisis type, using the decision matrix to avoid default coordination, financing, and delivery models. The typology serves as the organising anchor for how power, accountability, financing, and health system responsibilities are defined and operationalised throughout this Commission.

This Commission re-examines humanitarian principles as practical instruments of action rather than abstract doctrine. Humanity and impartiality are reaffirmed as non-negotiable. Neutrality and independence are treated as context-dependent, mandate-based means to enable access and acceptance in many operational settings, applied according to context and risk, and not used to exclude actors providing impartial assistance. Alongside these, the Commission advances do no harm, solidarity, and accountability as additional core contemporary principles guiding operational decision-making and enforcement. Accountability extends beyond legal obligations to include responsibility for evidence-based action, effectiveness, continuity of care, and measurable outcomes. These principles guide operational decision making and enforcement.

Health is defined broadly, encompassing clinical care, public health, and the social determinants of health, because humanitarian health outcomes are inseparable from rights, dignity, gender, culture, and living conditions. If an intervention keeps people alive and protected, it is humanitarian health.

This Commission translates this framework into action through five strategic drivers (panel 1): international law, humanitarian principles, governance, financing, and health systems. Each driver includes actionable recommendations designed to convert commitments into enforceable change in contexts marked by political resistance, coercion, and impunity...

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ICJ Advisory Opinion – Obligations of States on Climate Change

[Secretary-General Welcomes General Assembly Resolution on International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion concerning States' Climate Change Obligations](#)

20 May 2026 *Press Release*

SG/SM/23140

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

I welcome today's [adoption](#) of the General Assembly resolution following up on the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion on the obligations of States in respect of climate change.

The world's highest court has spoken. Today, the General Assembly has answered. **This is a powerful affirmation of international law, climate justice, science, and the responsibility of states to protect people from the escalating climate crisis.**

I commend the leadership of Pacific Island countries and other small island developing States — together with the young people whose moral clarity helped bring the world to this moment. Those least responsible for climate change are paying the highest price. That injustice must end.

The science is clear: fossil fuels are the principal driver of the climate crisis. The path to climate justice runs through a rapid, just and equitable transition away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy.

Renewables proved to be the cheapest and the most secure form of energy supply. The task ahead is clear — keep 1.5°C within reach and build a safer, fairer and more resilient future for all.

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[General Assembly Strengthens Fight against Climate Change, Adopting Contentious, Yet Broadly Supported Draft among Several Texts on Myriad topics](#)

GA/12760 Eightieth Session, 82nd & 83rd Meetings (AM & PM)

20 May 2026

The fight against climate change received a fresh boost today, as the General Assembly adopted a set of draft resolutions and decisions, including **a contentious but broadly supported climate text designed to turn the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion into tangible political, legal and practical momentum for stronger global action and accountability.**

By a vote of 141 in favour to 8 against (Belarus, Iran, Israel, Liberia, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, United States, Yemen), with 28 abstentions, the 193-member Assembly adopted the draft resolution titled **"Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the obligations of States in respect of climate change" (document [A/80/L.65](#)).**

Before the vote, amendments to L.65 (documents [A/80/L.66](#), [A/80/L.67](#), [A/80/L.68](#) and [A/80/L.69/Rev.1](#)) were proposed to address four provisions of the text, but the Assembly rejected them.

By "L.65", **the Assembly - "determined to translate the Court's findings into enhanced multilateral cooperation and accelerated climate action at all levels, consistent with international law" - welcomed the unanimous 23 July 2025 advisory opinion and affirmed its importance as "an authoritative contribution to the clarification of existing international law".**

Further, the Assembly called upon all States to "comply with their respective obligations under international law to ensure the protection of the climate system and other parts of the environment from anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, as identified by the Court".

It also requested the UN Secretary-General, within existing resources, in consultation with Member States, to submit to the Assembly during its eighty-second session a report containing ways to advance

compliance with all obligations in relation to the Court's findings.

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[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly - #WHA79](#)

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – convened in Geneva 18–23 May 2026, concluded today.

Documents and related information

Key documents

[All WHA79 documents](#)

Proceedings are recorded and available for streaming from [this web page](#).

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[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – Daily updates: 22-23 May 2026](#)

23 May 2026 *Note for Media*

At the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly in Geneva this week, **Member States adopted more than 20 decisions and 13 resolutions on health issues** including stroke, liver disease, tuberculosis, antimicrobial resistance, diagnostic imaging, emergency care, haemophilia, precision medicine and radiation. **The Assembly also covered a range of political and administrative issues, including the agreement to reform the global health architecture through a Member State-led, WHO-hosted joint process...**

[Selected decisions]

:: Countries adopt landmark strategy placing health at the heart of economic policy

The World Health Assembly approved a decision to adopt the Strategy on the economics of health for all (2026–2030), marking a significant step towards aligning economic systems with health, equity and sustainable development. Delegates emphasized that health and economic prosperity are deeply interconnected and must be advanced through coordinated government approaches.

The strategy sets out a vision of a world in which the economy both serves and benefits from the achievement of health for all, placing people, well-being and equity at the centre of policy and financing decisions. It outlines actions to ensure that health is systematically integrated into economic, fiscal and industrial policies, while strengthening the case for investment in health and enabling the sustainable financing of universal health coverage.

Related links

Documents A79/5 Add.1: Draft strategy on the economics of health for all (2026–2030)

More on WHO's work on health financing and economics

Member States establish joint process to support reforms of global health architecture

The World Health Assembly today decided to establish a joint process led by Member States, hosted by WHO and with global health partners to support reforms of the global health architecture.

The Assembly agreed that the process should develop options and recommendations for reforms of the global health architecture to meet the specific and collective needs of countries and communities, to maximize access, impact and equity. The process should draw on existing reform initiatives and relevant elements of the UN80 Initiative.

Member States expressed strong support for WHO's central convening and normative role, emphasizing that while the process will be Member State-led, it should be taken forward jointly with global health initiatives and UN partners, with meaningful engagement of key stakeholders, including civil society and youth.

The proposal adopted by the Assembly recognized the health improvements generated from the existing global health architecture in recent decades, including in disease control, global norms and

standards, and more effective collective action to address cross-border health threats. But Member States noted that the global health architecture had not kept pace with the new and evolving global environment. This included the expansion of national health sovereignty and regional capacities; changing disease burdens and health risks; rapid evolution of science, AI and digital technologies; and contractions in health financing.

In addition, the global health landscape had become more complex due to the expansion in the number of health actors, resulting in power imbalances, fragmentation and duplication, which have impacted country ownership and leadership.

The Health Assembly requested the WHO Director-General to submit a final report with options and recommendations for the transformation of the global health architecture to next year's World Health Assembly.

Related links

https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA79/A79_24-en.pdf

Reforming the global health architecture

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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 23 May 2026]

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22 May 2026 *Meetings Coverage*

DC/3912

[Review Conference Ends without Consensus Outcome amid Rising Nuclear Risks](#)

The eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) concluded today without agreement on a consensus outcome document, even as the international community faces mounting and interrelated threats — from the spectre of nuclear weapons use in active conflicts, to attacks on nuclear facilities, to the destabilizing implications of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI).

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19 May 2026 *Meetings Coverage*
GA/AB/4512

[Amid Record High Arrears, UN Struggling to Survive as Organization, Fifth Committee Hears as Speakers Present Proposals to Defer Return of Unspent Funds as Remedy](#)

With its cash reserves rapidly depleting, and long-term financial stability eroding, the United Nations is not only risking its peace and development agenda, it is struggling to survive as an organization, delegates in the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) warned today.

20 May 2026 *Press Release*
SG/SM/23139

[Secretary-General Condemns in Strongest Terms Israel's Decision to Set Up Military Facilities at UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees Compound](#)

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18 May 2026 *Press Release*
SG/SM/23136

[Secretary-General Urges Sustained Support for World Health Organization, in Video Message to Annual Policy-Setting Forum](#)

Following is the text of UN Secretary-General António Guterres' video message to the seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, in Geneva today.

UN Human Rights – OHCHR [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News, Statements, Press Releases [Selected]

Stories 22 May 2026

Palestine

[Gaza and West Bank crisis deepens amid calls for accountability](#)

Press releases 22 May 2026

Afghanistan

[Türk: States must halt involuntary returns to Afghanistan](#)

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Palestine

[Special Rapporteur on torture warns of persistent risks for Palestinian detainees, implores Israel to change course](#)

Statements and speeches 18 May 2026

[Occupied Palestinian territory: UN report on large-scale violations, including atrocity crimes](#)

Country reports 18 May 2026

[Overview report on practices and policies affecting human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem - 7 October 2023 – 31 May 2025](#)

UN Human Rights Council [to 23 May 2026]

https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/news?field_content_category=162&field_entity=1203
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No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 23 May 2026]

<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 23 May 2026]

<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 23 May 2026]

<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 23 May 2026]

<https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/>
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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 23 May 2026]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 23 May 2026]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 23 May 2026]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 23 May 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs [to 23 May 2026]

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

Featured News

News

[Ukraine civilians need concrete action, not just concern, OCHA tells Security Council](#)

22 May 2026

News

[UN Relief Chief boosts Ebola response with up to US\\$60 million allocation](#)

22 May 2026

News

[UN heads condemn failure to protect civilians from growing threats to their security](#)

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[OCHA tells Security Council protecting civilians "cannot be outsourced, postponed, or diluted"](#)

20 May 2026

News

[UN Relief Chief: We stand in solidarity with LGBTIQ+ communities](#)

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Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 23 May 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IOM [International Organization for Migration] [to 23 May 2026]

<http://www.iom.int>

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[Stabilization Gains Open Pathway to Development in Central African Republic: IOM Chief of Staff](#)

News 22 May 2026

[Diaspora Remittances Point to Untapped Potential in Crisis Response: New IOM Report](#)

News 22 May 2026

[Rooted for Lebanon: Launch of International Humanitarian Alliance to Support People of Lebanon](#)

News 21 May 2026

[IOM Calls for Inclusive Urban Planning at World Urban Forum](#)

News 21 May 2026

[IOM Chief Commits to Shared Vision for Global AI Hub in the Republic of Korea](#)

News 19 May 2026

[IOM and International Federation of the Green Crescent Partner to Support Migrants Mental Health](#)

UNAIDS [23 May 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Feature Story

[UNAIDS is deeply saddened by the death of Vadim Valentinovich Pokrovsky](#)

20 May 2026

UNAIDS is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Vadim Valentinovich Pokrovsky, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences and a leading expert on HIV, on 20 May 2026 at the age of 71.

Feature Story

[Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation launches Action Plan to accelerate progress towards ending AIDS](#)

20 May 2026

Members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum have launched an Action Plan to End the HIV Epidemic (2026–2031). The plan was launched during a virtual high-level event that brought together representatives of governments, civil society organizations and international partners from across the APEC economies.

UNICEF [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Statement 18 May 2026

[UNICEF scaling up efforts to protect and support children and families following Ebola outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda](#)

NEW YORK/KAMPALA/KINSHASA, 18 May 2026 –, “UNICEF is deeply concerned by confirmed Ebola outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda, and the growing risk to children and vulnerable communities across the region – a situation the World Health Organization has now declared a Public Health Eme...

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WHO & Regional Offices [23 May 2026]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

23 May 2026 *Note for Media*

[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 23 May 2026](#)

22 May 2026 *Note for Media*

[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 22 May 2026](#)

22 May 2026 *Statement*

[First meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee regarding the epidemic of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda 2026 – Temporary recommendations](#)

22 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[World Health Assembly endorses resolution on precision medicine](#)

22 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[Strengthening nursing and midwifery through global collaboration](#)

22 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[Healing the future: Traditional medicine drives innovation, equity and planetary health at WHA79](#)

21 May 2026 *Note for Media*

[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 21 May 2026](#)

21 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO and African Medicines Agency launch landmark framework to strengthen access to quality-assured health products in Africa](#)

21 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO and Gilead Sciences renew partnership to accelerate visceral leishmaniasis elimination](#)

20 May 2026 *Note for Media*

[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 20 May 2026](#)

20 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[The TB Vaccine Accelerator Council meets for the fourth time](#)

20 May 2026 *News release*

[Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly honours global champions advancing primary health care](#)

20 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[Exhibit highlights the health impacts of online violence affecting children and adolescents](#)

20 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[Belem Health Action Plan High Level Side Event, World Health Assembly](#)

19 May 2026 *Note for Media*

[**Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 19 May 2026**](#)

18 May 2026 *Note for Media*

[**World Health Assembly opens in Geneva, Switzerland**](#)

18 May 2026 *News release*

[**Director-General presents Award for Global Health to four distinguished leaders**](#)

18 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[**WHO launches advocacy, communications and partnerships plan on the health response to climate change, air pollution and energy poverty**](#)

18 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[**WHO launches advocacy, communications and partnerships plan on the health response to climate change, air pollution and energy poverty**](#)

18 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[**WHO introduces PREVENT technical package to address lead poisoning**](#)

18 May 2026 *Departmental update*

[**Norad's US\\$ 3 million boost to WHO acute care programme set to save thousands of lives**](#)

17 May 2026 *Statement*

[**Epidemic of Ebola Disease caused by Bundibugyo virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda determined a public health emergency of international concern**](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 23 May 2026

[**Countries in the Horn of Africa and Yemen recommit to ending variant poliovirus**](#)

:: 22 May 2026

[**WHO and African Medicines Agency launch landmark framework to strengthen access to quality-assured health products in Africa**](#)

:: 22 May 2026

[**Behind the scenes of Ebola disease outbreak response**](#)

:: 19 May 2026

[**WHO ramps up support to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ebola outbreak response**](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 21 May 2026

[**Ecuador, first country in Latin America and the Caribbean to acquire mobile cold-chain vehicles for vaccines through PAHO**](#)

Quito, 21 May 2026 (PAHO) – Ecuador has become the first country in Latin America and the Caribbean to acquire a fleet of specially designed vaccine transport vehicles with active cold-chain technology through the Regional Revolving Funds of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The acquisition consists of 40 four-wheel-drive vehicles...

:: 21 May 2026

[**PAHO and The Carter Center strengthen partnership to eliminate river blindness and other**](#)

[diseases in the Americas](#)

Geneva, Switzerland, 21 May 2026 (PAHO) — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and The Carter Center signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement today to strengthen collaboration on the elimination of onchocerciasis — also known as river blindness — and other communicable diseases in the Americas. The agreement was signed during the Seventy-...

:: 19 May 2026

[PAHO and Google join forces to expand access to trusted health information across the Americas](#)

New agreement prioritizes accurate, evidence-based information, with a focus on public health messaging and mental health promotion. Washington, D.C., 19 May 2026 — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and Google LLC signed a five-year framework agreement to collaborate on strategic health communication and mental health promotion...

:: 18 May 2026

[PAHO reinforces preparedness measures following WHO Ebola emergency declaration in Africa Region](#)

Washington, D.C., 18 May 2026 (PAHO) — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued advice to Member States following the World Health Organization's (WHO) declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) related to the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Africa Region. While risk to the general population remains low,...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

17 May 2026

[Management of contacts of Andes virus \(ANDV\) cases from the MV Hondius cruise ship](#)

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health

[21 May 2026 | Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

[16 May 2026 | Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus, Democratic Republic of the Congo & Uganda](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

vol. 101, 17 [full issue] 15 May 2026

<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/8aa14c5f-62f7-4e29-9088-57a60638c44f/content>

:: Eradication of *Dracunculus medinensis*: global surveillance summary, 2025

[Reviewed earlier]

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

17 May 2026

[Infection prevention and control guideline for Ebola and Marburg diseases](#)

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World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [23 May 2026]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 23 May 2026]

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

News story

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Centre

[UNHCR and UNDP launch new partnership to advance inclusion and solutions for people forced to flee](#)

May 20, 2026

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 23 May 2026]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 23 May 2026]

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 23 May 2026]

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

Resources [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases, Statements and messages [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest

19-05-2026 | DESA

[Developing economies bear the brunt of Middle East conflict as growth slows and inflation rises, UN warns](#)

19 May 2026 - The crisis in the Middle East has delivered yet another shock to the global economy, slowing growth, reigniting inflationary pressures and heightening uncertainty, according to the *World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2026* report.

18-05-2026 | DESA

[Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2026 – a powerful compass to keep the momentum from Sevilla](#)

18 May 2026 - The Sevilla Commitment, adopted at last year's Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), provided us with a roadmap for overcoming these financing challenges. But for FFD4 to have a lasting impact and deliver on its promise, we have to see tangible progress in implementation.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 23 May 2026]

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

News [Selected]

[ILO receives International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Convention No. 87 and the right to strike](#)

The Opinion concerns a long-standing difference of views as to whether the right to strike of workers and their organizations is protected under the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948 (No. 87).

News | 21 May 2026

[Regional forum advances universal health coverage and universal social protection in Asia and the Pacific](#)

Peer-to-peer exchange shares experiences and helps chart path towards wider and more effective coverage.

News | 21 May 2026

[Middle East crisis weighs on global labour markets](#)

Report finds rising risks to jobs, incomes and working conditions worldwide, with uneven effects across regions and growing pressure on migrant workers and remittance-dependent economies.

News | 18 May 2026

UNESCO [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases, News [Selected]

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

[Marking 28 years of impact, the 2026 L'Oréal–UNESCO For Women in Science International Awards honor five pioneering researchers](#)

19 May 2026

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 23 May 2026]

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

Announcements [Selected]

May 18, 2026 *climate change*

[Conclusion of the ICOMOS Capacity-Building Training on Climate-Resilient Earthen Architecture in Africa](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 23 May 2026]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News

Website not responding at inquiry.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

[Strait of Hormuz conflict threatens global food prices as FAO warns time is running out](#)

FAO outlines urgent measures and policy recommendations to avert severe crisis within six to 12 months
20/05/2026

Rome - The closure of the Strait of Hormuz is not a temporary shipping disruption but the beginning of a systemic agrifood shock that could trigger a severe global food price crisis within six to 12 months. Avoiding such an outcome will require alternative trade routes, restraint on export restrictions, protection of humanitarian flows, and buffers to absorb higher transport costs, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has warned...

World Food Programme [to 23 May 2026]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

22 May 2026

[WFP scales up emergency Ebola response in eastern DRC to contain risk of regional crisis](#)

KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of the Congo – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is urgently scaling up its emergency response in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), working with the Government, the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners to help contain the Ebola outbreak before a health emergency transforms into a broader humanitarian catastrophe.

19 May 2026

[Middle East crisis deepens hunger in Myanmar; EU responds with EUR 8 million for urgent relief](#)

YANGON, Myanmar – A sharp rise in food and fuel prices, driven by the Middle East crisis, is placing new pressure on families across Myanmar as millions struggle to meet their basic needs. In response, the European Union (EU) has stepped forward with a timely EUR 8 million contribution to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to address deepening hunger across the country.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IEA International Energy Agency [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

[IEA releases major update to tracker of government responses to energy impacts of Middle East conflict](#)

News 21 May 2026

Online tool provides comprehensive survey of policies to promote energy conservation, support consumers and improve structural resilience – and now allows users to easily search for specific countries

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 23 May 2026]

<https://public.wmo.int>

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 23 May 2026]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 23 May 2026]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 23 May 2026] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

Press releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 23 May 2026]

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

Announcements/Decisions/Events [Selected]

[Video: Introductory video of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety](#)

The video of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides an overview of the basic information of the Protocol, including its provisions.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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U.S. Department of State

<https://www.state.gov/press-releases/>

Press Releases - Selected

Media Notes+

[Ebola Response Update – May 19, 2026](#)

US Dept of State May 19, 2026

[Excerpts]

The Department of State, in close coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the lead agency for the U.S. Government response, is actively responding to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda...

Coordinated International Engagement and Private Sector Cooperation

The Department of State is working closely with host governments across the region to identify urgent needs and align response efforts. The United States is also engaging international partners and U.S. companies operating in affected areas to strengthen logistics, supply chains, and operational support for the response.

The Department is coordinating with U.S. and U.S.-aligned companies operating in eastern DRC to support outbreak detection and response efforts in these remote areas.

The Department will continue to work closely with host governments, international partners, and U.S. private sector stakeholders to align response efforts and support critical logistics and supply chains. Under the leadership of the GHSD and the DHR, the Department is deploying a fully integrated diplomatic and humanitarian response to contain the outbreak and save lives.

[United States to Fund Establishment of Up to 50 Ebola Response Clinics](#)

US Dept of State May 19, 2026

The United States is committing to rapidly supporting the Ebola outbreak response by funding up to 50 treatment clinics, and associated frontline costs being established in Ebola-affected regions of the DRC and Uganda. These rapidly deployed clinics will enable implementing partners to establish clinical care

and containment perimeters around affected areas. Clinics will provide emergency Ebola screening, triage, and isolation capacity.

This U.S. funding commitment will accelerate the delivery of frontline medical care, life-saving humanitarian assistance, and critical outbreak response capabilities to communities at greatest risk. Incremental rapid U.S. funding will stimulate the expansion of emergency treatment capacity, strengthen field operations, and accelerate the delivery of protective equipment, diagnostics, and essential health services where they are needed most. We know from previous outbreak response that ensuring partners rapidly scale up containment and treatment efforts in the affected regions is the most critical variable to ensuring an effective response and that the disease does not spread.

This additional funding announcement, in the first days of the epidemic, should send a clear message: the United States has an ironclad commitment to ensuring this response is fully resourced, rapid, and cooperative between key global health and humanitarian partners. Healthcare and humanitarian workers heading to the frontline should know that the United States has their back and is urgently mobilizing all available resources to assist frontline providers and response efforts...

United States Responds to Ebola Outbreak in Africa

US Dept of State May 18, 2026

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest

20 May 2026 — *Press release*

Foreign Secretary launches new International Coalition to End Violence against Women and Girls

Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper to lead UK-convened international coalition to tackle global emergency of violence against women and girls.

21 May 2026 — *Press release*

UK steps up support to stop spread of Ebola in eastern DRC

The UK has announced up to £20 million to support communities affected by the deadly Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo

19 May 2026 — *Press release*

Foreign Secretary warns the world cannot wait any longer to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, as food security crisis looms for countries already on the edge

Foreign Secretary warns the world cannot wait any longer to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, as food security crisis looms for countries already on the edge

ECHO [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

News article 22 May 2026

EU allocates €15 million in humanitarian assistance in response to Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda

The funding aims at supporting emergency operations in the affected areas as well as preparedness and prevention efforts. Safeguarding public health remains the Commission's absolute priority as diseases do not stop at borders and cooperation is essential.

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African Union [to 23 May 2026]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

[Commemoration of Africa Day, 25 May 2026](#)

May 23, 2026 to May 25, 2026

The African Union will be celebrating its 63rd anniversary marking the establishment of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) now the African Union (AU) -1963 – 2026.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 23 May 2026]

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

Secretariat News [Selected]

[Secretary-General of ASEAN delivers opening remarks at the Inauguration Ceremony of the ASEAN-China Artificial Intelligence Industry Innovation Centre, in Beijing](#)

May 24, 2026

European Commission [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest [Selected]

Statement May 19, 2026

[Joint Statement by Executive Vice-Presidents Virkkunen and Minzatu and Commissioners Zaharieva and McGrath on International Academic Freedom Day](#)

Statement May 14, 2026

[Statement by Commissioner Lahbib on US humanitarian funding commitment](#)

Press release May 14, 2026

[European Union takes decisive steps to ensure accountability for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine](#)

The European Commission, on behalf of the European Union, joined the Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine and ratified the International Claims Commission for Ukraine.

OECD [to 23 May 2026]

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

Newsroom

Press release

[Developed countries exceed USD 100 billion climate finance goal for third consecutive year](#)

21 May 2026

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

The OIC Media Observatory on Israeli Crimes Against Palestinians Issues its 129th Report as Occupation Violations Against Al-Aqsa and Ibrahimi Mosques Escalate

The OIC Media Observatory on Israeli Crimes Against Palestinians documented numerous crimes committed between May 12 and 18, 2026, marked by a dangerous escalation in violations against the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Al-Quds (Jerusalem) and

The OIC General Secretariat Warns of the Dangers Posed by the Israeli Occupation's Targeting of Holy Sites, Palestinian Properties, and UNRWA Facilities in Occupied Al-Quds

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has warned of the danger posed by the Israeli occupation's seizure of a number of historic buildings, Palestinian properties, and Islamic endowments in the vicinity

OIC and SFDA Launch Global Awareness Campaign for Medication Safety During Hajj

In a landmark move to safeguard the health of millions, the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) have forged a strategic partnership to launch a comprehensive global campaign

Group of 77 [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of Uruguay at the informal consultations on the modalities for the review of the **outcome document of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation \(BAPA+40\) \(New York, 22 May 2026\)**](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of Uruguay at the UN General Assembly's **informal interactive dialogue on commodity markets \(New York, 21 May 2026\)**](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the delegation of Uruguay on **"Transitioning to implementation: How can COP31 deliver?" at the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial \(Copenhagen, Denmark, 20 May 2026\)**](#)

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UNCTAD [to 23 May 2026]

<https://unctad.org/>

Press Releases

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 23 May 2026]

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

WTO News and Events [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press releases

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European Court of Human Rights

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

News, Announcements

"Human Rights in Immersive Realities": Keynote Address by the Jurisconsult

20/05/26

On 18 May 2026, the Jurisconsult of the Court, Anna Austin, delivered a keynote address at the conference Human Rights in Immersive Realities (XR), Freedom of Expression, Justice, Children's Rights and Well Being, which took place in Strasbourg.

In her address, the Jurisconsult acknowledged the risks and challenges which new immersive technologies posed for human rights, democratic processes and the rule of law. She considered that the Convention and its case-law had shown itself to be sufficiently elastic over the years to allow it to adapt to other novel technologies and developments and it could continue to provide a solid conceptual basis for protecting the individual and society from the negative impact, sometimes unseen, of immersive environments...

International Court of Justice [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

21 May 2026

Right to Strike under ILO Convention No. 87 - The Court gives its Advisory Opinion and responds to the question posed by the International Labour Organization

...In its Advisory Opinion, the Court:

"(1) Unanimously,

Finds that it has jurisdiction to give the advisory opinion requested;

(2) Unanimously,

Decides to comply with the request for an advisory opinion;

(3) By ten votes to four,

Is of the opinion that the right to strike of workers and their organizations is protected under the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87).

IN FAVOUR: *President* Iwasawa; *Vice-President* Sebutinde; *Judges* Bhandari, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant, Gómez Robledo, Cleveland, Aurescu, Tladi;

AGAINST: *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Xue, Hmoud."

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 23 May 2026]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

[Statement of Deputy Prosecutor Nazhat Shameem Khan to the United Nations Security Council on the Situation in Libya, pursuant to Resolution 1970 \(2011\)](#)

Statement Office of the Prosecutor

22 May 2026

International Law Commission [to 23 May 2026]

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

Recent Developments

Piracy and armed robbery at sea

20 May 2026 The Commission commenced its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's first report on the topic ([A/CN.4/791](#) and [Corr.1](#)).

Piracy and armed robbery at sea

19 May 2026 The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Louis Savadogo, introduced his first report on the topic ([A/CN.4/791](#) and [Corr.1](#)).

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

United States Court of International Trade

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

News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 23 May 2026]

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

News [Selected]

[Direct Carbon Pricing Covers Nearly One Third of Global Emissions](#)

Carbon pricing raises over \$107 billion in government revenue WASHINGTON, May 19, 2026—Carbon pricing revenues have tripled over the past decade—rising from below \$30 billion in 2016 to mobilizing more...

Date: May 19, 2026 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Group to Double Guarantees for Africa to Catalyze Investment, Create Jobs](#)

Washington, May 19, 2026—The World Bank Group Guarantee Platform, housed at the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), aims to more than double its annual issuance of guarantees in Africa to...

Date: May 19, 2026 Type: Press Release

[Joint Statement by Seven Multilateral Development Banks Pledging Support to Address Impacts of the Middle East Conflict](#)

PARIS, May 18, 2026—The signatory Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are responding to requests for support from countries and clients to help address the heterogeneous and compound

impacts from the...

Date: May 18, 2026 Type: Statement

IMF [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News

May 21, 2026

[IMF Executive Board Concludes 2026 Discussions on Common Policies of the West African Economic and Monetary Union](#)

The WAEMU was among the fastest growing regions in the world in 2025, with low inflation and external reserves at comfortable levels following a sharp recovery. Fiscal deficits narrowed and public debt declined for the first time in over a decade.

May 21, 2026

[IMF Management Approves the Third Review and Extends the Staff-Monitored Program with Haiti](#)

Management of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved the third review of the Staff-Monitored Program (SMP) with Haiti, together with the authorities' request for an extension of the program through June 19, 2027. All program targets were met as of end-December 2025. Reform progress continues, albeit at a slower pace than anticipated in some areas due to security conditions, capacity constraints, and political uncertainty.

May 21, 2026

[Africa Needs a Growth Reset](#)

As global conditions worsen and policy room shrinks, the region needs a new growth model—one that crowds in private investment, lifts productivity, and creates better jobs for a fast-growing young labor force.

African Development Bank [to 23 May 2026]

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

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

News & Events

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[Joint Statement by Seven Multilateral Development Banks Pledging Support to Address Impacts of the Middle East Conflict](#)

Asian Development Bank [to 23 May 2026]

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

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

Latest News Releases

19 May 2026

[ADB President Says MDBs Are Mobilizing to Help Countries Hit by Crisis](#)

ADB President Masato Kanda told G7 finance ministers and central bank governors in Paris that multilateral development banks (MDBs) are moving together to help countries manage the economic fallout from the Middle East conflict, combining financing, policy support, private sector instruments, and technical expertise to protect vulnerable economies.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 23 May 2026]

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

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

News

Beijing, May 21, 2026

[AIIB Launches Energy, Food Security and Economic Resilience Facility](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) today launched an Energy, Food Security and Economic

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 23 May 2026]

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

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

News

[Joint Statement by Seven Multilateral Development Banks Pledging Support to Address Impacts of the Middle East Conflict](#)

PARIS – The signatory Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are responding to requests for support from countries and clients to help address the heterogeneous and compound impacts from the conflict in the Middle East, including disruptions to energy and fertilizer markets and trade routes, with...

May 18, 2026

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

Press release 19 May 2026

[IFAD and India deepen collaboration to scale investment in sustainable rural development](#)

High-level IFAD delegation advances new eight-year roadmap with India across finance, value chains and rural enterprise.

Islamic Development Bank [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 23 May 2026]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

République démocratique du Congo

Action contre la Faim alerte sur les conséquences du virus Ebola sur les communautés

Publié le 18 mai 2026,

Suite à la confirmation de cas Ebola dans la province de l'Ituri en République Démocratique du Congo, l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé vient de déclarer une urgence de santé internationale. Action contre la Faim, présente sur place, alerte sur les conséquences de cette épidémie sur les communautés déjà fragilisées par le conflit en cours.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 23 May 2026]

<https://alima.ngo/>

Our Latest News

Niger: In Dakoro, children are accessing care earlier and receiving better treatment

In Dakoro, Niger, a simple bracelet is changing the way malnutrition is addressed. Trained to measure their children's arms themselves, mothers can spot the first warning signs earlier.

May 21, 2026

Amref Health Africa [to 23 May 2026]

<https://amrefusa.org/media-and-resources/news/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 23 May 2026]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 23 May 2026]

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

BS International News

Blue Shield General Assembly 2026

18 May 2026

BRAC [to 23 May 2026]

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

Updates

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 23 May 2026]

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

News/Events

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 23 May 2026]

<https://ecpat.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EIFL – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 23 May 2026]

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

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

[EIFL joins landmark statement on Open Science](#)

19 May 2026

Following a consultation in January 2026 by the European Commission on the European Research Area (ERA) Act, six major European organisations – (...)

[Copyright and Libraries Programme](#), [Open Access Programme](#), [EIFL General](#)

Fountain House [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

[Fountain House Launches “Sharing the WELLth” Speaker Series Featuring Metta World Peace and Kirsten Ferguson](#)

May 19, 2026

GE2P2 Global Foundation [23 May 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

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

:: **[Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 01 May 2026](#)**

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

[Tribute to Ndéye Dagué Gueye](#)

Advocacy | PUBLISHED ON May 19th 2026

It is with deep sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Ndéye Dagué Gueye on 16 May, a

dedicated member of the HI's Federal Board of Trustees since 2017

Heifer International [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

[In Kenya, Women Leaders Turn Cooperation Into Community Resilience](#)

May 19, 2026

HelpAge International [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

[ICRC President: "We can no longer pretend that what we are witnessing across war zones is in accordance with the law"](#)

Speech given by Mirjana Spoljaric, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, at the UN Security Council Open Debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict –

20 May 2026, New York

[Synergy in Action: IHL and Islamic Law for Humanitarian Outcomes](#)

Article 20-05-2026

On 11 May 2026, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) co-organized a high-level event titled "Synergy in Action: IHL and Islamic Law for Humanitarian Outcomes" with the University for Peace and with the support of the League of the Arab States, Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

IFRC [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press releases

[Ebola: IFRC scales up response in eastern DRC as regional risks grow](#)

21/05/2026 | *Press release*

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases / Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

[Gaza's public health crisis deepens as rodent infestations, sewage overflow and soaring heat threaten civilians](#)

May 21, 2026

Press Release

[Funding cuts led to delayed detection of deadly Ebola outbreak in DRC](#)

May 19, 2026

Press Release

[IRC to World Health Assembly: Close the Global Health Equity Gap — for the World's Benefit](#)

May 18, 2026

Press Release

[IRC launches emergency response as rare Ebola strain with no vaccine spreads across eastern DRC and Uganda](#)

May 18, 2026

IRCT [to 23 May 2026]

<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 23 May 2026]

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

Latest news and updates

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases & Alerts

May 19, 2026

[DRC: Ebola Outbreak in Conflict-Hit Ituri Raises Regional Alarm](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda a...

May 18, 2026

[Mercy Corps Statement on the Global Partnerships Conference: Global Talks Hosted by the UK Risk Excluding Those Most in Need](#)

This week's Global Partnership Conference in London risks neglecting the most urgent challenges facing international...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Refugees, IDPs and people on the move

[One in one out: Lives at risk between France and the UK](#)

Documentary 22 May 2026

Democratic Republic of Congo

The Bundibugyo virus challenge: why is this Ebola disease outbreak different?

Interview 20 May 2026

Gaza-Israel war

Five things to know about life for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank

Project Update 20 May 2026

South Sudan

Report: Escalating violence in South Sudan

Report 19 May 2026

South Sudan

Attacks on healthcare and civilians, rape, hunger: South Sudan is at a breaking point

Press Release 19 May 2026

The New Humanitarian [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 22 May 2026

Ebola in DR Congo, sluggish aid reforms, and El Niño warnings for Africa

Health News feature 22 May 2026

As Ebola resurfaces in DR Congo, so do critical questions about how to respond

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 23 May 2026]

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

Save the Children, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the LEGO Foundation partner to bring lifesaving education to 300,000 children in emergencies

21. May 2026 | Global

OXFAM [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases/Stories

Story

America First is for the oligarchs

May 20, 2026

By punishing the working class, the Trump administration reveals its true keepers and beneficiaries—the billionaire class, says Oxfam America's Economic Justice Director Nabil Ahmed.

Pact [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 23 May 2026]

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

News & Stories

PIH's Five S's: Essential Elements for Strong Health Systems

At PIH, we believe a strong health system is built on the "5 S's:" staff, stuff, space, systems, and social support. Read more about each "S" and see examples of our work.

May 22, 2026

Dr. Casséus: "The First Outbreak of the Post-USAID Era"

For decades, systems have been in place for Ebola Disease outbreak response. Dr. Alain Casséus, an infectious disease expert and PIH leader, explains how the dismantling of USAID will impact the 2026...

May 20, 2026

PATH [23 May 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

Ebola response: urgent action required in Uganda and across region

22 May 2026

Rising Ebola cases in the region, including confirmed infections in Uganda, highlight urgent need for coordinated cross-border action, stronger surveillance and increased resources to prevent wider spread and protect vulnerable communities.

Save the Children [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest news

21 May 2026 *GLOBAL*

Save the Children, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the LEGO Foundation partner to bring lifesaving education to 300,000 children in emergencies

At a time when global humanitarian needs are reaching record levels, Save the Children, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the LEGO Foundation are launching a new four-year partnership worth US \$32 million to deliver urgent, play-based education and protection to children affected by conflict and crisis.

Through this partnership, an estimated 300,000 children in conflict-affected countries around the world – from Haiti to Bangladesh and from Lebanon to Somalia – will gain access to protective, playful education, improving children's wellbeing, resilience and future opportunities.

19 May 2026 *Democratic Congo*

EBOLA OUTBREAK: "We are in a game of catch-up. Unless a collective effort is made, this crisis is going to get worse" – Save the Children

As Save the Children prepares to launch a large-scale response to support local health systems and help Ebola-impacted families and children, the aid agency is calling for an urgent global effort to contain the virus.

Tostan [to 23 May 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 23 May 2026]

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

Articles

May 21, 2026

[Period Poverty Doesn't Stop for Conflicts](#)

Article

May 20, 2026

[Ebola Outbreak in DRC and How We're Responding](#)

Article Democratic Republic of the Congo

World Vision [to 23 May 2026]

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

Featured Press Releases

[As hurricane season approaches, World Vision receives \\$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to strengthen church-based disaster response across the United States](#)

May 19, 2026 *Press Release*

Bottled water is distributed during a World Vision disaster response effort in the United States. A \$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will help expand church-based hubs to deliver critical supplies more quickly when disasters strike. ©World Vision 2025 SEATTLE (May 20, 2026) — Global...

[A new Ebola variant declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo threatens children's lives, World Vision warns](#)

May 18, 2026 *Press Release*

Highlights Ituri province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is home to more than 900,000 internally displaced people Thousands of children are exposed to a high risk of infection The newly identified Ebola variant does not match any previously known strain and currently...

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases & Statements

[Freedom House Honors 2026 Award Recipients; Launches 85th Anniversary Campaign](#)

May 21, 2026

Human Rights Watch [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

May 20, 2026 | *News Release*

[South Africa: New Waves of Xenophobic Attacks](#)

Vigilantes in South Africa have carried out violent xenophobic attacks targeting African and Asian foreign nationals in recent weeks, with little or insufficient apparent response from the police and other authorities.

May 19, 2026 | *Dispatches*

[‘Closing the Gaps’ on Needed Action to End Attacks on Health](#)

May 19, 2026 | *Dispatches*

[Philippine Court Clears Group of Terrorism Financing Charges](#)

May 19, 2026 | *Dispatches*

[UN Experts Sound Alarm Over Saudi Arabia’s Abusive Labor Governance System](#)

May 19, 2026 | *News Release*

[Norway: Court Blocks Activist’s Extradition to Greece](#)

Transparency International [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 23 May 2026]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 23 May 2026]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 23 May 2026]

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

Elder’s Statements, News

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases, Vaccines Work

[Bundibugyo, the rare virus causing a deadly new Ebola outbreak, has no vaccine yet. Here’s what we know](#)

22 May 2026

Gavi statement on the Ebola disease outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda

Geneva, 21 May 2026

... As the global vaccine alliance, Gavi is actively coordinating with the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), WHO, Africa CDC, UNICEF, World Bank, Pandemic Fund, and other partners as well as the affected countries to assess needs and define how best we can both support outbreak response efforts and help countries safeguard essential public health services such as routine immunisation...

Gavi statement on scaling innovative financing for the next pandemic

Geneva, 21 May 2026 – The ongoing outbreak of Ebola Disease caused by Bundibugyo virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda underlines the fact that epidemic and pandemic risks continue to proliferate, and the importance of ensuring that adequate financing and delivery systems are ready to be deployed when the need arises.

In order to discuss the path ahead for strong, predictable and effective pandemic financing, Gavi convened partners for a special event in the margins of the 79th World Health Assembly...

Country Leap into Action: advancing country-led global health architecture reform

Geneva, 21 May 2026 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi) has welcomed ministerial support of a set of actions to advance a country-led, simplified and more efficient system for global health.

On the sidelines of the World Health Assembly, 14 ministers and country representatives affirmed a common vision for reform that places countries at the centre of the global health architecture - prioritising national ownership and decision-making, strengthening self-reliance, and ensuring global and regional partners operate within clearly defined, complementary roles. Gavi also unveiled its *Country Leap into Action Statement*, which outlines concrete steps to accelerate progress toward these goals...

Global Fund [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 23 May 2026]

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

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 23 May 2026]

<https://www.interaction.org/statements/>

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 23 May 2026]

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

What's New/Events

Events

[Evidence Dialogues series: what works for investing smarter in climate action](#)

28 May 2026

CHS Alliance [to 23 May 2026]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action [to 23 May 2026]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 23 May 2026]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 23 May 2026]

<https://www.elrha.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 23 May 2026]

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

Publications, Events, News

Organisational support

[Regional Steering Committee Meeting for RESILAC Project](#)

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International Humanitarian Studies Association [IHSA] [to 23 May 2026]

<https://ihsa.info/>

News, Events

[Humanitarian Blog Posts Selection](#) [21 May 2026]

[text bolding from original]

week's ten blogs show how **humanitarian crises are increasingly shaped by conflict, exclusion, displacement, and weakened protection.**

From Gaza to Sudan, climate displacement and asylum systems reveal a common concern: **people are not only facing violence and loss, but also being denied visibility, dignity, and rights.** The

blogs highlight **attacks on civilians, restrictions on humanitarian access, gender-based exclusion, the weaponisation of basic needs, fragile political transitions, and legal gaps affecting displaced people.**

Together, these show the urgency of humanitarian justice. It means **going beyond relief to ask who is harmed, who is ignored, who is accountable, and whose rights must be protected.** These reflections invite readers to **connect compassion with responsibility, and humanitarian action with justice urgently.**

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 23 May 2026]

<https://inee.org>

Resources

Webinar

[\[Launch event\] Education and Conflict Review Special Issue: Rigorous Reviews on Promising Educational Policies, Programmes and Practices in Conflict and Protracted Crisis Settings](#)

Organized by Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crisis (ERICC) Consortium; Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)

26 May 2026 12:00pm - 1:00pm (UTC)

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 23 May

2026] <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 23 May 2026]

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

News

[Sphere Handbook revision starts in earnest, and that's not all: Sphere's Q1 2026 roundup](#)

19 May 2026 | Sphere

Summary The Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW) event is a perennial highlight in the first quarter of each year – but this one was notable as Sphere officially launched the Handbook revision process alongside special guest Dominik...

Start Network [to 23 May 2026]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [23 May 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings [to 23 May 2026]

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

Research, Events

No new digest content identified.

Center for Global Development [23 May 2026]

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

All Research

CGD NOTE

[25 Years Later: Income Transition and Health System Progress in Low-Resource Settings](#)

Adrian Gheorghe

May 21, 2026

This note examines the evolution of comparable health system metrics covering inputs, outputs, and outcomes across three country groupings: “legacy low-income countries (LICs),” comprising 24 countries that have remained low income since the 2000s; “transitioned” lower-middle-income countries (LMICs...

POLICY PAPER

[Papers, Paychecks, and Plans: Analyzing the Venezuelan Diaspora in Latin America](#)

Dany Bahar et al.

May 21, 2026

Over 8 million Venezuelans have left their country since 2014, mostly settling in Latin America. Using original survey data from nearly 3,000 Venezuelan migrants across nine Latin American countries, this paper examines how legal immigration status shapes labor market integration and settlement inte...

Chatham House [to 23 May 2026]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

[Could Britain really rejoin the EU? Independent Thinking podcast](#)

Almost exactly ten years since Britain’s seismic vote to leave the EU, the debate reopens thanks to early skirmishes in the fight for leadership of the Labour Party and thus the prime ministership.

Audio

Published 22 May 2026 35 minute listen

Featured content

Expert comment

[The UK can’t break off critical mineral links with China. But it can understand its vulnerabilities](#)

Risks emerging from shared infrastructure and data security are areas where UK registered companies need better guidance.

22 May 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

[China and Russia’s strategic duo endures – but its limits are clear](#)

This week’s summit shows the relationship is resilient, rooted in shared interests. But China remains wary of commitments on various fronts.

21 May 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

[Confusion over UK sanctions on Russia undermines a Western response that was already too slow and half-hearted](#)

In trying to limit the pain on itself, the West has pulled its punches in hurting Russia.
22 May 2026 3 minute READ

Expert comment

[The flow of arms and money feeding the war in Sudan can be cut. What is missing is the will](#)

Diplomacy that does not disrupt the flow of foreign weapons, finance, and logistics into Sudan is underwriting, rather than ending the war.
20 May 2026 4 minute READ

Expert comment

[A 2026 'super El Niño' could expose gaps in UK preparedness](#)

An El Niño event could disrupt UK weather, laying bare the vulnerabilities flagged by the Climate Change Committee's new report.
22 May 2026 4 minute READ

Council on Foreign Relations [23 May 2026]

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

Featured Content

[Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: The Future of U.S. Strategy](#)

By Michael Froman

May 22, 2026

[A New Ebola Outbreak Spreads Through Conflict and a Weak U.S. Response](#)

By Michelle Gavin

May 22, 2026

[What the Trump-Xi Summit Means for Southeast Asia and South Asia](#)

By Joshua Kurlantzick

May 19, 2026

[China and the U.S. Agreed to 'Strategic Stability' in Beijing. They Don't Define It the Same Way.](#)

By Zongyuan Zoe Liu

May 18, 2026

[The Security Foundations Beneath America's AI Ambitions Are Cracking](#)

By Vinh Nguyen

May 18, 2026

CSIS [to 23 May 2026]

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

Reports [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IS Global [to 23 May 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

McKinsey Global Institute [to 23 May 2026]

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

Featured Research

[Ramping up manufacturing in America?](#)

May 21, 2026 -

Probing how much manufacturing ramp-up would be needed to address US trade dependencies.

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 23 May 2026]

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

Publications

[Ensuring the Global Partnerships Conference delivers for countries affected by conflict and fragility](#)

19 May 2026

Meeting/conference report

Ahead of the Global Partnerships Conference (May 2026), ODI Global and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) convened a select group of over sixty participants and experts from the private sector, IFIs, foundations, states, NGOs, and academia, to explore the barriers and, crucially, opportunities to strengthen partnership approaches, and to diversify and increase financial flows specifically to FCAS [fragile and conflict affected situations], in ways that contribute effectively to building stability and resilience.

Pew Research Center [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest Publications

Short reads May 19, 2026

[5 facts about Africa's population growth](#)

While global population growth is projected to slow over the rest of the century, Africa stands out for its relatively young and growing population.

Rand [to 23 May 2026]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Research May 21, 2026

[Automating Knowledge Work: A Framework for Identifying Automation Strategies for Tasks](#)

This paper describes a systematic framework for evaluating when and how to deploy AI systems for knowledge tasks.

Expert Insights May 20, 2026

[Building Resilience Against Artificial Intelligence–Enabled Biological Threats: Conference Proceedings from a RAND and Helena Workshop](#)

These conference proceedings summarize the outputs from a workshop in which participants developed broadly applicable mitigation strategies for possible threat scenarios at the intersection of artificial intelligence and biology.

PDF: https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/conf_proceedings/CFA4900/CFA4954-1/RAND_CFA4954-1.pdf

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 23 May 2026]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

May 21, 2026

[RoRI welcomes Namibia's NCRST as a new project partner](#)

RoRI is delighted to have Namibia's National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) join us on two project initiatives. As Namibia's lead agency for advancing science, technology, and innovation [...]

May 19, 2026

[RoRI launches META-MOMENT: the largest comparative global study of metascience](#)

The initiative was introduced at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Global Research Council (GRC) in Bangkok

Alan Turing Institute

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

Latest

News

[New national blueprint for embedding data-centric engineering skills in higher education](#)

A new report published today by the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Alan Turing...
Thursday 21 May 2026

Events

[The Turing Lectures: Making AI \(truly\) sustainable - from environmental costs to social impacts](#)

[Learn more](#) [Register](#)

Wednesday 27 May 2026 Time: 18:00 - 21:00

Urban Institute [to 23 May 2026]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

Research Report

May 18, 2026

[Nonprofit Leaders Reported Growing Uncertainty from 2024 to Early 2025](#)

Findings from the Nonprofit Trends and Impacts Study

[Hannah Martin](#), [Grace Koch](#), [Katie Fallon](#), [Laura Tomasko](#), [Mirae Kim](#), [Lewis Faulk](#), [Elizabeth T. Boris](#)

The Wistar Institute [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

May 19, 2026

[The Wistar Institute Announces Dr. Dario Altieri Will Join Thomas Jefferson University](#)

After more than a decade of transformational leadership at Wistar, Dr. Altieri returns to his lifelong passion of laboratory research and mentorship at Sidney Kimmel Medical College

World Economic Forum [to 23 May 2026]

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

Media [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

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InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

<https://www.interacademies.org>

News

Thu, 21 May 2026

[S7 academies release new statements on brain health, satellite constellations and Arctic change](#)

Announcing Institution - [The InterAcademy Partnership \(IAP\)](#)

The Science7 (S7), which brings together the science academies of the G7 countries, has released three new statements addressing urgent global challenges ahead of the 2026 G7 Summit.

Read the full statements here:

:: [Advancing Brain Health \(including Mental Health\) for Global Societal Resilience](#)

:: [Large Satellite Constellations: Perspectives and Challenges](#)

:: [The Global Arctic: Unprecedented Change, Global Stakes](#)

ISC / International Science Council [to 23 May 2026]

<https://council.science/current/>

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

news

21 May 2026 - 5 min read

[Survey: The impact of emerging technologies on science systems around the world | deadline: 22 June 2026](#)

news

20 May 2026 - 5 min read

[Call for experts: development of a proposal for future work of IPBES | deadline: 11 June 2026](#)

blog

[Call for collaboration: Shaping ISC action on freedom and responsibility in science | deadline: 12 June 2026](#)

ISC Members and Fellows are invited to collaborate on some of the most frequently requested topics for ISC action, including free movement of scientists, research integrity in the age of AI, and protection of science in times of crisis and conflict, among others.

The ISC's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science (CFRS) is exploring five new initiatives, in response to issues and concerns raised by the scientific community:

- Free movement of scientists and visa restrictions affecting scientific exchange:
- Protecting science, scientists, and scientific infrastructure in times of crisis and armed conflict:
- Research integrity issues associated with the uptake of AI/LLMs:
- Responsible science advocacy action:
- Scientific responsibility and its relationship with scientific freedom

Global Research Council [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

[How does Ebola spread from person to person?](#)

Based on Science

Ebola spreads through direct contact with the body fluids of a symptomatic person or with contaminated clothing or other materials. Ebola virus is in saliva and other body fluids but has not been found to spread as easily as airborne viruses, such as COVID-19 or measles.

May 22, 2026

[Does the current Ebola vaccine protect against every type of Ebola virus?](#)

Based on Science

No. The currently approved Ebola vaccine used for outbreak response is called Ervebo. Ervebo protects against one species of Ebola virus, called Zaire ebolavirus. It has not been proven to protect against other Ebola viruses, including Bundibugyo virus. The 2026 outbreak in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo is caused by Bundibugyo virus, a different Ebola virus for which there is currently no approved vaccine.

May 22, 2026

[Are there proven treatments for Ebola?](#)

Based on Science

Yes. Scientists have developed treatments that improve survival for Ebola virus disease caused by Zaire ebolavirus, especially when patients receive care early. But treatments that work for one species of Ebola virus may not work against all Ebola viruses.

May 22, 2026

[NAM Selects 10 Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine](#)

Announcement

The National Academy of Medicine has chosen the 2026 class of Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Scholars, early- to mid-career professionals from a wide range of disciplines who will work with NAM to advance science, address persistent challenges in health and medicine, and spark transformative change to improve health for all.

May 13, 2026

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 23 May 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

May 22, 2026 *Insight*

[Understanding Ebola: What People Should Know](#)

... To help explain what Ebola is, how it spreads, and what the latest outbreak means for the broader public, the NAM spoke with Carlos del Rio, MD, Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University and the International Secretary of the National Academy of

Medicine. Del Rio is the co-creator of a free online course on Ebola virus disease. In this interview, he discusses the biology of Ebola, why hemorrhagic viruses are so dangerous, the challenges of vaccine development, and why continued global investment in outbreak preparedness remains essential...

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 23 May 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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

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

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

33rd (Ordinary) Session of the IBC / Joint Session of the IBC and the IGBC / 14th

(Extraordinary) Session of COMEST, UNESCO Paris, France, and Online, 29 September - 2 October 2026

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

[Joint statement on the Ebola virus epidemic by UNESCO bioethics committees](#)

12 September 2014

Last update: 15 April 2026

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to

23 May 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

Hastings Center [to 23 May 2026]

<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/>
Press Releases, Events
No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 23 May 2026]
<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 23 May 2026]
<https://www.ich.org/> <https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>
News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 23 May 2026] <https://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/news>
News
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

[Investing in Health Professionals Strengthens Economies and Patient Care, Says WHPA](#)
20.05.2026

Investing in health professionals is fundamental to economic stability and sustainable development, and stronger health systems, according to leaders of the global health professions gathered at a side event hosted by the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) on Tuesday 19 May, during the 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva...

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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 [23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 23 May 2026]

<https://www.blumeridian.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

May 19, 2026

[The Work of Opportunity in the Age of AI](#)

Blue Meridian's CEO Jim Shelton took the stage at the 2026 ASU+GSV Summit to discuss a national imperative: expanding opportunity in the age of AI.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 23 May 2026]

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 23 May 2026]

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

News & Press

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest

[**Go Behind the Scenes at an Art Auction**](#)

Drawings curator Julian Brooks reveals new Getty acquisitions

May 21, 2026

[**Getty Announces 2026–2027 Scholars**](#)

Getty welcomes a new cohort of Getty Scholars

May 20, 2026

GHIT Fund [23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [23 May 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [23 May 2026]

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

[Is The U.S. Stepping Up In The Fight Against Ebola?](#)

May 23, 2026 *Policy Watch*

This policy watch looks at the major new Ebola outbreak in DRC, discusses how the U.S. government has responded so far, and describes how the current situation compares to prior U.S. Ebola responses.

[The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief \(PEPFAR\)](#)

May 22, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

This fact sheet explores the history, funding, and future outlook of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the U.S. government's major global initiative to combat HIV/AIDS.

[Assessing PEPFAR's Health Spillover Effects Beyond HIV: An Update](#)

May 20, 2026 *Issue Brief*

This analysis updates prior work that assessed the association between PEPFAR investments and several health indicators, beyond HIV. It finds that PEPFAR continues to be associated with significant improvement in these broader health gains, suggesting a spillover effect beyond the program's HIV focus.

[Assessing PEPFAR's Economic and Educational Spillover Effects: An Update](#)

May 20, 2026 *Issue Brief*

This analysis updates prior work that assessed the association between PEPFAR investments and economic and educational outcomes. It finds that PEPFAR continues to be associated with significant improvement in these broader areas, suggesting a spillover effect beyond the program's HIV and health focus.

[Global COVID-19 Tracker](#)

May 19, 2026 *Tracker*

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Aga Khan Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Lilly Endowment Inc. [to 23 May 2026]

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

Endowment News

[**Lilly Endowment names new program director in education**](#)

John Kuykendall is joining Lilly Endowment's staff as a program director for education. He plans to begin work at the Endowment in July 2026.

MacArthur Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

No new digest content identified.

Mastercard Foundation [Canada] [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Novo Nordisk Foundation [Denmark] [to 23 May 2026]

<https://novonordiskfonden.dk/en/>

News and media

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 23 May 2026]

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

Newsroom

Press release May 20, 2026

[**Open Society Foundations Launch \\$300 Million Initiative to Advance Economic Security and Defend Civil Liberties in the United States**](#)

The initiative aims to improve the daily lives of Americans and stand up for the rule of law while strengthening rights and freedoms under attack across the United States.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 23 May 2026]

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

News Room

[State Policy Playbook: Expanding and Preserving Attainable Housing With Manufactured Homes](#)

Event May 27, 2026

Rockefeller Foundation [to 23 May 2026]

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

News and Announcements

[Statement From Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on Ebola Outbreak](#)

Statements Published Date May 19, 2026

[The Rockefeller Foundation and Temasek Trust Announce Global Coalition for Nuclear Philanthropy](#)

Press Releases Published Date May 19, 2026

Dickson Lim, Philanthropy Advisory Lead, Temasek Trust; Head, TT Foundation Advisors and Ashvin Dayal, Senior Vice President, Power, The Rockefeller Foundation at the announcement of the Global Coalition for Nuclear Philanthropy (GCNP) at the Philanthropy Asia Summit 2026.

:: GCNP aims to mobilize and coordinate philanthropic capital to accelerate efficient, safe, secure, and equitable nuclear energy deployment globally — 0.1%-0.2% of climate philanthropy currently goes towards it.

:: The Coalition seeks to expand and align philanthropic support for nuclear energy as a driver of clean energy security, economic growth, energy abundance, and human development.

:: Coalition members include Blue Horizons Foundation, CleanEcon, Founders Pledge, Ray Rothrock, and the Rodel Foundation with the Oppenheimer Project serving as Strategic Partner; like-minded partners are welcome to join.

[Rockefeller Foundation Awarded US\\$350M+ to Reach 731 Million People Amid 2025's Historic Decline in Global Aid](#)

Press Releases Published Date May 17, 2026

2025 Impact Report, "Big Bets, Real Results," highlights \$32 billion in total capital mobilized into solutions for millions of people in Africa, Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, Europe, the United States, and more

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 23 May 2026]

<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 23 May 2026]

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

Press Releases

[Daniel L. Goroff to Lead Social Science Research Council After Successful Tenure at Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#)

Stichting INGKA Foundation [Netherlands] [to 23 May 2026]
<https://www.ingkafoundation.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Tata Trusts [India] [to 23 May 2026]
<https://www.tatatrusters.org/media/press-releases>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [23 May 2026]
<https://wellcome.org/>
News, Opinion, Reports
No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 23 May 2026]
<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fceref=pg>
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 23 May 2026]
<https://cof.org/news-blog>
News, Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

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:: **Journal Watch**

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 17 2026 Issue 1

<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 2 (2026)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

May 07, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 5 p889-1124

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Population cohorts have enabled the discovery of genetic variants associated with a multitude of human phenotypes. While the focus is usually on SNPs, other types of variants have been shown to be impactful, including tandem repeats (TRs). Typically, investigations including TRs employ genotyping tools that rely on TR reference catalogs. However, existing catalogs differ substantially in both the number and definitions of TRs, as well as compatible data types and genotyping tools. This lack of standardization makes it difficult to unify results across studies and limits discovery.

American Journal of Public Health

May 2026 116(5)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 114 (2026): Issue 5 (May 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/114/4/tpmd.114.issue-5.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

May 2026 Volume 179, Issue 5

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

Reviews

[Effectiveness, Comparative Effectiveness, and Harms of COVID-19 Vaccines in Adults Who Are Not Pregnant or Immunocompromised: A Rapid Review for the American College of Physicians](#)

Andreea Dobrescu, MD, PhD , et al. Pages:673–684

[Efficacy, Comparative Effectiveness, and Harm of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccines in Adults Who Are Not Pregnant or Immunocompromised: A Rapid Review for the American College of Physicians](#)

Isabel T.K. Moser, MD, et al. Pages:685–695

Clinical Guidelines

[COVID-19 Vaccines for 2025–2026 in Adults Who Are Not Pregnant or Immunocompromised: Rapid Practice Points From the American College of Physicians](#)

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA

Pages:728–733

[Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccines in Adults Who Are Not Pregnant or Immunocompromised: Rapid Practice Points From the American College of Physicians](#)

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA. Et al.

Pages:734–739

Ideas and Opinions

[The Current Threat to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and Why It Matters](#)

Robert S. Lawrence, MD and Steven H. Woolf, MD, MPH

Pages:744–745

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 410 - April 2026

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

[New issue. No digest content identified]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 23 (2024)

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

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

Special Issue - Following the Money II

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

This Special Issue of the *Anti-Trafficking Review* attempts to examine funding and spending on efforts to stop human trafficking, particularly, by the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. Featuring articles from academics, non-government organisations, and survivors of trafficking,

this edition explores where the money comes from, who it goes to, and what it actually achieves.

The eight articles in the issue suggest that the millions of dollars spent on combating human trafficking do not always reach trafficked persons or at risk groups and, in some cases, are actively harming them. Authors point to potentially more effective uses of anti-trafficking funding.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 354 May 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/354/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bioethics

Volume 40, Issue 5 Pages: 421-544 June 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14678519/current>

Special issue: New (Bio)technologies and Human Identity

EDITORIAL

Human Identity and Biotechnologies

Alberto Giubilini, Andrew Moeller

Pages: 423-424

First Published: 30 April 2026

Human DNA, the capacity for self-awareness or for symbolic language, a sense of mortality, plasticity and adaptability, the disposition to pray, being created in the image of God. These are only a few of the answers that science, philosophy, (philosophical) anthropology, psychology, and theology have offered to the question of what makes us human. The relevance of the question contrasts sharply with the difficulty of understanding what exactly we are asking.

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 23 May 2026)

Health-seeking amid conflict and climate stress: how climate disaster shapes maternal and child healthcare behavior in fragile and conflict-affected settings

Gbadebo Collins Adeyanju, Liliana Abreu, Max Schaub

Research Open access 20 May 2026 Article: 714

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 23 May 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

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Editorial

Transforming the humanitarian system

The Lancet

We are witnessing a dark period for humanity. Recent years have been the most violent since the Cold War. Conflict-related deaths hit a 20-year high in 2022, while more than 123 million people have been forcibly displaced. Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine lay bare the realities of modern conflict. Violation of international law and humanitarian principles has been normalised. Health-care workers and facilities as well as civilian infrastructure are targeted with impunity. Aid is instrumentalised for military ends and increasingly becomes transactional. Humanitarian crises drag on for years with devastating consequences for health as health services collapse and access to safe water, food, and shelter deteriorate. Geopolitical fragmentation and aid cuts from the USA and major European donors have escalated pressure on the humanitarian system amid these unprecedented levels of need. At this critical juncture, the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health—Lancet Commission on health, conflict, and forced displacement provides a manifesto for a radical transformation of a humanitarian system failing to protect health.

The Commission details how the seeds of the present acute humanitarian crisis were planted long ago. The history of humanitarian aid is one of humanity and solidarity, but also of power rooted in colonialism. Since World War 2, a few powerful actors have controlled funds and set the agenda to advance political and economic interests. Centred around a complex of international humanitarian organisations lacking coordination, local actors have been sidelined and the needs and dignity of affected populations have not been prioritised. Humanitarian investment consistently fails to target the countries that need it most. Mutual aid networks such as Sudan's Emergency Response Rooms have challenged established hierarchies and demonstrated the success of community-led initiatives. Yet, they are kept on the margins of the humanitarian financing. 10 years ago, amid calls to decolonise humanitarian action, the Grand Bargain agreement between donors and humanitarian organisations promised that 25% of funding would go directly to local and national actors by 2022. It reached only 4·7%. Systemic incentives and power structures have remained largely unchanged.

To address these long-standing failures and resistance to reform, the Commission undertook a detailed analysis of the humanitarian system's structural foundations, concluding that change is needed across international law and principles, governance, financing, and health systems. The Commission provides a coherent and actionable strategy centred on four interdependent recommendations targeted at states; non-state actors; donors; multilateral institutions; and humanitarian, health, and local leaders. First, invert power by shifting resources and decision making to affected populations, making external leadership exceptional, and strengthening nationally led health and social protection systems. Second, end impunity by enforcing accountability to affected populations across governance, financing, coordination, and implementation, with health outcomes and continuity of care serving as measures of compliance. Third, fix the money by aligning humanitarian financing with needs rather than donor priorities, and by transferring decision-making authority to local and national actors through independently governed global and multilevel pooled funding mechanisms. Fourth, uphold health for all as a non-negotiable right by ensuring that decisions at all levels advance equitable care and health protection, with service delivery embedded within national health and social protection systems wherever feasible. The Commission provides detailed guidance on how to operationalise these recommendations.

This year, 239 million people need humanitarian assistance and the current humanitarian system cannot cope—it needs to change. It will take courage and leadership from countries, particularly coalitions of

middle powers. Beyond the moral argument for shared humanity, international solidarity serves long-term stability that benefits everyone; and compared with national budgets and defence financing, costs little. Reform can be painful and abrupt; ill-thought-out actions can cost lives. Creating an effective community-centred humanitarian system that provides a more just, robust, and sustainable future needs to be managed carefully and responsibly. This Commission provides a compelling argument and a clear evidence-based roadmap for doing so.

Comment

[Transforming the humanitarian system: our role to confront embedded inequities](#)

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...This Commission has three core objectives: to diagnose the systemic barriers and enabling conditions shaping humanitarian health action, to centre the priorities and dignity of communities affected by conflict and forced displacement as the primary reference point for change, and to deliver evidence-informed, forward-looking recommendations grounded in realism and ambition. These objectives are pursued with urgency. This Commission is not another call to do better; it is a demand to do differently, and to do so now. Decades of diagnoses, frameworks, and pledges have failed to halt deepening crises, expanding impunity, and collapsing political commitment. The 2026 Global Humanitarian Overview confirms that even at maximum ambition, the system now operates as survival triage rather than universal protection. In this moment, incremental reform is not only inadequate; it is dangerous.

This Commission advances a bold, integrated, sequenced, and execution-oriented programme for transformation, grounded in a deliberate shift of power and resources toward affected populations and locally legitimate actors. This is not a menu of options, but a coherent framework designed to be operationalised, measured, and enforced, explicitly accounting for political resistance and unequal power dynamics. This framework is implemented through a structured, context-specific decision matrix that guides decision-making across crisis contexts, governance conditions, and levels of system capacity. Communities are placed at the centre, and protection, accountability, climate risk, and ethical obligations are treated as non-negotiable. Decolonisation is made practical through localisation with authority.

The Commission's framework is grounded in a streamlined crisis typology of acute, acute-on-protracted, and protracted emergencies, recognising that most humanitarian health needs now arise in acute-on-protracted and protracted emergencies. Governance, financing, and external engagement must therefore be calibrated together to each crisis type, using the decision matrix to avoid default coordination, financing, and delivery models. The typology serves as the organising anchor for how power, accountability, financing, and health system responsibilities are defined and operationalised throughout this Commission.

This Commission re-examines humanitarian principles as practical instruments of action rather than abstract doctrine. Humanity and impartiality are reaffirmed as non-negotiable. Neutrality and independence are treated as context-dependent, mandate-based means to enable access and acceptance in many operational settings, applied according to context and risk, and not used to exclude actors providing impartial assistance. Alongside these, the Commission advances do no harm, solidarity, and accountability as additional core contemporary principles guiding operational decision-making and enforcement. Accountability extends beyond legal obligations to include responsibility for evidence-based action, effectiveness, continuity of care, and measurable outcomes. These principles guide operational decision making and enforcement.

Health is defined broadly, encompassing clinical care, public health, and the social determinants of health, because humanitarian health outcomes are inseparable from rights, dignity, gender, culture, and living conditions. If an intervention keeps people alive and protected, it is humanitarian health.

This Commission translates this framework into action through five strategic drivers ([panel 1](#)): international law, humanitarian principles, governance, financing, and health systems. Each driver includes actionable recommendations designed to convert commitments into enforceable change in contexts marked by political resistance, coercion, and impunity...

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Editorial

[Shared ownership with young people in health research](#)

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Viewpoint

[Defining and measuring what matters: quality of life for children with disabilities](#)

Tracey Smythe, Peter L Rosenbaum, Giulia Balboni, Gabriel M Ronen

Summary

The quality of life of children with disabilities improves when health systems move beyond survival-oriented biomedical interventions and metrics, and promote participation and wellbeing. Quality of life should be considered and measured through the experiences and views of the child, ensuring that judgements about what a meaningful life looks like are made by those people for whom these tools are designed. This Viewpoint provides examples of how health professionals and health systems can expand their interest beyond impairment-focused care to partner with families, adopt practices that promote children's own perspectives on what matters most in their lives, and create disability-inclusive environments. Central to this shift is recognising that quality of life should reflect what children and their families value, rather than offering external judgements based on concepts of normality or function. Doing so will enable everyone involved in childhood disability to align clinical practice, measurement, and policy, as well as ultimately place value on the quality of life of all children.

Lancet Digital Health

Apr 2026 Volume 8 Number 4

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[Can large language models help young researchers develop new clinical research ideas?](#)

Yahan Yang, et al.

Lancet Global Health

Apr 2026 Volume 14 Number 4 e475-e667

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Editorial

Resistance is not futile

The Lancet Global Health

Comment

Beyond measuring coverage: how timeliness could transform routine childhood vaccination programmes

Oghenebrume Wariri, Natasha Sarah Crowcroft

Articles

Impact of two decades of humanitarian and development assistance and the projected mortality consequences of current defunding to 2030: retrospective evaluation and forecasting analysis

Andrea Ferreira da Silva, et al.

Timeliness of children's vaccinations in 91 low-income and middle-income countries: an analysis of survey data

Andrew D Clark, et al.

Summary

Background

For many children in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) the actual age of vaccination is later than the recommended target age. We provide updated evidence on the coverage and timeliness of vaccination across a broad and geographically diverse set of LMICs.

Methods

We included 91 LMICs, using data from 45 Demographic and Health Surveys and 46 Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys conducted between 2010 and 2019. We calculated coverage by day of age for children younger than 3 years for BCG, hepatitis B birth dose vaccine (HBV0), polio vaccine (Polio0–3), diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis-containing vaccine (DTP1–3), pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV1–3), rotavirus vaccine (RV1–2), and measles-containing vaccine (MCV1–2). We calculated the percentage of doses that were early, timely (0–28 days after the target age), and late, and net delays (actual age at administration minus target age). We compared the coverage and timeliness of BCG and DTP1–3 with co-recommended vaccinations. We devised a curve-fitting method for reproducing estimates of coverage by day of age from birth to younger than 3 years for each vaccine, country, and year.

Findings

The unweighted median of the net mean delays (mean vaccination age minus target age) was 3·3 weeks (IQR 1·7–4·6) for BCG (90 surveys), 3·7 weeks (2·2–4·9) for DTP1 (91 surveys), 5·2 weeks (3·8–7·3) for DTP2 (91 surveys), 7·7 weeks (5·4–10·7) for DTP3 (91 surveys), 5·5 weeks (4·1–7·8) for MCV1 (86 surveys), and 5·4 weeks (3·7–7·7) for MCV2 (24 surveys). The corresponding median of the net median delays (median vaccination age minus target age) was 1·0 weeks (IQR 0·3–1·9) for BCG, 1·4 weeks (1·0–2·1) for DTP1, 2·6 weeks (1·6–3·6) for DTP2, 3·9 weeks (2·1–5·6) for DTP3, 2·2 weeks (1·6–3·1) for MCV1, and 3·2 weeks (2·4–3·8) for MCV2. The unweighted median percentage of vaccinations that were timely was 79% (71–92) for BCG, 70% (59–81) for DTP1, 59% (46–73) for DTP2, 50% (35–66) for DTP3, 56% (45–64) for MCV1, and 50% (37–55) for MCV2. Median BCG vaccine coverage increased from 73% (59–87) to 93% (85–96) between 1 month and 6 months of age. Median DTP3 coverage increased from 47% (13–65) to 76% (64–88) between 6 months and 12 months of age. Median MCV1 coverage increased from 53% (6–73) to 81% (69–88) between 12 months and 18 months of age. Vaccines co-recommended with BCG (HBV0 and Polio0) and DTP1–3 (Polio1–3, PCV1–3, and RV1–2) had similar timeliness but lower coverage.

Interpretation

Many children in LMICs continue to experience substantial delays in vaccination. Strategies to boost vaccine impact should be informed by systematic evidence on vaccine timeliness.

Health Policy

[Research priorities for improved pandemic and epidemic intelligence](#)

Barbara Tornimbene, et al.

Summary

Pandemic and epidemic intelligence integrates surveillance data with contextual knowledge to assess health risks and inform public health decisions. Although investments in surveillance and public health intelligence have accelerated innovation, research efforts remain thematically and geographically fragmented and the translation of insights into policy and practice is inconsistent. To address this gap, the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, in collaboration with global partners, conducted a research prioritisation exercise to identify key research gaps and opportunities. Using a structured consultation process and expert-driven scoring, based on a modified Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative approach, we identified 23 priority research statements across eight thematic domains including data preparedness, quality standards, analytical frameworks, artificial intelligence and technological advances, multisectoral approaches, community-centred approaches, governance, and evidence-to-policy translation. These findings can guide funding agencies, policy makers, and research institutions in prioritising research investments that enhance data integration, diagnostic innovation, and real-time decision making.

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Editorial

[How are vaccine recommendations made?](#)

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

The recent meningitis outbreak in Kent, UK, put vaccine policy into the headlines once again. Why are adolescents not vaccinated with the meningitis B (MenB) vaccine? Why is this not part of the routine vaccination programme in the UK, nor in other countries? The outbreak and its associated mortality and morbidity, as well as a massive public health response, could have been prevented. At the heart of this dilemma lies how vaccine recommendations are made. Just having a vaccine approved is not enough.

Vaccine policy and implementation are complex. As a first step, vaccines need to gain regulatory approval on the basis of clinical trials, often followed by post-licensure data collection around safety and efficacy. Adverse events can be rare, such as vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia after adenovirus-vectored COVID-19 vaccines or encephalitis after the live-attenuated chikungunya vaccine. Similarly, protection from disease might also be difficult to measure in trials if the outcome is rare, for example, invasive pneumococcal disease, thus also requiring post-licensing surveillance. Clinical trial data is often not enough to accurately judge risks and benefits of vaccines.

MenB vaccines have been approved since the mid-2010s and the UK has included them in its infant immunisation schedule since 2015; they are, however, not included in routine vaccination of adolescents, whereas the MenACWY vaccine is. To understand this difference, it is essential to understand how vaccine recommendations are made. Recommending bodies, such as the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) in the UK, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in the USA, or the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) at WHO, look at risks and benefits, epidemiology of infections and disease, and, importantly, also at cost-effectiveness. Health system budgets are limited and spending money on a vaccine here, means it cannot be spent on a drug or intervention elsewhere, and vice versa. Cost-effectiveness takes into account the cost of the vaccine and its delivery and balances it against its benefits—deaths, disease, and disability averted. There are

thresholds at which a vaccine is deemed cost-effective, in essence the amount of money a health system is willing to spend for the preventive effect. Even if a vaccine is highly effective at preventing disease, if its cost is above this threshold, regulatory bodies will not recommend its use. As MenB cases are higher in infants than in adolescents, when the 2015 recommendation was made, vaccination was cost-effective in the former group but not in the latter.

However, cost effectiveness is a difficult question. Which factors should be included in a cost-effectiveness analysis and how should they be valued? How do you value long-term outcomes, for example, amputation or hearing loss after meningitis, long COVID after COVID-19, or the emerging link between dementia and herpes zoster? Do you value population effects such as herd immunity, indirect effects, such as work absence of caregivers, or prevention of reactive public health responses? Should the calculation be different for infants and children who potentially have many years ahead of them facing consequences? Should there be special considerations for rare infections with severe outcomes such as meningitis? Does peace of mind due to vaccine protection have a value?

These are not easy questions and often difficult to answer in vaccine recommendations. Recommending bodies get mandates and guidelines on how to do their work from governments, which inevitably come with political influence or even interference—prime examples being the highly criticised recommendations by ACIP to remove measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox and hepatitis B vaccines from routine infant schedules. Oversight, transparency, true scientific expertise, and a balanced assessment of all available evidence are key.

In addition, vaccine recommendations have wide reaching societal consequences. Not recommending vaccines fuels vaccine mistrust and hinders access. Furthermore, not including vaccines in routine schedules and instead relying on people paying themselves entrenches inequality, further disadvantaging the poorest members of society. The UK government has recommended re-evaluation of adolescent MenB vaccination and we hope for a holistic evaluation and a transparent process, as should be the case for all vaccine policy considerations.

Lancet Public Health

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Review

[Public health responses following identification of poliovirus in wastewater](#)

Marie Lesenfans, et al.

Summary

Poliovirus continues to pose a global public health threat, with both wild and vaccine-derived viruses detected in clinical and environmental samples, including in countries declared to be polio free. Although wastewater and environmental surveillance increasingly reveal silent poliovirus circulation, how these findings are translated into public health action remains unclear. We reviewed the literature to identify documented events in which poliovirus detection in wastewater triggered public health responses across WHO regions. 26 unique events across 21 countries and all six WHO regions were included. Public health actions were analysed across five response domains defined for this Review: environmental surveillance; clinical surveillance; vaccination; risk communication; and coordination. Across diverse epidemiological contexts, poliovirus detection in wastewater consistently prompted public health action, often in the absence of paralytic cases. Enhanced environmental surveillance was the most common response, frequently accompanied by intensified clinical surveillance and targeted vaccination activities. Overall, our Review highlights environmental surveillance as an operational early warning system within the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and provide insights applicable to preparedness and response frameworks beyond poliovirus.

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Andrea Pittarello, et al
Free access Research article First published February 8, 2026 pp. 421–431

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[The uncritical adoption of AI in science is alarming — we urgently need guard rails](#)

Artificial intelligence is rapidly accelerating scientific output, but risks narrowing inquiry, weakening judgement and undermining how scientists are trained.
Lisa Messeri, M. J. Crockett

Nature Biotechnology

Volume 44 Issue 5, May 2026
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Perspective 24 Feb 2026

[Agentic AI and the rise of in silico team science in biomedical research](#)

This study examines the emerging use of agentic artificial intelligence (AI) in biomedical research,

highlighting the challenges and opportunities that may inform the design of agentic AI systems suitable for broad deployment.

Binglan Li, Anil Kumar Saini, Jason H. Moore

Nature Communications

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Editorial 20 May 2026

[Combating infectious diseases in a fragmented world](#)

This special issue focuses on the challenges and opportunities for curtailing the global burden of infectious diseases in a fragmented, conflict-prone world.

Comment 20 May 2026

[HPV vaccines, 20 years on](#)

Women are now at the very center of the global cancer control agenda, but there are major challenges ahead.

Karen Canfell

Perspective 20 May 2026

[Global vaccine development](#)

The authors examine the vaccine landscape through two key areas of research and development—expanding target populations, and emerging vaccine technologies—and discuss cross-cutting issues, including the societal value of vaccines, funding and access, and regional manufacturing.

Jerome H. Kim, Nicaise Ndembi

Review Article 20 May 2026

[Climate change and infectious diseases](#)

This Review examines how climate variables affect pathogen transmission, seasonality and outbreak patterns, how these interact with weather extremes and demographic change, and how current data streams can be leveraged to understand future disease trajectories.

Rachel E. Baker, Aleksandra R. Stamper, C. Jessica E. Metcalf

Review Article 20 May 2026

[Global approaches to infectious disease surveillance and modeling](#)

This Review discusses global approaches to infectious disease analysis and modeling, focusing on federated methods and addressing long-standing challenges in data interoperability, equity and trust.
Mark P. Khurana, Joseph L.-H. Tsui, Moritz U. G. Kraemer

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery

Volume 25 Issue 5, May 2026

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Comment 10 Feb 2026

[Unlocking the potential of disease prevention through regulatory science](#)

Proactive disease prevention must play a larger role in public health strategies. This will require enhanced efforts to enable the development and use of preventive medicines at scale, for the right patient group at the right time. Here, we describe regulatory and drug development recommendations to help unlock the potential of disease prevention.

Daniel J. O'Connor, Alison C. Cave, Alice Fabre

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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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[Uganda's cholera elimination journey in a cholera endemic region of Africa](#)

Godfrey Bwire, David A. Sack, Allan Muruta, Charles Olaro, Jane Ruth Aceng Ocerro, Diana Atwine, Henry G. Mwebesa, Francis Ongole, Bonny Kintu, Anne Nakinsige, Ampaire Immaculate, Buyinza Ambrose Wabwire, Rhoda K. Wanyenze, Amanda K. Debes, Christopher Garimoi Orach

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[The need for balanced dengue vaccine protection: Insights from Thai surveillance data on four serotypes](#)

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[Estimating the potential impact of global research on neglected tropical diseases on population-level indicators of health access, sanitation, and research capacity](#)

David A. Hernandez-Paez, Ivan David Lozada-Martinez, Juan David Reyes-Duque, Sulaiman Kalokoh

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[Dengue vaccine acceptability in Peru: A mixed-methods study in two dengue-endemic Peruvian cities](#)

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[Speed and quality of complex strategic decisions](#)

Many strategic decisions involve both substantial complexity and time pressure, but the association between decision speed and decision quality of cognitively demanding strategic decisions is not well understood. This paper presents evidence on this ...

[Uwe Sunde](#), [Dainis Zegners](#) and [Anthony Strittmatter](#)

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[Scientific authority cues increase the spread of misinformation](#)

Despite extensive efforts to curb misinformation, it continues to spread on social media platforms. Research indicates that people rarely share content they know is false, rather, they do so unintentionally due to cognitive biases triggered by contextual ...

[Ismail Harrando](#), [Rodrigo Reyes Cordova](#) and [Achim Edelmann](#)

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[Generative AI use and misuse call for assessment reform in higher education](#)

Igor Chirikov, Ivan Smirnov, René F. Kizilcec
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Growing misuse of, and unequal access to, AI tools requires universities to rethink how they evaluate learning

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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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human rights

[A Chronicle Conversation with Gaynel Curry](#)

In addition to addressing longstanding issues, the Second International Decade for People of African Descent (2025-2034) should examine new and emerging concerns of people of African descent, including climate and digital justice, and artificial intelligence, among other matters.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

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World Heritage Review

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World Heritage

At a time when the balance of the living world is faltering, the relationship between human societies and nature appears more central than ever. Across the globe, biodiversity is declining and ecosystems are weakening; with them, the very foundations of our societies are being undermined. At the heart of this crisis, however, remains a fundamental conviction: protecting nature means protecting humanity.

Across the world, natural and cultural World Heritage sites are privileged witnesses to the long-standing and complex relationships that humans have maintained with their environment. Far more than simply protected areas, these places – inhabited, transmitted and transformed over the centuries – embody living dynamics where practices, traditions, knowledge and heritage intersect. In many regions, communities, including Indigenous peoples, as well as women and youth, play a decisive role, demonstrating that sustainable models rely on a close articulation between scientific knowledge, local expertise and inclusive governance.

These balances nevertheless remain fragile. The effects of climate change, the growing pressure of human activities and the rapid transformation of territories are threatening the integrity of these sites. Behind these tensions lie profound consequences for the communities, species and cultures that depend on them.

In response to these challenges, this issue offers a perspective that is both clear-eyed and resolutely oriented towards actions. The Deep Dive section explores the contemporary issues of conservation while highlighting concrete initiatives carried out in the field....



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[Matt Mittelsteadt](#), [Jam Kraprayoon](#), [Robin Staes-Polet](#), [Oskar Galeev](#), [Jan Wehner](#), [Christopher Covino](#), [Shaun Ee](#)

Comments: 95 pages

Artificial Intelligence (AI) agents can now orchestrate cyberattacks. This development is already increasing the speed and scale of cyber-attacks, decreasing attack costs, and improving the operational autonomy of cyber capabilities. To defend against these emerging threats, actors must first develop the capability to detect them. This report frames the offensive cyber agent detection challenge by outlining the coming detection gap between offensive cyber agents and traditional cyber capabilities; introducing detection-in-depth, a strategic framework to guide policymakers and defenders responding to this detection gap; and presents five actionable detection mechanisms to support policymakers, industry, and defenders when putting this strategic framework into practice. These include (1) Agent Identifiers for Critical Infrastructure, (2) Agent Honey pots; (3) AI-Automated Alert Analysis and Triage: systems that use AI to filter, prioritize, and interpret the growing volume of detection signals expected from autonomous cyber operations; (4) An Agentic Security Alert Standard: A reporting standard model that providers can use to communicate agentic threats, improving the speed, consistency, and actionability of reports; (5) An Agentic Cybersecurity Exchange (ACE): an institution modeled on the Global Signal Exchange that brings together model and cloud providers to detect offensive cyber agent threats at their origin point and coordinate ecosystem-wide agentic threat disruption.

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[Addressing the Synergy Gap: The Six Elements of the Design Space](#)

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AI is now embedded in healthcare, finance, policy, and many other domains, yet genuine human-AI synergy - combined performance that exceeds what either party achieves alone - is uncommon. Meta-analyses show that AI assistance tends to improve human performance compared to working alone, but studies finding true synergy are scarce. We call this persistent shortfall the synergy gap. Most current work treats human-AI combination as an engineering problem and concentrates on interpretability, trust calibration, or interface design. These matter, but they cover only part of what determines whether combination works. Closing the synergy gap, we argue, requires explicit engagement with a wider design space. We map that space through six interconnected elements: sociotechnical context, decision-making frameworks, human decision participants, AI capabilities, interaction, and holistic evaluation. For each element, we describe what it covers, how it shapes the others in practice, and what it implies for design. The result is a shared vocabulary for practitioners building hybrid

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[Consent Chain Degradation in Embodied Multi-Agent Systems: Bridging the Gap Between AI Agent Governance and Robot Ethics](#)

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Robotic systems are moving from isolated platforms to interconnected multi-agent ecosystems that operate in human environments. This shift raises a governance problem that existing frameworks do not address: how does consent propagate, degrade, and break down across chains of delegation between embodied autonomous agents? The AI ethics community has begun to study consent for digital software agents, and the HRI community has examined consent in dyadic human-robot encounters. Neither body of work covers what happens when physical robots delegate tasks to other robots in ways that affect humans. This paper introduces consent chain degradation (CCD), a conceptual framework for analyzing how the specificity, validity, and scope of human consent erodes as authority passes through multi-robot delegation chains. We propose a three-layer governance architecture, the Consent Runtime Verification Framework for Embodied Agents (CoRVE), which integrates consent scope modeling, delegation chain tracking, and physical irreversibility assessment. Three scenarios in healthcare, domestic, and industrial robotics show how CCD arises in practice, including a worked numerical example. A regulatory gap analysis covering the EU AI Act, the GDPR, the Machinery Regulation, and the Revised Product Liability Directive shows that all four instruments leave core CCD dimensions unaddressed.

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[REBAR: Reference Ethical Benchmark for Autonomy Readiness](#)

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As autonomous systems grow more advanced, objective metrics to evaluate their ethical and legal compliance are critical for informing end users of their limitations and ensuring accountability of those who misuse them. Current ethical embodied AI frameworks remain mostly qualitative, focusing on system design (through safety guardrails or targeted red teaming), and the realized guardrails often directly disallow unsafe behavior without providing the user with an override or interpretable reason. Instead, there is a need for computable metrics through rigorous testing that allow a user to determine the applicability of the system to the task. To address this gap, we introduce the Reference Ethical

Benchmark for Autonomy Readiness (REBAR), a quantitative test and evaluation framework for autonomous systems. REBAR maps operating metrics into a computable Autonomy Readiness Level (ARL) rubric that can quantify ethical performance. Key innovations of the framework include a neuro-symbolic Large Language Model (LLM) approach to calculate and explain the ethical difficulty of scenarios, LLM-driven at-scale generation of test instances, and a versatile, photorealistic simulation environment. By evaluating white-box autonomy solutions through this rigorous testing pipeline, REBAR delivers an objective and repeatable benchmark score, bridging the gap between abstract principles and verifiable, accountable autonomy.

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[Reconstruction of immunisation during conflict: A mixed-methods cohort evaluation of programme delivery and outcomes in Myanmar](#)

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ABSTRACT

Introduction

Routine childhood immunisation is frequently disrupted in conflict-affected settings, leaving many children unvaccinated (zero-dose [ZD]). Their vaccination is now a global priority, but published evidence on restoring immunisation services in these settings is limited. We evaluated a nurse-led, community-based Expanded Programme on Immunisation adapted to a conflict-affected setting in Myanmar, focusing on factors associated with full immunisation (FI) among ZD children.

Methods

This mixed-methods observational cohort study enrolled children from November 2023 to December 2025; analyses of FI outcomes were restricted to children enrolled ≥ 18 months, with primary analyses focused on ZD children. Associations between programme delivery factors—including vaccination opportunity (the ratio of vaccination sessions available to visits required for FI based on age and vaccination schedule [accelerated versus routine])—and FI were assessed using mixed-effects logistic regression with a random intercept for site. Programme cost and qualitative data from document review and questionnaires were also analysed.

Results

Of 13,263 children enrolled, 6563 (49%) were in the analytic cohort; 2,684 (20%) were ZD. Among ZD, 452 (17%) were FI at 12 months and 1329 (50%) at 18 months. Accelerated schedule (OR 3.00, 95% CI 1.11–8.13) and greater vaccination opportunity (OR 2.1 per 0.5 unit increase in opportunity, 95% CI 1.8–2.4) were strongly associated with FI at 12 months, with smaller effects at 18 months. The cost per fully immunised ZD child was US\$147, primarily reflecting substantial vaccine costs. Qualitative findings indicate that community engagement increased demand and access, but insecurity and logistical challenges limited service continuity and vaccination opportunities.

Conclusion

FI improved over time but remained suboptimal through 18 months. Vaccination opportunity and schedule influenced the timing of FI, but sustained follow-up was critical for completion. Community-

based delivery enabled restoration of immunisation services where formal systems had collapsed, demonstrating what is possible—and what it demands—in active conflict.

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WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ON THIS TOPIC

Reaching zero-dose (ZD) children in fragile and conflict-affected settings is a priority of the WHO Immunization Agenda 2030, but published evidence on programmes attempting to restore immunisation in such settings is limited.

Routine immunisation services in Myanmar collapsed following the 2021 military coup and subsequent access restrictions amounted to a de facto humanitarian blockade.

WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS

This study provides among the first longitudinal evidence on implementation, costs, and outcomes of community-based immunisation among ZD children during active conflict.

Half of ZD children and 78% of those who were incompletely immunised at enrolment achieved full immunisation within 18 months.

Programme factors including accelerated vaccination schedule and increased vaccination opportunities were associated with earlier completion; sustained retention was the dominant determinant of overall coverage.

HOW THIS STUDY MIGHT AFFECT RESEARCH, PRACTICE OR POLICY

Community-based delivery through civil society organisations can restore immunisation services in high priority settings but its fragility and need for sustained external support cannot be ignored.

Expanding vaccination opportunities, using accelerated schedules, and actively retaining children after enrolment are actionable steps to increase coverage

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[Reflections on an experiment in research culture change](#)

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Abstract

Recognising that scientific research cannot be divorced from the research culture that produces it, Wellcome's funding of PhD programmes in 2019 emphasised its role, and made positive research culture an equal criterion of evaluation to scientific excellence. The Emerging Research Cultures project was funded to establish a community of practice to support and facilitate shared learnings and practices on improving research culture among the 23 funded programmes. This Open Letter is my own reflection on the main learnings I gleaned from working closely with the community; learnings about making research culture a priority in doctoral training, and about the terms of engagement in a community of practice in its relationship to the funding context.

Plain Language summary

In September 2019, 23 Wellcome funded PhD programmes were launched. These programmes had been funded in a call that for the first time put positive research culture on a par with scientific excellence. This was a bold and experimental intervention in the research system, especially because the term 'research culture' has different, and sometimes contested, definitions. Aware of this fact, Wellcome also commissioned Emerging Research Cultures to establish and support a community of practice consisting

of staff and students of the doctoral programmes. The aim of this community was to facilitate shared learnings and practices through which to come to a better shared understanding of what research culture comprises and how it can be acted on and, where necessary, improved. The reflections of the community have been described in many reports. In this Open Letter, I talk about my own learnings from working so closely with the community.

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...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

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.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

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