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Week in Review

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

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International Criminal Court (ICC)

Advancing the United States' Campaign to Address the Threat Posed by the International Criminal Court

Marco Rubio , Secretary of State August 18, 2026

The Trump Administration has been clear: the International Criminal Court (ICC) is a corrupt and fatally politicized supranational court that has maliciously abused its authority and exceeded its mandate. We will not tolerate its assault on state sovereignty.

In furtherance of the diplomatic campaign we launched last month to address the ICC's abuses of power, I am designating two ICC officials – President of the ICC, Tomoko Akane of Japan, and ICC Senior Trial Lawyer, Abdoulaye Seye of Senegal – pursuant to Executive Order 14203, "Imposing Sanctions on the International Criminal Court." These individuals have directly engaged in efforts by the ICC to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute officials whose government has not consented to ICC jurisdiction.

The ICC has repeatedly attempted to assert authority over nationals of the United States and other countries that have not consented to its jurisdiction or ratified the Rome Statute. This sets a dangerous precedent for all nations.

Our whole of government campaign to dismantle the threat posed by the ICC to national sovereignty will be sweeping and we expect more countries to join our campaign by ending their funding and participation in this politicized and unaccountable court. The ICC's ability to target American nationals and those of other non-States Parties must end. The Trump Administration stands ready to take additional measures, if necessary, to systematically dismantle the ICC until it is incapable of threatening American sovereignty.

These individuals are being designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(A) of Executive Order (E.O.) 14203.

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The ICC strongly rejects new US sanctions designations

Statement 19 August 2026

The International Criminal Court deplores the announcement of new designations for sanctions by the US administration against Judge Tomoko Akane (Japan), the President of the Court, and Mr Abdoulaye Seye (Senegal), Senior Trial Lawyer at the Office of the Prosecutor.

These sanctions are a flagrant attack against the independence of an impartial judicial institution which operates pursuant to the mandate conferred by its States Parties from across regions. As a result of these designations, at present, nine of the eighteen Judges, both of the two Deputy-Prosecutors, the former Prosecutor and one staff member have been sanctioned by the United States.

Such measures targeting judges, prosecutors and staff who work towards the fulfilment of the mandate

that was conferred to the ICC by States undermine the rule of law. When judicial actors are threatened for applying the law, it is the international legal order itself that is placed at risk. Threats and coercive measures also impact the ability of victims to seek justice, as they turn to the Court when all other avenues have been exhausted.

As previously stated, the Court remains undeterred and stands firmly behind its personnel and behind victims of unimaginable atrocities. The Court will continue to fully discharge its mandate with independence and impartiality, in full accordance with the Rome Statute and in the interest of victims of international crimes.

The ICC values the consistent demonstrations of solidarity of States Parties, civil society and all those who support the rule of law and justice for the victims of international crimes. The Court will continue its work, with all partners and with the unwavering support of its States Parties, to ensure the effective and independent implementation of its mandate.

Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties expresses deep regret at the extension of US sanctions targeting the ICC President and a staff member

Statement 19 August 2026 Assembly of States Parties

It is with deep concern that we note the latest actions announced by the Government of the United States against the President of the International Criminal Court and a Trial Lawyer working for the Office of the Prosecutor. These new actions, in addition to the earlier designations of the leadership of the Office of the Prosecutor and 8 judges of the International Criminal Court, are regrettable attempts to impede the Court and its personnel in the exercise of their mandated functions to investigate and adjudicate cases involving the worst crimes known to humanity.

This escalation by the US administration in the use of sanctions against the Court's officials and staff risks undermining ongoing investigations and impeding global efforts aimed at ensuring accountability for and bringing justice to victims of the gravest crimes of concern to the international community as a whole. These sanctions erode the shared commitment to the rule of law, the fight against impunity, and the preservation of a rules-based international order.

We reiterate our full support for the Court, its officials, and all those who contribute to the fulfilment of its judicial mandate. We urge all States Parties and stakeholders in the Rome Statute system to remain steadfast in their commitment to upholding the principles of international justice and to stand united in support of the Court and the values enshrined in the Rome Statute.

The Assembly of States Parties is the management oversight and legislative body of the ICC. It is comprised of representatives of States that have ratified and acceded to the Rome Statute. The Presidency of the Assembly is currently composed of President Päivi Kaukoranta (Finland) and Vice-Presidents Michael Imran Kanu (Sierra Leone) and Margareta Kassangana (Poland).

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UN experts demand bold action from ICC Member States, denounce new sanctions against president of the court and personnel

28 Aug 2026 GENEVA –

The United States must immediately withdraw sanctions against International Criminal Court (ICC) personnel, UN experts said today, after new designations targeting the President of the Court and a staff member were issued on 18 August.

"All ICC Members and other States committed to accountability must take bold and urgent action to protect the Court against unlawful interference in the administration of

international justice,” the experts said. “States must act immediately to mitigate the impact of these measures against judges, prosecutors and staff of the ICC.”

On 18 August, the President of the ICC, Judge Tomoko Akane of Japan, and ICC Senior Trial Lawyer, Abdoulaye Seye of Senegal, were designated for sanctions by the US Government. With this latest round of designations, 11 current or former ICC judges and personnel have been sanctioned under US Executive Order 14203.

“The imperative to act is all the more urgent because the US Government has pledged to ‘systematically dismantle the ICC’ on the erroneous claim that it threatens US sovereignty,” the experts said. “If that policy succeeds, it will roll back international criminal accountability gains against impunity forged in the fires of Nuremberg and Tokyo, and the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda; and extinguish hope for victims of the gravest atrocity crimes across the world.”

“The ICC and its personnel cannot be expected to weather this powerful storm alone,” the experts said. “This court took decades to build – the work of States, jurists, human rights advocates and countless others worldwide invested in ending impunity for the gravest international crimes. The institution, and the essential work it performs for humanity, now faces unprecedented attack.”

Noting with concern that the sanctions also violate the human rights of those targeted, the experts reiterated their call to the European Union to activate the EU Blocking Statute, which would prevent the bloc’s operators – including banks and service providers - from complying with third country sanctions that violate international law.

They also urged Member States to ratify and use the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC to mitigate the effects of the sanctions, and deepen their operational engagement with the Court.

“It is imperative for States to ensure that businesses within their jurisdiction do not over-comply with these unilateral sanctions. Member States should confer about actions they can take together to protect the Court, its personnel, and those who engage with the Court.” The experts said that these actions were especially essential following the US decision to target the ICC’s top judge...

Noting with concern that the sanctions, including their extraterritorial effects, may directly violate the human rights of those under sanctions, the experts expressed [alarm](#) that NGOs have also been targeted by the sanctions. Victims themselves may also fear punishment under the US sanctions regime, because the legal system allows for civil and criminal penalties against those transacting with sanctioned individuals in some circumstances.

“We also reiterate our condemnation of the US sanctions imposed on our colleague, Francesca Albanese, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, purely in response to her work as a UN Special Procedures expert, appointed by the UN Human Rights Council.”

The experts also expressed deep regret that six ICC Member States have recently indicated their intention to withdraw from the ICC, and urged them to reconsider.

The experts are in contact with the Government of the United States of America about [their concerns](#).

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- George Katrougalos, [Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order](#)
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- Andrea Bolaños Vargas, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders](#)
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- Richard Bennett, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan](#)
- Gina Romero, [Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association](#)
- Bernard Duhaime, [Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence](#)
- Nils Muižnieks, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus](#)
- Ben Saul, [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism](#)
- Paula Gaviria, [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons](#)
- Ai Kihara-Hunt, [Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children](#)
- Sofía Monsalve Suárez, [Special Rapporteur on the right to food](#)
- Koldo Casla, [Special Rapportuer on the right to adequate housing](#)
- Astrid Puentes Riaño, [Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#)
- Francesca Albanese, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967](#)
- Gehad Madi, [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants](#)
- Elisa Morgera, [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change](#)
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- Alexandra Xanthaki, [Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](#)
- Mai Sato, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran](#)
- Leopoldo Maldonado Gutierrez , [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression](#)
- Elena Carolina Díaz Galán, [Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#)
- Surya Deva, [Special Rapporteur on the right to development](#)
- Graeme Reid, [Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#)
- Bethanie Margaret Carney Almroth, [Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes](#)
- Morris Tidball-Binz, [Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions](#)
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- Nicolas Levrat, [Special Rapporteur on minority issues](#)
- Reem Alsalem, [Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences](#)
- Isabelle Mamadou (Chair), Barbara Reynolds and John Phillip Binondo, [Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent](#)
- Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, [Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation](#)

- Farida Shaheed, [Special Rapporteur on the right to education](#)
- Heba Hagrass, [Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities](#)
- Mariana Katzarova, [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation](#).
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Afghanistan – Taliban

[Afghanistan: UN experts warn against normalisation of Taliban rule](#)

13 Aug 2026 GENEVA –

As Taliban rule in Afghanistan continues, **UN experts* warned that normalisation of the de facto authorities continues, despite increasing restrictions imposed on the population, including women and girls, over the past year. They urged States to accelerate steps towards accountability.**

"Five years may be a short period in the life of a country, but it is a long one in a child's life," the experts said. "A generation of girls has now been denied secondary education. A girl who was in grade six when the ban began is reaching adulthood without another day in school."...

Over the past year, the Taliban have further entrenched their institutionalised gender-based repression. **The experts reiterated that the Taliban's intentional and targeted gender-based deprivation of fundamental rights amounts to the crime against humanity of persecution on gender grounds.** As this repression forms part of an institutionalised system of gender-based discrimination, oppression and domination, **the experts said it can also be characterised as gender apartheid.** They urged States to actively support the codification of gender apartheid as a distinct crime against humanity.

The Taliban have continued to impose repressive measures on the population, including the decree on criminal rules of courts that allows violence against women unless it "breaks bones" or "leaves obvious bruises," and the decree on separation of spouses that implicitly allows child marriage and makes it very difficult for women and girls to escape abusive and forced marriages. These decrees also discriminate against religious minorities.

Enforcement measures, some involving cruel and inhuman punishment, have also intensified, the experts said. In 2025 alone, more people were publicly flogged than in all the previous years of Taliban rule combined.

"Women have been turned away from hospitals on account of their attire or for lacking a male guardian, denying them their right to access health care. In June 2026, at least 30 women and girls were jailed in Herat for allegedly violating the Taliban's dress code. When residents protested, security forces opened fire, killing at least two people, including a boy."

They called for strengthened support for the International Criminal Court, warning that "the newly mandated Independent Investigative Mechanism for Afghanistan must not remain

only an achievement on paper; it must also be properly and swiftly resourced."

The experts also decried the deepening humanitarian crisis, which remains one of the world's most severe and neglected, driven by the loss of humanitarian funding, a faltering economy, drought and mass returns from neighbouring countries.

More than 17 million Afghans — over a third of the population — faced acute food insecurity during the past winter, with nearly 4 million children acutely malnourished. The experts urged States to restore humanitarian funding and ensure that women — disproportionately harmed and largely barred from public life — can both deliver and receive assistance.

"Afghanistan is not a safe country: mass returns and forced deportations in violation of the obligation of non-refoulement must stop, particularly for those who face heightened protection risks, including religious or ethnic minorities and LGBT persons," the experts said.

Cross-border hostilities with Pakistan have claimed the lives of about 500 civilians since October 2025, including 269 patients killed in airstrikes on a drug rehabilitation centre in Kabul in March 2026. The experts called on Pakistan and the Taliban to exercise restraint, protect civilians and investigate potential war crimes and gross human rights violations.

"There should be no moves to normalise the Taliban de facto authorities, including by accepting diplomats or holding meetings in capitals, without demonstrated, measurable progress against human rights benchmarks, particularly for women and girls," the experts said. "For five years, Afghans' human rights have been systematically violated, yet many continue to strive bravely and against the odds to restore them. The international community must not let them down again."

The full statement is available [here](#).

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- Claudia Flores (Chair), Ivana Krstić (Vice-Chair), Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, Haina Lu, and Laura Nyirinkindi, [Working Group on discrimination against women and girls](#)
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- George Katrougalos, [Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order](#)
- Alexandra Xanthaki, [Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](#)
- Katarina Schwarz, [Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons](#)
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Five years on: UNESCO calls for the full restoration of the right to education for Afghan girls and women

11 August 2026 *Last update: 19 August 2026*

For five years now, women and girls in Afghanistan have seen their basic rights and freedoms steadily violated: they are barred from secondary school and university; excluded from most paid work and public-facing professions; they need a male guardian (mahram) to travel and face legal barriers to protect them against all forms of violence. Women have been erased from public life, and as a new generation of girls grows without an education, their future becomes increasingly dark.

Afghanistan is the only country in the world to formally prohibit access to education for girls and women beyond the primary level. As of 2026, an estimated 2.4 million girls remain excluded from secondary education. These restrictions are reversing two decades of progress in expanding access to education: while access to schooling for girls was severely limited in 2001, by 2021 nearly one million girls were enrolled in secondary education.

The continued exclusion of girls and women from education constitutes a grave violation of their fundamental human right to learn and risks condemning Afghanistan to decades of lost potential, deepening poverty, and irreversible harm. At a time when nearly half of Afghans live below the poverty line, denying girls and women access to education and restricting their employment further undermines their ability to support their families and contribute to the country's economic future.

This exclusion also has harmful consequences on the wellbeing, mental and physical health of girls and women, while increasing the risks of early marriage. The de facto authorities' decision to prohibit female teachers from teaching boys further exacerbates teacher shortages and undermines the quality of education for all.

UNESCO remains determined to support Afghan girls and women by offering alternative pathways to learning through community-based education, literacy and skills development programmes, as well as psychosocial support. While these initiatives cannot replace access to formal schooling, they provide vital opportunities for learning to continue while restrictions remain in place. UNESCO and its partners, particularly the Global Partnership for Education, the European Union and Canada, are committed to providing not only educational opportunities, but also safe spaces where learners can build confidence, strengthen resilience and prepare for the future. To date, nearly 70,000 learners have benefited from UNESCO's programmes, 73 per cent of whom are women.

The impact is tangible. A recent study shows encouraging evidence that such literacy and skills development programmes contribute to increased household income and improved livelihoods. Beyond their economic benefits, learners' experience shows that education is not only about acquiring knowledge; it is also a source of dignity and resilience that enables women and their families to better

navigate uncertainty and sustain hope in the future.

Afghanistan's girls and women have the right to learn, to work, to move freely, and to shape their own futures — and the world must not look away until their human rights are restored.

Gender equality being a strategic priority for the Organization, UNESCO once again condemns discriminations against women and girls and calls for the immediate and unconditional restoration of their right to education. We will continue to work with communities and trusted partners to preserve every possible pathway to learning, dignity and opportunity for all.

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Rohingya

Secretary-General Calls for Renewed Global Action as Rohingya Face Deepening Insecurity Nine Years after Mass Displacement

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

Nearly a decade since the horrific events of 2017, the Secretary-General calls for renewed global attention and action to the plight of the Rohingya.

Rohingya people in Myanmar, Bangladesh and across the region face deepening insecurity, shrinking protection space and diminishing prospects for durable solutions, exacerbated by funding cuts impacting life-saving assistance.

In Myanmar, Rohingya and other communities remain caught in conflict and displacement, facing grave human rights violations and other abuses, including by the Myanmar military, Arakan Army and others. Hundreds of civilians continue to be killed every year, while movement and humanitarian access remain restricted. Rohingya are also exposed to forced recruitment, arbitrary arrests and sexual violence.

The Secretary-General reiterates his call for the protection of civilians in accordance with applicable obligations under international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law.

The Secretary-General appreciates the continued hospitality of Bangladesh and other refugee-hosting countries and calls on all States to provide protection to those fleeing Myanmar. He is alarmed by the increasing number of Rohingya perishing at sea and urges regional cooperation on search and rescue, safe disembarkation and action against human trafficking. He is deeply troubled by rising misinformation, disinformation and hate speech targeting Rohingya in Myanmar and other countries in the region.

The Secretary-General urges the international community to strengthen collective action to support an inclusive and comprehensive political solution that addresses the root causes of the protracted crisis in Myanmar. His Special Envoy on Myanmar, Julie Bishop, continues to engage all stakeholders toward the cessation of violence and advancing an inclusive Myanmar-led and Myanmar-owned political process.

Until conditions allow for voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable returns of the Rohingya, he calls for the international community to continue to provide humanitarian assistance, alongside livelihood opportunities and self-reliance support.

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Rohingya Remembrance Day: Remembering the Victims, Confronting Impunity, Upholding the Rights and Dignity of the Rohingya

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Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

[Excerpt]

...I urge States, international organizations, humanitarian actors and civil society to move beyond symbolic commitments and take concrete, time-bound and adequately resourced action to protect Rohingya rights, advance accountability and address their immediate and long-term needs. In particular, I call for:

- Ensure accountability for the international crimes committed against the Rohingya, including through ongoing judicial and investigative processes, and ensure that accountability is accompanied by effective reparations, guarantees of non-repetition and restoration of rights denied to Rohingya;
- Ensure that any return of Rohingya to Myanmar is safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable, and does not take place before the necessary conditions for return have been established. Pending such conditions, Myanmar must fully comply with the provisional measures indicated by the International Court of Justice, while States and other relevant actors must ensure that the rights and dignity of Rohingya are protected in the meantime. The protection of their rights cannot be deferred until return becomes possible;
- Uphold the principle of non-refoulement and ensure that immigration-control measures do not circumvent international human rights obligations;
- Protect Rohingya human rights defenders, journalists, community leaders and civil society actors from killings, violence, intimidation and reprisals;
- Ensure adequate and sustained humanitarian funding so that reductions in assistance do not further erode the rights, dignity and protection of Rohingya refugees; and
- Ensure the meaningful participation of Rohingya themselves in decisions concerning their future, including questions of return, citizenship, justice, reparations and political participation.

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Human rights situation in Myanmar plummets to new low amid unrelenting violations and unregulated exploitation of natural resources – UN report

Press releases 25 August 2026 GENEVA –

The human rights situation in Myanmar, in particular that of minority communities, has plummeted to a new low, from the ever-worsening brutal abuse of the Rohingya population to the devastating impact of illicit economies, notably illegal mining for rare earths, a new UN Human Rights [report](#) has found.

The report details how unrelenting violence and a conflict economy work hand-in-hand to expose civilian populations to untold misery. It covers the period between 1 June 2025 and 31 May 2026.

“The military’s persistent quest for control and legitimacy has only deepened the suffering and the multiple life-threatening protection and humanitarian concerns civilians face,” the report states. “Military tactics aimed at imposing fear and control, facilitated by the use of new technologies to expand surveillance, permeate every aspect of life.”...

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A/HRC/63/21: Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar - Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Advance unedited version

Country reports 25 August 2026

Summary

The present report is prepared pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions [56/1](#) and [62/3](#) and it presents

findings based on the monitoring and verification activities conducted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the recommendations made by the independent international fact-finding mission on Myanmar, including those on accountability, and on progress in the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities.

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Impact of Conflict on Food Security – UN Security Council

Food under fire: the Security Council's role in mitigating global and local food crises - Security Council, 10213th meeting

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Briefers:

The UN Secretary-General

The Acting Executive Director of the World Food Programme, Carl Skau

Concept note for the Security Council ministerial high-level open debate on "Food under fire: the Security Council's role in mitigating global and local food crises", 25 August 2026

[Excerpt from Concept Note]

Introduction

Conflict remains the leading driver of acute food insecurity worldwide. Through resolution 2417 (2018), the Security Council recognized the direct link between hunger and armed conflict and affirmed that conflict-induced food insecurity can constitute a threat to the maintenance of international peace and security. Yet, eight years later, record levels of food insecurity and hunger persist, driven increasingly by conflict, violence and their reverberating effects.

Since the adoption of resolution 2417 (2018), the full-scale war in Ukraine and, more recently, the Iran conflict have also heightened concerns about the resilience of global food and agriculture supply chains in areas that overlap with active armed conflicts. Disruptions to energy flows, fertilizer supplies, maritime trade routes and humanitarian logistics risk exacerbating food insecurity and hunger in countries already facing acute food insecurity and humanitarian crises.

The World Food Programme has warned that the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz risks pushing an additional 45 million people into acute food insecurity – or worse – if the conflict continues. This is on top of the 318 million people already facing acute food insecurity globally.

This comes in addition to conflict-driven famine conditions, which were confirmed in part of Gaza and parts of the Sudan in 2025, marking the first time this century that two separate famines have been recorded simultaneously. Other countries and regions such as Afghanistan, the Sahel and South Sudan have also seen deepening food insecurity...

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With Critical Food Systems Under Attack, Secretary-General Implores Security Council 'No Time to Lose' for Breaking Vicious Cycle Linking Hunger, Armed Conflict

SG/SM/23246 25 August 2026

Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks to the Security Council on conflict and food security — "Food under Fire: the Security Council's role in mitigating global and local food crises", today in New York:

I thank the Government of Denmark, and Minister Rasmussen, for chairing this urgent discussion on conflict and food security. This is an opportunity for the Council to address a dangerous and evolving reality.

Critical food systems — and the lives and livelihoods they sustain — are under attack. Getting enough to eat is a basic human need — a need that is clearly reflected in Sustainable Development

Goal 2: ending hunger. Zero hunger is achievable. But it requires tackling hunger's many root causes — including conflict.

In resolution 2417 (2018), this Council highlighted the link between conflict-induced food insecurity and the threat of famine, and armed conflict and violence. And it provided clear guidance to ensure the proper functioning of food systems and markets in the midst of conflict.

Today is about strengthening the implementation of that important resolution. There is no time to lose. Across the Sahel, farmers are driven from their fields as conflict disrupts farming, trade and livelihoods, and food insecurity worsens across the region. In Sudan, markets have been hit by drone strikes and missiles. In Haiti, gang violence has cut off entire communities.

And humanitarian workers have been denied access to assist people in desperate need — from Gaza to Mali, Myanmar and Sudan. Some have come under direct attack — and even been killed.

It is no coincidence that 2025 saw not only the highest number of armed conflicts since World War II — but also among the highest levels of global acute hunger on record, with at least 266 million people facing acute food insecurity.

2025 also marked the first time this century that two famines were confirmed simultaneously, in Sudan and Gaza: a shameful milestone...

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WFP Acting Executive Director's briefing to the UN Security Council on Conflict and Hunger - Remarks as Delivered

25 August 2026

[Excerpt]

...Building on the Secretary General's call today, WFP looks to the Security Council for urgent and concrete action, just like the response you took to the SG's letter back in 2017. To break the conflict-hunger cycle and building on the SG's call, **I'm coming to you with five circuit breakers.**

First, instigate measures to stop conflict in one region creating hunger in another.

Initiatives that ensure free flow of humanitarian aid, commercial food exports, agricultural via maritime or land corridors are urgently needed.

Second, use Resolution 2417 much earlier. Act on warning signs. Take action before famine is declared and before agricultural seasons are lost. Just look at Sudan. With decisive early action, we may have prevented famine last year in the world's worst hunger crisis.

We all saw the atrocities in El-Fasher coming, but the international community, including this council, failed to act on those warnings. It's hard to do justice to the scale of suffering in Sudan, but it really hit me in April when I visited the Tawila camp in Darfur, where survivors of El-Fasher have gathered. I have never seen anything like it.

I can't say this strongly enough. Waiting for famine to be declared is a total failure of duty. In the last Somalia famine in 2010 to 12, nearly 260,000 people died, half of them children...

Third, stronger protection for civilians, civilian infrastructure and food systems. The principles of distinction and proportionality must be respected...

Fourth, protect humanitarian personnel. In northern Yemen, there is a growing acute hunger. But the UN is unable to intervene at this moment of extreme fragility. We have been forced to pause humanitarian work because the operating environment is simply non-existent with the targeting of our staff. Currently, 73 UN staff, including 38 from WFP, are denied by the de facto Houthi authorities. Not a day goes by without thinking of them and of their families.

Fifth, and finally, more solidarity with the world's most vulnerable. For every story I've told you here today, there are millions untold...

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[Kenscoff Massacre Exposes Worsening Brutality of Haiti's Gang Crisis, Security Council Hears, as Speakers Urge Rapid International Support](#)

The massacre of at least 47 people in Kenscoff, including children and civilians killed while seeking refuge in a church, lays bare the worsening brutality of Haiti's gang crisis, the Security Council heard today, as speakers urged the rapid deployment of international support to stem the violence.

27 August 2026

Meetings Coverage SC/16441

[All Syrians Must Have Voice in Shaping Country's Future, Security Council Speakers Stress amid Calls for Inclusive State Institutions, Stronger Rule of Law](#)

Meeting 13 years after a deadly chemical-weapons attack was perpetrated by the former regime in the outskirts of Damascus, the Security Council today heard that, despite progress in overcoming Syria's old challenges, the international community must continue to support the country as it confronts new ones.

26 August 2026

Meetings Coverage SC/16440

[Gaza at Total Breaking Point, With 2 Million People Still Trapped, Under Attack Despite](#)

Ceasefire, New Peace Plan, Speakers Warn Security Council

Gaza's humanitarian situation is at "an absolute breaking point" ahead of winter, with 2 million people still trapped and families enduring the cold season in rubble and tents, the Security Council heard today.

25 August 2026

Meetings Coverage SC/16439

'Best Protection against Food Insecurity Is Peace,' Secretary-General Tells Security Council, Urging Action as Conflict Fuels Global Hunger

Critical food systems — and the lives and livelihoods they sustain — are under attack around the world, Secretary-General António Guterres warned the Security Council today, urging the UN's flagship crisis management organ to break the vicious cycle of conflict and hunger by acting "when the warning lights are flashing" — from Gaza and Haiti to Myanmar, Sudan, Ukraine and beyond.

24 August 2026

Meetings Coverage SC/16438

Civilian Toll Soars as Ukraine Marks 35 Years of Independence, UN Political Affairs Chief Warns Security Council amid Renewed Calls for Ceasefire

Two anniversaries converged as the Security Council met to discuss the situation in Ukraine today — with that country marking both 35 years of independence and four-and-a-half years of invasion — as peace remains elusive amidst soaring civilian casualties.

24 August 2026

Meetings Coverage

Increased Drone Attacks, Mass Atrocities in War-Torn Sudan Deepening Already Catastrophic Humanitarian Crisis, Top Officials Warn Security Council

Sudan's escalating war has deepened one of the world's worst humanitarian crises and raised fresh fears of mass atrocities, senior United Nations officials told the Security Council today, as members clashed over sanctions, external arms flows and how to revive a stalled political process.

24 August 2026

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Secretary-General Calls for Renewed Global Action as Rohingya Face Deepening Insecurity Nine Years after Mass Displacement

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

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Tanzania: Maasai Indigenous Peoples face forced evictions, law enforcement abuses, UN committee warns

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Special Rapporteur on the right to health [to 29 Aug 2026]

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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants [to 29 Aug 2026]

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Rwanda Highlights Potential for Migration to Drive Jobs, Skills and Regional Growth: IOM Chief

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Migration Routes Grow Dangerous Even as Irregular Arrivals Fall in 2026, New IOM Data Show

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Built on trust - Community-led HIV responses in Thailand

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Press release 28 August 2026

Nearly one in thirteen children under five suffer from acute malnutrition in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE/NEW YORK, 28 August 2026 –, Approximately one in thirteen children in Haiti aged between 6 months and 5 years old are suffering from acute malnutrition, according to the preliminary findings by the 2026 National Nutrition SMART Survey released today. The prevalence of global acute malnutrition in ...

Press release 28 August 2026

Four children killed as separate attacks destroy humanitarian supplies and damage critical water infrastructure in Gaza

AMMAN, 28 August 2026 –, At least four children have been reported killed and many others injured in the Gaza Strip over the past five days, while attacks have also destroyed a warehouse containing nutrition supplies and severely damaged a UNICEF-supported water facility, further undermining access to the essenti...

Press release 27 August 2026

Flash floods in Nepal leave more than 17,000 children in need of urgent humanitarian assistance

KATHMANDU, 27 August 2026 –, At least 17,000 children have been impacted by the devastating flash floods that tore through Nepal's Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading districts on 26 August. So far, an estimated 332 people have died – including at least 14 children - and-hundreds are still missing. The numbers are expected...

Statement 26 August 2026

UNICEF Statement on the deaths of 14 newborns following hospital fire in Islamabad, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 August 2026, – “UNICEF is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of at least 14 newborn lives following a fire at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital in Islamabad today. “We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved families and all those affected by this devastating incident...

Remarks 25 August 2026

Hospitals overwhelmed as child malnutrition surges across Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 August 2026 –, “Across Afghanistan, 3,7 million children are currently suffering from wasting – they are acutely malnourished, including around 1 million with life-threatening severe acute malnutrition. “It’s a crisis which disproportionately affects the youngest and most vulnerable: nearly 40 per cent o...

Press release 24 August 2026

New SMART survey provides updated assessment of child and maternal nutrition in accessible areas of Gaza

AMMAN, 24 August 2026 –, A new population-based nutrition survey conducted in accessible areas of the Gaza Strip shows a complex nutritional picture: relatively low acute malnutrition among children in the accessible population, concerning rates of chronic malnutrition (stunting), maternal malnutrition, very poor...

Remarks 21 August 2026

Hundreds of health and nutrition facilities closed as Somalia’s child crisis deepens

MOGADISHU/NAIROBI, 21 Aug 2026 –, “In Somalia today, aid cuts are closing doors to healthcare, shutting down nutrition services, and pushing water, education and protection further out of reach. As ever, children are paying the price. “On the back of unprecedented cuts in humanitarian aid, 205 health and nutrition...

Press release 20 August 2026

Children account for half of suspected mpox cases in Guinea-Bissau

BISSAU/DAKAR, 20 August 2026 –, Children under 15 account for half of all 46 suspected mpox cases in Guinea-Bissau. UNICEF is scaling up its support to the Ministry of Public Health in direct response to the country’s first-ever mpox outbreak. “This is the first time mpox cases have been reported in Guinea-Bissau...

Press release 14 August 2026

More than 2.6 million girls in Afghanistan have been denied a secondary education since 2021

NEW YORK, 14 August 2026 –, More than 2.6 million girls in Afghanistan have been denied a secondary education in the five years since the de facto authorities took power, UNICEF said today. Afghanistan remains the only country in the world where secondary and higher education is effectively closed to girls and wom...

Press release 11 August 2026

UNICEF support children and families affected by the earthquake in Chocó and Buenaventura, Colombia

BOGOTA/PANAMA CITY/NEW YORK, 11 August 2026, - Following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia, UNICEF is scaling up its response to support affected children and families in the department of Chocó and the city of Buenaventura (on the Pacific coast). Thousands of people, including children, ha...

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[Second meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee on the epidemic of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – Meeting report](#)

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[WHO appoints 21 leading scientists to Science Council to help shape future health breakthroughs](#)

[No list of appointees identified in announcement or otherwise on who.int]

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[WHO expands global regulatory capacity through new collaborating centre in Republic of Korea](#)

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[Mozambique strengthens regulation of medicines and imported vaccines, boosting health protection](#)

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[WHO and Peking University strengthen collaboration to advance health emergency preparedness](#)

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[WHO and Africa CDC welcome the allocation of Ebola vaccines to the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

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[New WHO online course strengthens safe and sustainable health-care waste management](#)

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[WHO/UNICEF report highlights gaps in health facility sanitation](#)

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[Quadrupartite collaboration extends the One Health Joint Plan of Action to 2029](#)

12 August 2026 Departmental update

[WHO and Doris Mollel Foundation sign memorandum of understanding](#)

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Strengthening the Bundibugyo virus disease response through community evidence

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WHO and Africa CDC welcome the allocation of Ebola vaccines to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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:: 27 August 2026

WHO launches Africa regional health data hub to strengthen health decision-making

WHO's Regional Office for Africa launched the Regional Health Data Hub, a digital platform bringing together fragmented health data into actionable intelligence for all 47 Member States of the African Region.

:: 27 August 2026

Uganda ends Ebola outbreak following completion of 42-day countdown

Uganda has ended its Ebola outbreak due to Bundibugyo virus after 42 consecutive days without a new confirmed case, WHO and Africa CDC announced, urging sustained preparedness across the region.

:: 27 August 2026

Health ministers adopt framework to safeguard Africa's polio gains

African ministers of health and high-level representatives today adopted a 10-year plan to sustain polio eradication efforts by strengthening national health systems and reaffirmed commitment to protect decades of investment towards a polio-free continent.

26 August 2026

Securing the future of health in Africa through sustainable financing

African health ministers endorsed a new strategy setting out a roadmap for sustainable health financing, as around 385 million people are pushed into poverty each year by out-of-pocket health spending.

:: 26 August 2026

African countries commit to giving every child the best start in life

The future of Africa is being shaped today. Not in boardrooms or parliaments, but before birth, and in the earliest years of a child's life. By 2050, two out of every five children born globally will be African. Yet today, up to two thirds of children in sub-Saharan Africa may never reach their full developmental potential.

:: 26 August 2026

African countries commit to train and retain 3 million more health workers by 2035

African health ministers endorsed the Africa Health Workforce Agenda 2026–2035, committing to plan, educate, employ and retain 3 million additional health workers by 2035 to strengthen health systems.

:: 26 August 2026

African health ministers, partners agree to accelerate multi-disease elimination

African health ministers, development partners, heads of African Union and regional health institutions today agreed on a renewed continental agenda to accelerate the elimination of multiple diseases in the region, committing to ensuring that disease elimination remains a priority within broader health and

development agenda.

:: 26 August 2026

[African health ministers adopt new strategy to bolster medical regulatory systems](#)

Millions of people in Africa rely on medicines, vaccines, diagnostic tests and medical devices without worrying about the systems that ensure they are safe, effective and of good quality. Behind every product that reaches a patient is a regulatory system

:: 24 August 2026

[Over 5200 cases recorded as Democratic Republic of the Congo crosses 100 days since Ebola outbreak declaration](#)

:: 22 August 2026

[First regional review shapes future action on child wasting in Africa](#)

Addis Ababa – Health leaders and partners from eleven countries in the WHO African Region have concluded the first regional review and learning meeting of a three-year initiative aimed at preventing and treating child wa...

:: 19 August 2026

[Five African countries end polio outbreaks](#)

Brazzaville - Following rigorous technical assessments, five African countries have successfully stopped the spread of polio, marking an important milestone in efforts to protect children from this virus and advance...

[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

:: 27 Aug 2026

[From foot-and-mouth disease to One Health: 75 years of regional cooperation for veterinary public health in the Americas](#)

Established in 1951 to help countries combat foot-and-mouth disease, PAHO's Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health (PANAFTOSA) has spent more than seven decades advancing regional cooperation. Its work has helped drive progress toward the eradication of the disease while strengthening the Americas' response to...

:: 20 Aug 2026

[PAHO/WHO supports Colombia as health response enters next phase following earthquake](#)

Assessing damage, identifying priority needs and maintaining essential health services remain key priorities. Washington, D.C., 20 August 2026 (PAHO) – Just over one week since a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Colombia on 10 August, the health response is moving into its next phase, with efforts focused on assessing damage levels to health...

:: 8 Aug 2026

[PAHO urges countries to strengthen vaccination and surveillance amid rising measles cases in the Americas](#)

The Region has recorded its highest number of confirmed measles cases in 22 years, while the public health risk associated with measles remains very high due to ongoing outbreaks, immunity gaps, and increased population mobility. Washington, D.C., 8 August 2026 (PAHO) – In a new Epidemiological Alert, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)...

[WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO](#)

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[Asia-Pacific regional influenza network sharpens focus on avian influenza preparedness](#)

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:: 19 August 2026 *News release*

[World Humanitarian Day: The response starts before the emergency](#)

[WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO](#)

:: **[Building regional expertise to turn antimicrobial resistance plans into practical actions](#)**

24 August 2026, Tunis, Tunisia – The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean brought together experts from across the Region to strengthen the ability of countries to turn antimicrobial resistance (AMR) national action plans (NAPs) into practical, costed programmes of action. The training-of-trainers (ToT),...

:: [Call for Experts: Multi-Communicable Disease Elimination Regional Technical Advisory Group \(MCDE RTAG\)](#)

Issued on: 20 August 2026 Deadline: 05 September 2026 The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking experts to serve as members of the Multi-Communicable Disease Elimination Regional Technical Advisory Group (MCDE RTAG). This "Call for experts" provides information about the advisory group in question, the expert profiles being sought, the process...

:: [World Humanitarian Day 2026: Protect those who protect humanity](#)

19 August 2026, Cairo, Egypt –

WHO Western Pacific Region

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[Pacific emergency care leaders gather in Samoa to discuss how to strengthen systems that S...](#)

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[Solomon Islands strengthens regulatory system to ensure safer, quality health products](#)

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

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

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

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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Volume 101 Issue 33 - Epidemiological Week 33 (10 August – 16 August 2026)

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record/wer101-33>

:: Highlighted signals and events

[The 2026 Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in context: lessons from previous outbreaks](#)

Volume 101 Issue 32 - Epidemiological Week 32 (3 August – 9 August 2026)

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[Position paper on typhoid vaccines, 2026](#)

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Infection prevention and control considerations for routine immunization activities during the Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak: interim guidance, 21 August 202

Overview

This interim guidance document provides infection prevention and control considerations to support the safe planning and implementation of routine immunization activities during an outbreak of Bundibugyo virus disease. It is intended for national immunization programme managers, immunization planners, infection prevention and control focal points, public health authorities, health and care workers, vaccinators and partners in areas with active Bundibugyo virus disease outbreaks, and those neighbouring countries and areas considered at risk. Annexes 1–5 provide practical tools and operational checklists to support implementation of the recommendations contained in this guidance.

18 August 2026

WHO position paper on typhoid vaccines, August 2026

Overview

In recent years, there have been important developments in the field of typhoid fever, including updated estimates of disease incidence and burden, new evidence on the effectiveness and population impact of typhoid conjugate vaccines (TCVs) following their introduction in several countries, and data on the duration of protection conferred by a single dose, including how duration of protection varies by age at vaccination and the epidemiological setting.

There are also additional immunogenicity data following booster doses of TCV, and there is additional evidence on the emergence and spread of antimicrobial-resistant *Salmonella* Typhi.

This document replaces the 2018 WHO position paper on typhoid vaccines and, given the new available evidence, focuses primarily on TCVs.

17 August 2026

Protecting health care during the Bundibugyo virus disease response in the eastern Democratic Republic...

12 August 2026

17th edition, Epidemiological Bulletin WHO Health Emergencies Programme WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, 26 August 2026. Reporting period: 10-23 August 2026

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[2026 International Pride Awards honour five LGBTIQ+ equality champions at WorldPride Amsterdam](#)

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[Registration is now open for UN World Data Forum in Riyadh](#)

20 July 2026

Registrations for in-person participation is now open!. [Register here](#) for in-person participation by 1 October 2026.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 29 Aug 2026]

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28 Jul 2026 *Press Release*

[From courts to legislatures, countries are embedding just transition in law and policy](#)

Countries around the world are increasingly turning Just Transition pledges into laws, policies, institutions, and court decisions. This is the key finding of a report published today by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), released ahead of the first anniversary of the International Court of Justice advisory opinion on the Obligations of States in respect of climate change.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 29 Aug 2026]

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[Statement on the disaster in Nepal and China by Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR](#)

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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27-08-2026 | DESA

UN DESA Development Policy Seminar Series examines productivity convergence, technology diffusion and AI

27 August 2026 - Leading researchers came together for UN DESA's three-part Development Policy Seminar series hosted by the Economic Analysis and Policy Division in July to discuss productivity convergence — the process through which lower-income economies narrow productivity gaps with more advanced economies. Discussions covered structural transformation, artificial intelligence, technology diffusion, intangible capital and their implications for inequality and development policy. Insights from the series will inform the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2027, UN DESA's flagship report on the state of the world economy, to be launched in January.

25-08-2026 | DESA

Land degradation is costing far more than restoring: UN deputy chief

25 August 2026 - Globally, up to 40 per cent of land is degraded, weakening food production and livelihoods, while droughts have increased in frequency and duration by 29 per cent since 2000. By 2050, as many as three in four people could be affected. Speaking at the high-level opening of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) meeting in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Ms. Mohammed called on governments to move beyond individual restoration projects and put national plans into action, backed by predictable financing and greater decision-making power for the people who depend on the land.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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Engage early: Lessons from national actions plan on business and human rights in Asia-Pacific
New ILO research highlights the strategic role of Employer and Business Membership Organizations (EBMOs) in shaping business and human rights policies through earlier and more effective engagement. A new practical guide supports EBMOs in...

News | 26 August 2026

Training toolkit on Developing and Implementing Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements now available in Arabic

A new Arabic-language version of the ILO training toolkit on Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMAs) is now available, opening up practical guidance on fair and effective labour migration governance to stakeholders across the Arab region.

News | 25 August 2026

Making disability employment quotas work: Lessons for Indonesia from across Asia

A new ILO study draws lessons from ASEAN and East Asia to help strengthen Indonesia's disability employment quota system and advance more inclusive labour markets.

UNESCO [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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

Press Releases, News [Selected]

UNESCO Director-General reaffirms the Organization's commitment to Lebanon

18 August 2026 Last update: 21 August 2026

During his first official visit to Lebanon, UNESCO Director-General Khaled El-Enany met with President Joseph Aoun, and members of the Lebanese Government to review UNESCO's activities across education, sciences, culture, communication and information and discuss priorities to advance recovery efforts and long-term resilience.

Odesa : UNESCO condemns renewed attack on World Heritage property

15 August 2026

Five years on: UNESCO calls for the full restoration of the right to education for Afghan girls and women

11 August 2026

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 29 Aug 2026]

[https://www.icomos.org/news/](https://www.icomos.org/news/Announcements)

Announcements [Selected]

Aug 14, 2026 *climate change*

Preserving Legacies: Publication of Angkor, Koutammakou and Cartagena Risk Assessments Reports

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News

Website not responding at inquiry.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Highlights

No new digest content identified.

World Food Programme [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Selected News Releases [Selected]

26 August 2026

UN recognition spotlights WFP-led partnership restoring land and strengthening food security in the Sahel

DAKAR, Senegal – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today welcomed the recognition of the Sahel Integrated Resilience Initiative as a United Nations World Restoration Flagship, recognizing the large-scale efforts to restore degraded land and strengthen food security across Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

26 August 2026

Republic of Korea and WFP launch second phase of initiative to provide life-saving food and

nutrition assistance in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) have officially launched the second phase of the ROK–WFP REACH initiative, providing USD 5 million in life-saving food and nutrition assistance to approximately 85,000 of the most vulnerable people across Syria over the next 12 months.”

25 August 2026

EIB Global and World Food Programme expand climate-risk insurance for Ethiopian smallholder farmers

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia - The European Investment Bank (EIB), through its development arm EIB Global, is providing a grant of up to €4 million to the World Food Programme (WFP) to support the development and rollout of tailored climate-risk insurance products for smallholder farmers in Ethiopia. It is the first climate-risk insurance project backed by the EIB. This was announced at the ongoing United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP 17 in Mongolia.

25 August 2026

WFP Acting Executive Director's briefing to the UN Security Council on Conflict and Hunger - Remarks as Delivered

25 August 2026

WFP Acting Executive Director Statement on Conflict and Hunger

Statement attributable to Carl Skau, Acting Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) following remarks delivered during the United Nations Security Council open debate: Food Under Fire: The Security Council's Role in Mitigating Global and Local Food Crises.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IEA International Energy Agency [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest news, commentaries and reports

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://public.wmo.int>

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News 27 August 2026

Flood tragedy in Nepal highlights cross-border and cascading risks

Project update 27 August 2026

Connecting the dots: bringing climate data together for action

Project update 20 August 2026

Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Flash Flood Early Warning in Georgia

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El Niño impacts Greater Horn of Africa

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 29 Aug

2026] <http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

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No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Announcement, Meeting documents

Meeting documents

Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Multilateral Mechanism for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources, including the Cali Fund

31 August–1 September 2026 - Online

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 29 Aug 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

Press Statement

Advancing the United States' Campaign to Address the Threat Posed by the International Criminal Court

Marco Rubio August 18, 2026

Press Statement

Joint Statement by Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy and Secretary of State Marco Rubio: United States to Serve as Secretariat of the Geneva Consensus Declaration

Marco Rubio August 12, 2026

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [U.K.] [nee DFID] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest

27 August 2026 — Press release

PM statement in response to flooding along the Nepal-China border: 26 August 2026

Prime Minister Andy Burnham's statement in response to flooding along the Nepal-China border.

The violence directed against the commune of Kenscoff in Haiti, is horrific and unacceptable: UK statement at the UN Security Council

28 August 2026 *Speech*

ECHO [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

News article 28 August 2026

The EU allocates €2 million in humanitarian aid to support victims of flash flood in Nepal

This emergency funding will help address immediate needs including as food, healthcare, clean water and sanitation. EU-funded partners are providing help on the ground. This assistance comes in addition to the almost €3 million in humanitarian aid allocated at the start of the year for Nepal.

News article 28 August 2026

EU further extends support to Serbia as wildfires intensify

EU firefighting support to Serbia has been extended until 5 September, with 4 helicopters from the rescEU strategic reserve in Czechia, Romania and Slovakia and a ground firefighting team from Romania remaining deployed, as severe wildfires continue and strong winds are forecast in affected areas.

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African Union [to 29 Aug 2026]

<http://www.au.int>

Press releases [Selected]

Speech by President of Burundi at 21st Extraordinary Session of the AU Assembly

30 August 2026

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Secretariat News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest [Selected]

Press release Aug 23, 2026

Commission approves €6.1 billion for Ukraine's defence

On Ukraine Independence Day, the European Commission has approved €6.1 billion in new defence procurement for Ukraine. This funding covers air and missile defence systems, missiles, ammunitions and radars, reaffirming Europe's commitment to supporting Ukraine's defence and resilience against Russia's ongoing aggression.

Statement Aug 17, 2026

Joint statement by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas and Commissioner Lahbib ahead of World Humanitarian Day*

Ahead of World Humanitarian Day on 19 August, Kaja Kallas, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, and Hadja Lahbib Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management, issued the following statement...

Press release Aug 16, 2026

EU mobilises civil protection assistance for earthquake-hit Colombia

The European Union continues to mobilise assistance for Colombia following the devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake. Sweden has offered 150 tents and 360 blankets, Germany is sending 3,000 kitchen sets and 2,500 water filters, while Luxembourg has offered 79 tents through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

OECD [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Newsroom

Mobilising Public and Private Finance for Biodiversity: Good Practices in Unlocking Capital for Nature

Report 26 August 2026 136 Pages

Safeguarding the natural systems on which economies and societies depend requires mobilising public and private biodiversity finance at scale. This report provides a practical reference for policy makers, financial institutions and conservation practitioners seeking to unlock and scale biodiversity finance. It maps and assesses key biodiversity...

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

OAS and Viva Rio Sign Cooperation Agreement to Strengthen Opportunities for Youth and Women Affected by Violence in Haiti

August 19, 2026

OAS Secretary General Statement at the closing of the High-Level Inter-American and International Delegation to Haiti

August 19, 2026

OAS and Japan Sign New Cooperation Agreement to Provide ID cards to Haitians and Support Improved Access to Social Services

August 18, 2026

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed Elected Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

2026-08-27

The Secretary-General Welcomes the Removal of Syria from the List of State Sponsors of Terrorism

2026-08-25

OIC Secretary-General Condemns Israeli Raid and Evacuation of UNRWA Headquarters in Qalandiya

2026-08-25

In its 142nd report, the Media Observatory states that Israeli occupation forces have resumed their campaign of genocide in the Gaza Strip, while settlers intensify their settlement activity in the West Bank.

2026-08-25

Group of 77 [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches [Selected]

- [Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at the second regular session 2026 of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS: Interactive Dialogue with the UNDP Administrator \(New York, 26 August 2026\)](#)
- [Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of Uruguay on the proposed merger of the United Nations System Staff College into the United Nations Institute for Training and Research \(UNITAR\) \(New York, 25 August 2026\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://unctad.org/>

News, Press Material

28 August 2026

UNCTAD's World Investment Forum 2026 to bring global investment community to Doha

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2026/009 — Geneva, Switzerland

:: UN Trade and Development to convene the ninth World Investment Forum (Doha, Qatar, 25–27 October) under the theme “Investing in the Future”

:: This is the UN’s leading investment platform, which facilitates dialogue and fosters partnerships among governments, investors and businesses on investment and development

:: Geopolitical tensions, economic fragmentation and rapid technological change are reshaping global investment flows. Holding the Forum in Qatar signals UNCTAD’s commitment to the region and recognizes the role of investment actors as essential drivers of sustainable development

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

European Court of Human Rights

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

News, Announcements

[Weekly summary of interim measures](#)

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:: [83 requests](#)

International Court of Justice [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 29 Aug 2026]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News [Selected]

[The ICC strongly rejects new US sanctions designations](#)

Statement 19 August 2026

[Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties expresses deep regret at the extension of US sanctions targeting the ICC President and a staff member](#)

Statement 19 August 2026 Assembly of States Parties

International Law Commission [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Recent Developments
No new digest content identified.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

News [Selected]

Integrating Africa: From Threads to Hubs

Africa's integration challenge has shifted to making markets work together. The African Continental Free Trade Area has established a historic continental framework for a larger African market. Its economic impact will depend on the systems firms use every day: customs, transport, standards, payments, services, energy, finance, digital platforms, and data. These systems frequently remain fragmented across national borders. Goods face repeated inspections. Customs platforms cannot always exchange information. Product standards and professional qualifications differ across markets. Transport, logistics, financial, and professional services remain restricted. Power, digital, and payment systems operate within national boundaries. Integrating Africa: From Threads to Hubs sets out an implementation agenda for connecting these systems and reducing the economic distance between African markets. It combines evidence on regional and global value chains, trade costs, services restrictions, agreement depth and enforceability, ports and corridors, digital inputs, and regional public goods.

August 28, 2026|Brief | English

What's Next for Africa's Integration Agenda

August 28, 2026|Press Release | English

World Bank's EUR 3 Billion 10-Year Sustainable Development Bond Attracts Exceptional Global Demand

World Bank's EUR 3 Billion 10-Year Sustainable Development Bond Attracts Exceptional Global Demand
August 25, 2026|Press Release

Morocco Leads the Way in Protecting People and Communities from Disasters

The Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Resilience Program helped Morocco move from responding to disasters after they happen to preventing losses before they occur. By 2025, the program had financed over 300 resilience projects, protected millions of people, and established one of the region's most advanced disaster financing systems.

August 21, 2026|Result Brief | English

Renewed Conflict Derails Lebanon's Fragile Economic Recovery

Lebanon's economy is projected to contract by 6.4% in 2026 as renewed conflict reversed the fragile

stabilization and recovery momentum recorded in 2025, according to the latest World Bank Lebanon Economic Monitor (LEM). While Lebanon continues to face urgent humanitarian and reconstruction needs, progress on reforms remains essential to restore confidence, revive growth, and support a durable recovery.

August 21, 2026|Press Release

IMF [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News

August 28, 2026

Navigating a Financially More Fluid World – Remarks by Kristalina Georgieva, IMF Managing Director, at the Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium; August 28, 2026

At the Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva discussed how stablecoins, tokenization, and financial innovation could create a more fluid global financial system, and outlined the policies needed to manage risks and safeguard financial stability.

African Development Bank [to 29 Aug 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

18-Aug-2026

Five New African Countries Advance Circular Economy Roadmaps, With Support from the African Development Bank

Asian Development Bank [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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Latest News Releases

28 Aug 2026

ADB Responds Immediately to Nepal Floods with \$5 Million Grant

ADB has approved a \$5 million emergency grant to fund urgent rescue and relief operations after devastating floods and debris flows struck communities along the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river systems on 26 August.

27 Aug 2026

ADB Approves \$400 Million Financing Facility to Modernize Borders, Facilitate Trade in CAREC Region

ADB has approved a \$400 million regional financing facility to modernize border crossing points, lower transport and logistics costs, and improve the movement of people and goods across the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) region.

26 Aug 2026

ADB President Urges Faster Delivery on Southeast Asia's Connectivity

At a high-level Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) gathering in Manila, ADB President Masato Kanda urged governments to move faster from plans to financed projects, stating that delays in building cross-border power, transport, digital, and financial links are leaving Southeast Asia exposed to the next global shock.

24 Aug 2026

ADB and Partners Launch Initiative to Scale Financing for Land Degradation and Desertification in Asia and the Pacific

ADB has launched together with partners the Financing Investments and Eradicating Land Degradation and Desertification Initiative, a regional partnership to attract at least \$2 billion by 2035 to invest in programs that restore lands and strengthen drought resilience across Asia and the Pacific.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 29 Aug 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, Aug. 28, 2026

AIIB Statement on Nepal and China Flash Flooding

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is deeply saddened by the flooding that has devastated communities in Nepal and China.

IDB – Inter-American Development Bank [to 29 Aug 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

Six Projects Named Finalists for Superheroes of Development 2026

WASHINGTON – The Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB Group) has announced six finalists for Superheroes of Development 2026, an award that highlights lessons learned from IDB Group-financed initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean. The selected projects stand out for transforming...

August 28, 2026

IDB Group and Japan to Advance Health Systems and Resilient Infrastructure

TOKYO — The Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB Group) has signed two Memorandums of Cooperation (MoC) with the Government of Japan to advance their joint work on health systems, digital health, long-term care, resilient infrastructure, and urban development in Latin America and the Caribbean...

August 25, 2026

IDB Group and Japan Mark 50 Years of Partnership with International Business Forum and Historic Cooperation Package

Expanded package, now reaching \$6.5 billion in resources from Japan, is expected to generate additional co-financing of approximately \$7.5 billion, based on the average of the last years, totaling \$14 billion in financing for Latin American and Caribbean. Package also includes a \$30 million non...

August 24, 2026

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Press release

29 August 2026

Somalia and IFAD award innovative businesses for expanding women's access to agricultural markets

The Government of Somalia and IFAD today named Baadi Goob AgroLink and RAAS Agribusiness Solution as the two winners of the first edition of the Somalia Women's Market Access Innovation Challenge, which supports local solutions to

Islamic Development Bank [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 29 Aug 2026]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Des inondations meurtrières frappent la vallée de Trishuli

Publié le 27 août 2026

De violentes inondations ont touché la vallée de la rivière Trishuli, dans les districts de Nuwakot et de Rasuwa, au Népal. Cette région, où Action contre la Faim a mis en œuvre des programmes de reconstruction et d'accès à l'eau depuis le séisme de 2015, subit aujourd'hui une catastrophe aux conséquences humaines et matérielles majeures. Environ 273 personnes ont perdu la vie et près d'un millier d'autres sont portées disparues. Le bilan continue de s'alourdir, laissant des communautés entières endeuillées et de nombreuses familles dans l'incertitude.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://alima.ngo/>

L'actualité de nos actions

À Ngouri, un hôpital s'adapte au climat pour continuer à soigner

À Ngouri, dans le nord-ouest du Tchad, les températures dépassent régulièrement les 45 °C. Lorsque le

réseau électrique s'interrompt, les générateurs diesel prennent le relais – à condition que le carburant soit disponible.

12 août 2026

Amref Health Africa [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

Blue Shield International [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

BS International News

Sustaining Intangible Cultural Practices in Contexts of Forced Displacement

Blue Shield International is pleased to announce its patronage of the international research project *Sustaining Intangible Cultural Practices in Contexts of Forced Displacement*:

18 August 2026

BRAC [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Updates

HSBC provides BDT 100 Million to BRAC for flood rehabilitation

Private sector playing vital role alongside government in rehabilitation: Finance Minister

Clubhouse International [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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29 Aug 2026

Clearing the Way for Safer Communities: Restoring Access to Water and Livelihoods in...

Syria Humanitarian mine action

26 Aug 2026

The Climb to Independence: How EU-funded Unconditional Cash Transfer Put a Displaced...

Yemen Economic recovery +4

25 Aug 2026

Bangladesh: The tenth year cannot be another year of waiting

Bangladesh Camp +5

24 Aug 2026

[Press release: El Niño to supercharge East Africa flooding - 3 million displaced by end...](#)

Anticipatory action Emergency

23 Aug 2026

[100 days of Ebola in the DR Congo](#)

Democratic Republic of Congo Emergency

ECPAT [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://ecpat.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

ELIF – Electronic Information for Libraries [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

[EIFL and Éclat Engineering renew agreement](#)

25 Aug 2026

Through EIFL's renewed agreement with Éclat Engineering, libraries and library consortia in 36 EIFL partner countries are eligible for discounted pricing to two Éclat Engineering (...)

[Results of projects advancing no-fee OA journals...](#)

24 Aug 2026

We've received reports from three more projects aiming to strengthen the quality and sustainability of African no-fee open access (OA) publishing, and we are happy to share (...)

Fountain House [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

[New York Levels Up Funding for Mental Health 'Clubhouses'](#)

August 25, 2026 WXXI Evan Dawson

GE2P2 Global Foundation [29 Aug 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

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

:: **[Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 29 July 2026](#)**

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

[Floods and mudslides in Nepal: HI launches an emergency response to help those affected](#)

Emergency / Health / Rehabilitation / Nepal | PUBLISHED ON August 28th 2026

On 26 August a flood of ice and mud devastated northern Nepal. HI is preparing a response to

the emergency focusing on rehabilitation, mental health support and the distribution of essential supplies

Heifer International [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Venezuela earthquake recovery: Families continue to face housing, water and health challenges

27 August 2026

A new assessment highlights the ongoing challenges facing affected communities, two months after the devastating earthquakes struck Venezuela.

A new €3 million project will help older people lead safer, healthier lives in Syria, Lebanon and Palestine

27 August 2026

In Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, older people and people with disabilities will have greater opportunities to shape the support they receive and lead practical solutions within their communities.

ICRC [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

Website not responding at inquiry.

IFRC [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press releases

Press release 27/08/2026

IFRC launches CHF 25 million Emergency Appeal in response to devastating Nepal flash floods

Press release 26/08/2026

Nepal: IFRC releases emergency funds as flash floods leave communities isolated

Press release 14/08/2026

Three months into DRC Ebola outbreak, community trust remains critical to stopping the spread of the virus

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases/ Updates / Alerts

No new digest content identified.

IRC [International Rescue Committee] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

State leaders commit to new funding strategies to sustain refugee, immigrant integration amid federal cuts

August 28, 2026

Press Release

Aid worker deaths near record high in 2025, driven by Gaza and Sudan

August 19, 2026

Press Release

IRC launches health, child protection response as Colombia earthquake death toll rises

August 14, 2026

Press Release

Five years since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan humanitarian need is at a record high as the response collapses

August 14, 2026

IRCT [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

A year of impact around the world

August 7, 2026

Islamic Relief has published our 2025 Global Reach, Impact and Learning Report...

Mercy Corps [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases & Alerts

August 26, 2026

News Alert: "Mountains of Water" Devastate Nepal Valleys as Hundreds Remain Missing

At least 95 people have been killed and hundreds remain missing or unreachable after a massive flash flood tore through...

August 24, 2026

Surging Black Sea Attacks Threaten Ukraine's Harvest and Global Food Security

New Mercy Corps analysis finds attacks across ports, railways, fuel and storage are triggering a farm-to-market shock...

August 18, 2026

News Alert: Mercy Corps Ready to Respond as Flores Earthquake Toll Rises

JAKARTA — Three days after a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck Flores, in Indonesia, 70 people have been killed and 305...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Cameroon

Communities in Cameroon take an active role in preventing cholera

Project Update 28 Aug 2026

France

Unaccompanied minors in Marseille need continued support as MSF teams shift focus

Project Update 27 Aug 2026

Uganda

Uganda marks end of Ebola disease outbreak

Project Update 27 Aug 2026

Nepal

MSF team arrives in Nepal to assess people's needs following devastating flash floods

Project Update 27 Aug 2026

About MSF

Our commitment to building an organisation where everyone is safe

Statement 27 Aug 2026

About MSF

Tackling institutional discrimination and racism within MSF

Report 27 Aug 2026

Bangladesh

Children arrive sicker, later, and harder to save at MSF's Kutupalong hospital in Rohingya camps

Project Update 25 Aug 2026

Nigeria

Caregivers of children with malnutrition need mental health support

Project Update 25 Aug 2026

DRC Ebola outbreaks

100 days of Ebola disease outbreak: Faster and more flexible response needed to curb deadly spread in DRC

Press Release 21 Aug 2026

Gaza-Israel war

Statement on Israeli military's decision to deny a criminal investigation into MSF killings and injuries

Statement 20 Aug 2026

Palestine

Escalating violence and movement restrictions continue to drive medical needs in Hebron

Project Update 20 Aug 2026

Ethiopia

Ethiopia: MSF launches new healthcare programme in Oromia region

Project Update 20 Aug 2026

Haiti

Women risk their lives to reach sexual and reproductive healthcare in Port-au-Prince

Project Update 19 Aug 2026

The New Humanitarian [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Aid and Policy Cheat Sheet 28 August 2026

Nepal's glacial collapse, Haiti's latest massacre, and Mladić's death

Aid and Policy Podcasts 27 August 2026

Rethinking Humanitarianism | Grassroots aid is here to disturb the system

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Press Releases

Press release

Hunger crisis threatens Somalia as floods come on top of drought and conflict

27. Aug 2026 | Somalia

Press release

Gaza: 94 per cent of households in need of shelter aid

20. Aug 2026 | Middle East| Palestine

Press release

Syria: Ministry of Education and NRC strengthen cooperation in social and emotional learning

19. Aug 2026 | Syria

Benedicte Giæver steps down as NORCAP Director

18. Aug 2026 | Global

OXFAM [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases/Stories Story

Transforming local systems for climate resilience

Aug. 4, 2026

Pact [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News & Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Stories

Congress Funded Global Health. The Office of Management and Budget Is Trying Not To Spend It.

Two PIH experts analyze what is happening to global health funds that aren't being spent as they were allocated by Congress.

August 17, 2026

PATH [29 Aug 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

New typhoid conjugate vaccine from EuBiologics receives WHO prequalification

This important milestone could provide countries with an additional option for typhoid vaccination and can contribute to a sustainable supply of typhoid conjugate vaccines.

August 26, 2026 by PATH

Seattle, United States and Seoul, Republic of Korea – EuTYPH-C Inj.® Multi-dose, a new typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) manufactured by EuBiologics in the Republic of Korea, has been prequalified by the World Health Organization (WHO). This brings the total number of WHO-prequalified TCVs to five and represents another important step toward expanding global access to typhoid vaccination...

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Students stranded, communities isolated after devastating Nepal floods

28 August 2026

Students cut off from their families and entire communities remain isolated two days after a glacial landslide triggered devastating flash floods that hit parts of northern Nepal and the Chinese border linking Tibet, says Plan International.

Save the Children [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest news

27 Aug 2026 *Zambia*

Hunger in Zambia set to dramatically worsen as El Niño looms

The number of people facing crisis levels of hunger in Zambia is projected to jump 72%, as anticipated El Niño drought and the conflict in the Middle East threaten to push more families into hunger.

27 Aug 2026 *GLOBAL*

OIL PRICE VOLATILITY THREATENS AID FOR ABOUT 1.5 MILLION CHILDREN, SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children modelled the impact of rising oil prices across different commodities and applied this to its spend on supplies and logistics since the start of the conflict.

25 Aug 2026 *GLOBAL*

Rimini Meeting: Save the Children and Ferrero to showcase significant progress in improving life and education for children in cocoa-growing communities through a holistic

[approach in Côte d'Ivoire.](#)

Cocoa-growing communities in Côte d'Ivoire demonstrate significant progress in the fight against child labour between 2020-2025

24 Aug 2026 *Bangladesh*

[Rohingya Camps: One in Three Refugees Face 'Crisis' Hunger as Conditions for Children Worsen](#)

Nine years after hundreds of thousands of Rohingya fled attacks and violence in Myanmar, an entire generation of Rohingya children has grown up in displacement, and many children know nothing but life inside the Cox's Bazar refugee camps in southeast Bangladesh.

21 Aug 2026 *Democratic Congo*

[Nearly two children a day orphaned in DR Congo's latest Ebola outbreak – Save the Children](#)

At least 180 children have lost both parents or primary caregivers in the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) Ebola outbreak, equivalent to nearly two children every day, since the deadly virus was declared 100 days ago.

Tostan [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Blog

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Featured Press Releases

August 27, 2026

[Flash flooding in Nepal leaves over 1,000 missing, including 65 Americans](#)

World Vision is mobilizing its emergency response team to support children and families affected by the emergency. The response will initially focus on the most urgent needs for those affected by the flooding, including food, safe drinking water and emergency shelter kits. As emergency assessments continue, additional humanitarian needs will likely include hygiene supplies, child protection services, psychosocial support, and restoration of essential community infrastructure...

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Our Work

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Human Rights Watch [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases/Spotlight

Spotlight

August 25, 2026 | *Dispatches*

Houthi Prosecute UN, Civil Society Staff in Yemen

Houthi authorities transferred at least six detainees to the Specialized Criminal Prosecution in Sanaa on August 23. Among them is a United Nations employee, a UN consultant, and three people who worked with international and local nongovernmental organizations.

August 25, 2026 | *News Release*

Türkiye: European Court Orders Rights Defender's Immediate Release

August 25, 2026 | *News Release*

Mexico: Fix 'Rights of Audiences' Regulation

August 25, 2026 | *News Release*

Türkiye: Long Prison Terms for Children Accused of Crime

August 24, 2026 | *Commentary*

Put Safe Sport at the Center of Next Basic Plan

Transparency International [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 29 Aug 2026]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Elder's Statements, News

E1 is a deliberate Israeli attempt to destroy a two-state solution. Governments must act now.

21 August 2026

Gavi [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

20 August 2026

Gavi commits additional funding for Ebola response

:: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance will provide US\$ 7 million to fund a shipment of 70,000 doses of the Ervebo vaccine to DRC

:: US\$ 6 million from Gavi's First Response Fund will help countries and partners protect routine immunisation and prepare for future Ebola vaccinations

:: Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi: "This new funding will help save lives, keep other deadly diseases at bay and support the rollout of the Ervebo vaccine."

Global Fund [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://icvanetwork.org/news>

Blogs, Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

What's New/Events

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 29 Aug 2026]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

(ALNAP) Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://www.elrha.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies [nee CERAH] – [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Publications, Events, News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [IHSA] [to 29 Aug 2026]

[https://ihsa.info /](https://ihsa.info/)

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://inee.org>

Resources

25 August 2026 *Advocacy Brief*

[\(Position Paper\)The INEE Minimum Standards for Education: Preparedness, Response, Recovery \(INEE MS\): From a Reference Framework to Implementation in the Arab Region](#)

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 29 Aug 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"

[Website no longer responding at inquiry [12 July 2026]]

Sphere [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

[From Gaza to Geneva: Local impact, global standards - our Q2 2026 roundup](#)

11 August 2026 | Sphere

Summary The publication of the Sphere Annual Report 2025 was a key quarter achievement, providing an opportunity to reflect on a year of transition, resilience and progress across the global Sphere community. Sphere members came together at...

Start Network [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [29 Aug 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Research, Events

Commentary

Podcast

UNGA 2026: How Africa is setting agendas amidst strained multilateral consensus

Ahunna Eziakonwa and Landry Signé

August 28, 2026

- African countries have been active players in international bodies like the UN, G20 and COP summits. During the 2026 United Nations General Assembly, African priorities include reforming global finance, gaining greater influence in global governance structures, ensuring adequate finance for climate adaptation, and leveraging African energy and minerals for industrialization.
- Agencies like the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (OSAA) work to center a narrative on Africa that is focused on opportunities over challenges, leveraging its strategic assets, including the powerhouse of African youth, Africa-led innovation, technology, financial resources, the power of women, and regional integration, with the African Continental Free Trade Area as a gamechanger for the continent.
- Official development assistance is declining, but engagement with African development continues under an investment framework. Internally generated revenue, global trade opportunities, and human capital development remain the key factors driving African growth.
- As the 2030 deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals draws closer, the UN and its partners are focusing on structures rather than symptoms: global and local conditions that underpin a country's ability to make progress on development. The UN's SDGs are aligned with Africa's own priorities as established by the African Union's Agenda 2063.

Artificial Intelligence

What we still don't know about AI and children's relationships

Sweta Shah, Brinleigh Murphy-Reuter

August 27, 2026

Artificial Intelligence

AI surveillance in schools raises safety and equity concerns

Rashawn Ray, Rebekah Boitey

August 27, 2026

End of extreme poverty: A case for action and a plan to start

Room Co-Leads: Homi Kharas and Michael Faye

Room Associate: Tyler Hall

Room Members: Bertha Bangara-Chikadza, Bright Simons, Daouda Sembene, Dean Karlan, Joshua Blumenstock, and Zouera Youssoufou

Room Focal Point: Kershlin Krishna

August 13, 2026

- Over the past decade, poverty reduction has stalled. About 800 million people still lived in extreme poverty in 2025.
- The financing needed to end extreme poverty is not a moonshot. The price tag of 0.3% of global GDP is smaller than rhetoric suggests.
- The financing needed to run a decisive test at a national scale is comfortably within reach. This memo presents a case for action and next steps.

Center for Global Development [29 Aug 2026]

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

All Research

CGD NOTE

AI RCTs Are Booming—To Be Useful, They Must Evolve

Tim Ohlenburg et al.

August 27, 2026

AI RCTs are on the rise, a trend that's set to continue, and is likely to intensify. But randomising a rapidly evolving, increasingly widely adopted, technology poses a distinct set of challenges. So how can we actually garner durable, generalisable and policy relevant insights?

ESSAY

Foundational Investments for Gender Equality: A Call for the Investments in Structures and Policies that Make Other Interventions Work Better

Kelsey Harris and Eeshani Kandpal

August 27, 2026

Rigorous evidence on cost-effective interventions must guide the development community, but these interventions will underperform without certain enabling conditions—conditions that can only be made feasible by foundational investments in leveling the playing field. Governments and multilateral orga...

CGD NOTE

Tariff Whiplash in Africa: What Happened and What's to Come

Karen Mathiasen and Nico Martínez

August 18, 2026

Under this administration, reciprocity is a bedrock principle of trade policy, making a simple extension of AGOA highly unlikely. In addition, USTR is exercising alternative tariff authorities to their fullest extent, aimed at punishing countries for actual or perceived unfair practices. In the unli...

POLICY PAPER

A Thematic Review of the Potential Future Role of the World Bank in Financing Health Systems

Cordelia Kenney et al.

August 13, 2026

Sharp aid cuts in 2025 and the immediate financing crisis they precipitated have brought to the fore calls to address longstanding challenges in the global health aid architecture. While a greater role for multilateral development banks (MDBs) moving forward has been suggested, the feasibility and s...

CASE STUDY

Designing Direct-to-Government Assistance: Three Case Studies in Global Health Financing

Deborah Cook Kalief and Phillip Palmer

August 10, 2026

In September 2025, the US State Department released the America First Global Health Strategy, announcing a major shift in how the United States programs foreign assistance in one of its largest sectors, representing over \$13 billion in FY 2024. Global health dollars, the strategy states, will now fl...

Chatham House [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Selected Analysis, Comment, Events

What the Burnham government should do in its foreign policy

The new government must avoid its predecessors' habit of trying to do everything. Priorities should include advancing the UK-EU reset talks, defending the Euro-Atlantic area, and working with the EU to address Chinese economic competition.

Policy paper Published 27 August 2026

Featured content

Audio

Iran, Gaza, Trump and Netanyahu: Understanding the Middle East's crises

In this week's episode of Independent Thinking, our experts discuss the big picture in the Middle East and how the various conflicts are shaping relations in the region.

28 August 2026 35 minute listen

Research paper

What Haitians want from the next phase of UN and international support

A new survey of 1,332 Haitians reveals aspirations for better education and healthcare in addition to improvements in security, as well as opposition to amnesty for gang members, a desire for early elections, and suspicion of any potential political bargain that could enable gang leaders to enter government.

25 August 2026

Expert comment

Nigeria will need more than a bigger army to tackle security challenges

Without accompanying reforms, the risk is that President Tinubu's plan only makes Nigeria's army bigger but not better.

25 August 2026 3 minute READ

News release

2026 Chatham House Prize awarded to the women of Afghanistan

The prize is presented to 'the person, persons, or organization deemed to have made the most significant contribution to the improvement of international relations'.

20 August 2026 2 minute READ

Council on Foreign Relations [29 Aug 2026]

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

Featured Content

AFP/Getty

The Iran War Has Transformed the Middle East—and Its Links to the U.S.

By Steven A. Cook, Farah Pandith, Henri J. Barkey, Elliott Abrams, Bruce Hoffman, Ed Husain and Elisa Ewers
August 27, 2026

Crude Calculations: Why the Iran War Hasn't Yet Caused an Oil Shock

August 28, 2026
By Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran

The Real Cost of the U.S.-Canada Trade Breakdown

August 27, 2026
By Brad W. Setser

Six Months Into the Iran War, the United States Has No Good Options

August 26, 2026
By James M. Lindsay

Why NATO and the Transatlantic Bond Will Outlast Trump

August 25, 2026
By Charles A. Kupchan

CSIS [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Reports [Selected]

Lessons from Covid-19 for Global Health Security

Health access is fundamentally a systems challenge that depends on the interaction between the innovation system, which generates new technologies through research and investment, and the delivery system, which manufactures, distributes, and administers medicines.

Report by Anne Pritchett, Alexander Kersten, and Shruti Sharma — August 27, 2026

A New Organizational Paradigm for Economic Statecraft at the U.S. State Department

Economic and energy competition are at the center of geopolitics, but to compete, the U.S. relies on institutions built for a different era. This report diagnoses structural failures hindering U.S. economic statecraft and proposes concrete reforms for the State Department.

Report by Allison Lombardo and Jonathan Gandomi — August 26, 2026

IS Global [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press releases

Study Reveals that Atlantic Climate Variability Enables the Prediction of Leishmaniasis Outbreaks in North Africa

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McKinsey Global Institute [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Featured Research

Some hard questions about a world of plenty

August 19, 2026 -

Plenty may be possible—but what would it take to make it probable?

ODI [Overseas Development Institute] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Publications

Pathways to civil and diplomatic engagement: the Iranian Kurds

26 August 2026

Briefing/policy paper

Community resilience and inclusion in protracted crises: lessons from the Syrian civil war

10 August 2026

Case/country study

Pew Research Center [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest Publications

Decoded Aug 28, 2026

International views of the U.S. and its president are increasingly correlated

During Joe Biden's presidency, as well as during Trump's first term, there was a much weaker relationship between views of the U.S. and confidence in its president.

short reads Aug 27, 2026

Many across 37 countries view the UN favorably, but opinions have become more negative in some places

A median of 55% across 37 countries hold a favorable view of the UN, though views in some countries have turned more negative in recent years.

short reads Aug 17, 2026

Refugee admissions to the U.S. are dropping sharply in Trump's second term

U.S. refugee admissions have dropped sharply in Trump's second term, with just over 10,000 so far in fiscal 2026, down from about 38,000 in fiscal 2025.

short reads Aug 13, 2026

Public opinion of India is mixed across 36 countries

Public opinion of India ranges widely across 36 countries, with favorable views ranging from 79% in Sri Lanka to 7% in Pakistan.

Rand [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Published Research [Selected]

Commentary Aug 27, 2026

OpenAI Says ChatGPT Is Safer for Teens. Now It Needs to Show Proof.

Now, when OpenAI's system predicts that an account belongs to someone under 18, teen protections are automatically applied without waiting for a parent to activate them. But even ambitious efforts can fall short, and the public needs a way to discover when they do.

Expert Insights Aug 27, 2026

Hardening Critical Infrastructure Software in an Era of Rapid AI Advancement: An Urgent Call for Coordinated Action

This paper provides expert analysis on artificial intelligence–accelerated vulnerability discovery and the structural hardening of critical infrastructure software.

Research Aug 25, 2026

Federal Revenue When AI Replaces Labor: An Examination of Economic Scenarios with Highly Capable Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) replacing human labor could sharply reduce U.S. federal revenue, especially if workers are not reemployed or AI is cheap. Proactive fiscal policy is needed to manage these risks.

Research Aug 21, 2026

Realising the 100 Days Mission: Accelerating Defence and Health Capabilities for Medical Countermeasures Readiness

This paper examines how the defence and health sectors can collaborate to advance the 100 Days Mission, drawing on capability mapping, stakeholder interviews, and a scenario-based exercise to identify priority joint capabilities.

Research Aug 18, 2026

Building a Defense-in-Depth Biosecurity Strategy for the AI Era

The authors develop a layered mitigation strategy for responding to the threat of misusing artificial intelligence-enabled biology. They examine mitigations' strengths and weaknesses, describe areas of mutual reinforcement, and propose next steps.

Research Aug 18, 2026

Personal Protective Equipment Prioritization and Demand: Using Occupational Characteristics to Understand Risk and Benefits

This report presents an occupation-based framework to estimate vital workforce size and personal protective equipment demand during a pandemic. An interactive dashboard supports scenario-based planning at the national, state, and regional levels.

Expert Insights Aug 18, 2026

Mirror Biology Research: Implications for Operational Governance

The most pressing deficit in the mirror biology research landscape is the gap between its recognition as a governance challenge and the absence of a concerted effort to govern it; the authors develop a preliminary framework to close this gap.

Commentary Aug 17, 2026

The State of Public Education in 2026 in Five Charts

RAND has spent more than a decade surveying educators across the United States and has expanded this effort to include the perspectives of students and parents. Among the hundreds of survey questions we fielded this past year, the results depicted in these five charts stood out the most.

Research Aug 11, 2026

Testing Large Language Model Agents on the Use of Biological Tools for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening Evasion

Large language model agents demonstrate an emerging ability to use biological tools to redesign peptides and proteins for nucleic acid synthesis screening evasion, indicating that agents could lower expertise barriers for hazardous capabilities.

Commentary Aug 10, 2026

New Models of Health-Defence Collaboration: A Shared Plan to Achieve the 100 Days Mission

Epidemic and pandemic threats are a matter of national, regional, and international security. The evolving risks demand strengthened collaboration across the health and defence communities to bring their unique expertise and resources to bear, to prepare faster and more effectively.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 29 Aug 2026]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

RoRI News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Alan Turing Institute

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

Latest

Blog Tuesday 25 Aug 2026

[A super El Niño is forming. Can AI weather models provide insights on these anomalous climate events?](#)

AI forecasting, combined with expert knowledge and real-world climate context, could help us extend the range of our predictions.

Urban Institute [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

New Research Publications - Selected

Research Report

[Anticompetitive Tactics Delaying Generic Drug Entry and Price Competition](#)

A Rapid Review of Market Barriers and Delays, Costs, and Potential Reforms

Lisa Clemans-Cope, Jessica Banthin

August 28, 2026

Playbook

[Responsible Agentic AI Playbook](#)

A Practical Guide for State and Local Government Agencies

August 19, 2026

The Wistar Institute [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

August 19, 2026

[The Wistar Institute Recruits Brian Fuglestad, Ph.D., to Study Cell's "Dual Mode" Proteins](#)

Biophysics & biochemistry expert joins Center for Advanced Therapeutics to study little-understood class of proteins that switch roles inside cell, could translate into future therapies

World Economic Forum [to 29 Aug 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/press-releases>

News

Mon, 10 August 2026

[The other 1%: Royal Society special feature showcases science from underrepresented regions](#)

Mon, 10 August 2026

[IAP seeks partners to help build a global initiative on sexual harassment in STEM academia](#)

ISC / International Science Council [to 29 Aug 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, Blogs

[Doing ethical research in an ethically constrained political landscape](#)

In this essay, Roberto Abadie and Celia B. Fisher draw on their experiences in public health research to ask what it means to act ethically when the conditions for good science are under attack. Researchers facing authoritarian pressure and funding collapse have a responsibility to maintain community trust, express collective solidarity and use this crisis as an occasion to self-reflect.

Roberto Abadie, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
medical anthropologist

Celia B. Fisher, Marie Ward Doty University Chair in Ethics; Director of the Center for Ethics
Education; Professor of Psychology, Fordham University

[Modern science: geostrategic, technological and societal drivers of change](#)

A resilient scientific enterprise will require new approaches to governance, collaboration and accountability in the age of AI and geopolitical uncertainty.

August 19, 2026

Sir Peter Gluckman, ISC President, Distinguished Professor Emeritus ONZ KNZM FRSNZ FRS

Union of Concerned Scientists [USC] [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://www.ucs.org/about/media-center/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Research Council [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

[Potential of Emerging Research Institutions To Be Explored at Upcoming National Academies Summit](#)

By Reece Meyhoefer

Last update August 26, 2026

[Updating Crisis Standards of Care: Examining Gaps and Opportunities: A Rapid Expert](#)

Consultation

Rapid Expert Consultation 2026

... More than a decade after the National Academies published foundational CSC guidance, the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies offered a nationwide opportunity to examine how CSC frameworks functioned in practice. This consultation reviews implementation experience and barriers across five domains: recognition of crisis situations: governance, legal, ethical, and accountability; clinical planning: operations and coordination; and workforce. It highlights opportunities to better operationalize CSC across the conventional-contingency-crisis continuum, with future efforts focusing less on redefining CSC and more on practical guidance for recognizing strain, identifying indicators and triggers, and linking changing conditions to proportionate actions.

National Academy of Engineering - USA [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases [Selected]

Fiona Doyle Named Interim NAE Home Secretary; George Ligler Appointed to NAE Council

Tue, August 11, 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

Aug 13, 2026 *Announcement*

Emilie Marcus Appointed as Executive Officer of the National Academy of Medicine

The National Academy of Medicine today announced that Emilie Marcus, PhD, has been appointed as the Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer effective August 24, 2026.

National Endowment for the Humanities [U.S.] [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases

Dr. Wendy Weber to serve as director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

August 24, 2026 — Dr. Weber began her new role on Aug. 23, 2026.

Pediatric neurologist Dr. John Gaitanis to lead NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

August 21, 2026 — Dr. Gaitanis is set to begin his role on August 23, 2026.

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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

Fourteenth (Extraordinary) Session of COMEST / 33rd (Ordinary) Session of the IBC / Joint

Session of the IBC and the IGBC, UNESCO Paris, France, and Online, 29 September - 2 October 2026

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

No new digest content identified.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

Reciprocal Effects of Drugs & the Microbiome – 2nd webinar

Online - October 7, 2026 Webinar Time: 14:00 – 15:30 (UTC+2, CEST)

Hastings Center [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases, Events

Bioethics Forum Essay

The Limits of Unauthorized Practice in Regulating Mental Health AI

by Roei Amir, Vardit Ravitsky and I. Glenn Cohen

In May Pennsylvania's State Board of Medicine filed a lawsuit in the state's Commonwealth Court against Character Technologies seeking to prevent it from engaging in unauthorized medical practice. The lawsuit was brought under Pennsylvania's Medical Practice Act. The alleged "practitioner," however, was not a physician or even a human being. It was a chatbot named Emilie...

INSERM [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News and Blogs

Blog 21st August 2026

[New perspectives on bioethics: In conversation with our interns](#)

by Eve and Safiya

This summer we were lucky to have Eve Ryder and Safiya Ibrahim join us as interns. Here, in their own words, they share reflections on working at NCOB and what they will take from the experience.

UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights

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

Activities and News

[11th International Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop \(5-7 January, 2027\) – Hong Kong](#)

Aug 1, 2026 | *News*

Cross-cultural Perspectives on AI, Law, and Health JANUARY 5-7, 2027 Artificial Intelligence is reshaping healthcare, legal systems, and human society at an unprecedented pace. As these technologies continue to evolve, they raise profound ethical,...

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

[World Medical Association and CANMA hold first-ever leadership programme for physician leaders in Africa](#)

21.08.2026

[World Humanitarian Day: Conflict, funding cuts and violence threaten health professionals worldwide](#)

19.08.2026

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

:: Journal Watch - Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals

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:: **Foundation/Major Donor Watch**

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Blue Meridian Partners is a pioneering philanthropic model for finding and funding scalable solutions to the problems that limit economic and social mobility for America's young people and families in poverty.

Updates

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Updates

Press & News / August 21, 2026

CGI MOBILIZING TOP PHILANTHROPISTS AND FUNDERS NEXT MONTH TO FILL CRITICAL GAPS AND CHART A PATH FORWARD

Global leaders and funders of international development work, representing \$9.3 billion in annual giving, set to convene at the Clinton Global Initiative 2026 Annual Meeting, September 22-23

Co Impact [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Press

Press Reviews – Never The Same River

14 August 2026

At its core, Never The Same River considers how individuals assert agency over their own bodies against cultural and systemic forces that seek to define them. Reflecting on the tension and trauma surrounding migration, whether by necessity or by choice, the movement of people coincides with histories of displacement, resistance, and resilience. These questions arrive at a moment when millions of people worldwide are forcibly displaced, and when border enforcement, asylum restrictions, and climate-driven migration dominate political debate across continents. The exhibition insists that those crossing are people with interior lives, ancestral memory, and stories to tell on their own terms.

Never The Same River is on view August 12 through December 5, 2026 and is curated by Dexter Wimberly featuring artwork by KV Duong, Adama Delphine Fawundu, Brendan Fernandes, Elliot & Erick Jiménez, Anoushka Mirchandani, and Edison Peñafiel.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest

Broadening the Idea of What American Art Is

LeRonn P. Brooks reflects on what Black curators preserve, and why it matters

Aug 25, 2026

Getty Appoints Kimberly Uyttewaal as Vice President of Development and Institutional Advancement

Uyttewaal begins her term September 1

Aug 19, 2026

GHIT Fund [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest Updates [Selected]

Equipping students to be active participants in our democracy

August 11, 2026

When student Landon F. set out to understand why so few of his peers engaged in community activities and other forms of civic life, he found an answer he didn't expect: His school, Frewsburg Central High School in western New York, offered no civics course. He decided to change that. Landon organized a student

petition...

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Stories

Making Peace, Not War, With Infections

HHMI Investigator Janelle Ayres studies how the body can survive infections by cooperating with pathogens rather than killing them — findings that could transform development of new infectious disease treatments.

August 20, 2026

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News

Grantee Partners Mobilize for Earthquake Response and Recovery in Western Colombia

[Undated]

Last Mile Health Selected as the 2026 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize Recipient

[Undated]

The world's largest annual humanitarian award for nonprofits is awarded to an organization providing life-saving care in the world's most remote communities.

IKEA Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://ikeafoundation.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [29 Aug 2026]

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

Research, Analysis

Kindergarten Routine Vaccination Rates Continue to Decline

Aug 21, 2026 *Issue Brief*

This issue brief provides an update on the latest trends in kindergarten children's routine vaccination and exemption rates. Over three-quarters of states had measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccination rates below the "target" rate of 95% for the 2025-2026 school year.

State and Local Policies on School Vaccine Requirements: Overview and Current Status

Aug 21, 2026 *Issue Brief*

States and local governments, rather than the federal government, have authority over school vaccination requirements, and while all 50 states and DC require certain vaccines for school attendance, they vary substantially in how exemptions are granted and administered. As the Trump administration has moved away from longstanding federal childhood vaccine recommendations, an increasing number

of states are delinking their vaccine policies from CDC/ACIP guidance, while recent state policy changes have generally made non-medical exemptions easier...

The White House Takes Another Shot at Changing U.S. Childhood Vaccine Recommendations

Aug 11, 2026 *Policy Watch*

Examines the White House's latest Executive Order seeking to reshape U.S. childhood vaccine recommendations, including a directive to separate MMR vaccines and use a new HHS task force for federal recommendations. It finds that the order is unlikely to have an immediate or sweeping effect on U.S. vaccine policy given courts blocked earlier, similar administration actions, and states are increasingly decoupling their policies from federal recommendations.

Reliance on Sources Other Than CDC/ACIP for State Childhood Vaccine Recommendations

Aug 11, 2026 *State Health Facts Indicator*

Aga Khan Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases

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Aga Khan Museum welcomes Prince Aly Muhammad Aga Khan and Saira Bhojani to its Board of Directors

Prince Aly Muhammad Aga Khan and Saira Bhojani join the Aga Khan Museum's Board of Directors, strengthening its leadership and cultural vision.

Lilly Endowment Inc. [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Endowment News

Aug. 26, 2026

Grants will support emergency response and rebuilding in communities across Indiana affected by storms, flooding

INDIANAPOLIS – Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded grants totaling \$27 million to help Indiana communities reeling from recent storms and flooding. The grants will fund efforts to bring emergency meals, shelter, medical services and social and emotional support to communities across the state. Funds will also help communities with long-term rebuilding efforts.

MacArthur Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest News and Grantee News

No new digest content identified.

Mastercard Foundation [Canada] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Dr. Cara Gillis Joins Mellon Foundation as Program Officer in Higher Learning

New York, New York August 25, 2026

The Mellon Foundation today announced the appointment of Dr. Cara Gillis as Program Officer in the Foundation's Higher Learning program, for a two-year term.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Recent News

Physics beyond the Standard Model: How measuring the unmeasurable opens new pathways to scientific inquiry

August 20, 2026

In October 2025, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation partnered with the American Physical Society's Division of Nuclear Physics to convene researchers in Chicago. Titled "Physics beyond the Standard Model," the gathering was held alongside the division's annual meeting and formed part of a symposia series marking the foundation's 25th anniversary.

Novo Nordisk Foundation [Denmark] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News and media

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Newsroom

Press release August 26, 2026

Open Society Launches \$1.5 Million Earthquake Rebuilding Fund in Colombia

Open Society announces a \$1.5 million contribution to support an equitable and locally driven recovery following the devastating earthquake in Colombia.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

The Packard Foundation Welcomes Nigel Sizer as Global Climate Initiative Director

August 26, 2026

News

New Report: Child Care as an Economic Development Imperative

August 25, 2026

The Investing in America Child Care Partnership has released findings and recommendations from its first phase, drawing on work in six communities to show how local governments, employers, philanthropy, and child care providers can work together to expand child care supply and support economic growth.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Room

Pew Awards \$1.15M to Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to Expand Greening in North

Philadelphia's Nicetown and Tioga Neighborhoods

Press Releases & Statements August 26, 2026

Pew Promotes Two Staff to Leadership Roles

Institutional News August 14, 2026

Rockefeller Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News and Announcements

Statement From Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on Early Warning Data for Famines

Statements

Published Date August 24, 2026

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 29 Aug 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 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Stichting INGKA Foundation [Netherlands] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Tata Trusts [India] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

21 August, 2026

IIM Bangalore and Tata Trusts sign historic MoU to establish the "Indian Institute of Management Bangalore – Dorabji Tata School of Undergraduate Studies"

Record 12,000 applications make IIMB's inaugural UG cohort a full house, with the first batch commencing on 31st August 2026

Wellcome Trust [29 Aug 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News. Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Press Releases [Selected]

News

[2026 Changes to Mexico's Anti-Money Laundering Law](#)

Monday, August 24, 2026 - 3:50 pm

News

[2026 Amendments to India's Foreign Contribution Regulation Act \(FCRA\)](#)

Monday, August 24, 2026 - 2:28 pm

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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 3

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

Research Article

[Capturing Perceived Utility from Qualitative Studies of Genomic Sequencing: Translating a Conceptual Model into a Working Codebook](#)

Betty Cohn, Tesla Theoryn, Olivia Sommerland, Priyanka Murali, Joon-Ho Yu, Kailyn Anderson, Kirsty McWalter, Britt Johnson, Dan Doherty, Michael J. Bamshad & Katherine E. MacDuffie

Pages: 129-140

Published online: 22 Jul 2026

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 3 (2026)

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

Neuroethics in Asia: New Horizons for a Cross-Cultural Approach in Neuroethics, guest edited by Tamami Fukushi

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Aug 06, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 8 p1583-1778

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Whereas cis-acting regulatory variants are located near their target genes and affect regions such as promoters and enhancers, trans-acting regulatory variants can be located anywhere in the genome and affect expression through a variety of indirect mechanisms. Trans-eQTLs contribute a sizable fraction of gene expression variation, but identifying these variants continues to pose challenges. Indeed, it is thought that mismapping of sequencing reads could lead to spurious results, suggesting the need to revisit the known catalog of trans-eQTLs for mismapping artifacts.

American Journal of Public Health

August 2026 116(8)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 115 (2026): Issue 2 (Aug 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/2/tpmd.115.issue-2.xml>

Perspectives

Operationalizing One Health Surveillance for Tropical Fungal Diseases: Practical Implications of Bioinformatics for Clinical and Epidemiological Practice

Luz Miryam Lozada-Martinez, et al.

Review Article

Coinfections of Chikungunya, Dengue, and Zika Viruses in India: Rationale for a Unified Triple Surveillance Approach

Prem Prakash Pandey, et al.

Annals of Internal Medicine

August 2026 Volume 179, Issue 8

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archaeology

Issue 412 - August 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Anti-Trafficking Review

No. 26 (2026)

<https://antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/issue/view/37>

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 - Corporate Accountability and Forced Labour in Value Chains

Guest Editor: Judy Fudge

This Special Issue of Anti-Trafficking Review examines recent efforts to hold multinational corporations accountable for human rights harms, including forced labour, resulting from their business practices. Contributions from across Asia, Europe, and the Americas analyse various aspects of the shift from voluntary corporate social responsibility measures to legally required or legally enforceable initiatives to address forced labour in global value chains. They interrogate the effectiveness of recently adopted transparency and human rights due diligence legislation across many Global North countries and demonstrate that worker-driven social responsibility, and other bottom-up initiatives, are better placed to reduce exploitation in supply chains than top-down state- and corporate-led approaches.

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 358 September 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/358/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bioethics

Volume 40, Issue 6 Pages: 545-650 July 2026

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

Special issue: The Bioethics of Space Exploration

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026]

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Parental decision-making regarding childhood vaccination in Chile: a qualitative study](#)

Alexis Cruz, Emilie Karafillakis, Alexis M. Kalergis

Research Open access 27 August 2026

[Post-introduction evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine deployment in Ghana: lessons learnt to inform future new vaccine introductions and strengthen public health readiness, 2023](#)

Kwame Amponsa-Achiano, Angela K. Shen, Patrick Kuma-Aboagye

Research Open access 21 August 2026

[Prevalence and factors associated with immunization non-completion among children aged 12–23 months at Kisoro General Hospital, Uganda: a cross-sectional study](#)

Grace Acomo, James Nelson Okema, John LR Elioba

Research Open access 12 August 2026

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

August 2026 - Volume 31 - 4

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

August 2026 - Volume 11 - 8

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/8>

Essay

[The arms industry as a commercial determinant of health in the Middle East: a call for research](#) (6 August, 2026)

Jihad Makhoul, Nason Maani, Dima El Hajj, Salsabil Abou Arabi, Razan Masry

Original Research

[Dynamics of global mpox epidemics, 1970–2025: a systematic review and meta-analysis of evolving transmissibility and intervention effects](#) (20 August, 2026)

Yin-Chien Lin, Tzai-Hung Wen, Wei-Liang Shih, Chia-Wei Liao, Sten H Vermund, Chi-Tai Fang

[Determinants of trust among ethnic minority community members towards community-based organisations and leaders during pandemics and other emergencies in Australia](#) (3 August, 2026)

Holly Seale, Pippa McDermid, Danielle H Heinrichs, Helen Bromhead, Katrina Blazek, Michael Camit, Nadia Chaves, Mitchell Smith, Cliff Goddard, Abdullah Masud, Lisa Woodland, Jim Macnamara, Mashreka Sarwar, Harris-Roxas Ben

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-05/>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 8, August 2026, 525-584

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

[A model for the epidemiological impact of tuberculosis policy options.](#)

Mandal S, Satyanarayana S, McQuaid F, Dodd PJ, Menzies NA, White RG, Arinaminpathy N, Houben RM, Dowdy DW, Smit M, Sahu S, Pretorius C.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Jun 1;104(8):540-550. doi: 10.2471/BLT.26.295896.

PMCID: PMC13404388

[A controversial change in the sustainable development goal indicator for access to medicines.](#)

Joosse IR, Doblaz Rodriguez de Guzman L, Mantel-Teeuwisse AK, van den Ham HA.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 May 11;104(8):579-581. doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.294862.

PMCID: PMC13404468

[Identification of unvaccinated children, Madagascar.](#)

Muller N, Mahafeno AF, Rasolofondraibe AC, Andriantiantsoa GT, Randrianirisoa AN, Ramarosaiky E, Rakotoarisoa FR, Valitera FN, Rampanjato Z, Andriamanjay MM, Rajemison EN, Ramanantsoa RS, Emmrich JV, Press LM, Ravelomahafaly CH, Mananatitra M.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 May 27;104(8):560-565. doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.295299.

PMCID: PMC13404387

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 5 September 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 177 July 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 120, Issue 2 Pages: 289-562 August 2026

<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

August 2026 Volume 48 Issue 8 p677-808

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

Special Issue on "Advancing Diversity, Racial Equity & Inclusion in Clinical Research - Part II"

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 4, August 2026

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 29 Aug 2026]

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 167 August 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/167/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 9 Issue 4, August 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tcja/9/4>

Editorial

[Safe Speeding on the Highway of Science](#)

Rodolphe Barrangou

... In the age of CRISPR, synthetic biology, and AI-enabled genome editing, the gap between creative explorers, inventors and scientists tinkering with the human genome and blazing new trails for genome editing on one side, and the public navigating the ethical challenges of rewriting our DNA on the other, can seem daunting. Confusion, uncertainty, and skepticism about how responsibly and safely these technologies are being deployed are understandable. Our imagination, history, and past technological and regulatory shortcomings warrant thoughtful consideration of how we should responsibly navigate the potentially treacherous highway of science. *The CRISPR Journal* has and continues to chronicle the many ethical considerations in play...

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 14, Issue 1 December 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/13-1>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 42, Issue 6, 2026

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

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

8 [Accessed 29 Aug 2026]

[No new digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 26, Issue 2 Pages: 81-130 June 2026

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

Special Issue: Military Global Health Engagements

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 36, 2026 Issue 4

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As robots increasingly become part of the urban landscape, local officials must ensure that they are integrated safely and efficiently. There are a lot of existing rules governing vehicles and devices in cities, but which ones should apply to robots and when should new rules be considered? The essays in the Summer 2026 Issues explore this and many other topics, including how community colleges are training the AI workforce, the future of the National Science Board, assessing the costs and benefits of clean air regulations, and how communities are learning to bargain with big tech companies over data centers.

Editor's Journal

Tapping the Revolutionary Potential of "Useful Knowledge"

Lisa Margonelli

The science practiced by the founders and other early Americans was sociable rather than professional, with "useful knowledge" seen as a path to building better people and citizens. Can this approach help today's scientific enterprise?

Interview

"I Am an Unabashed Optimist About the Long-Term Future of Science."

Neil Shubin, Molly Galvin

Neil Shubin, the new president of the National Academy of Sciences, talks about learning to see as a scientist, leading the Academy during a challenging time, and communicating science in a noisy information landscape.

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Derek C. Angus, MD, MPH; Matthew B. O'Connor, MSJ

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Government funding for biomedical research is the topic of this Healthy Dialogue conversation between JAMA Senior Editor Derek C. Angus, MD, MPH, and Jeremy Berg, PhD, former editor in chief of Science and former director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

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The Legal Landscape for Supported Decision-Making in the United States and its Application to Clinical Research

Nina A. Kohn, Megan S. Wright, Robert D. Dinerstein

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Supported decision-making is rapidly gaining attention as an alternative to guardianship and other forms of surrogate decision-making for people with cognitive disabilities. This article provides an overview of the legal status of supported decision-making in the United States, with particular attention to how states are recognizing supported decision-making in different legal contexts. It then explores how the law of supported decision-making applies to clinical research. It explains that although federal research regulations and guidance do not explicitly address formal supported decision-making, individuals may use supported decision-making to make decisions about participating in clinical research and researchers may be required to allow such use under federal laws that protect against disability discrimination. It then concludes by considering legal barriers to greater use of supported decision-making and how these barriers might be overcome.

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Biosecurity in a rapidly changing world

The Lancet

World Report

Jeremy Farrar to leave WHO

Faith McLellan

The unexpected departure of the Assistant Director-General of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Care has prompted concerns over leadership at WHO. Faith McLellan reports.

Jeremy Farrar, Assistant Director-General of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Care at WHO, will leave the agency on Sept 30, 2026. His departure was unexpected.

Farrar, who was previously the second Chief Scientist in the history of WHO, has not given a reason publicly for his departure. An email from WHO's Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, sent to all staff on Aug 18, 2026, called it a "well-deserved retirement". A WHO spokesperson said that "Dr Farrar is reaching the WHO retirement age and will be retiring end of September." However, WHO staff rules permit the Director-General to override the normal retirement age for Assistant Director-General (ADG) posts and Farrar was appointed until August, 2027, generating scepticism over the official explanation. Farrar is to be succeeded by Bruce Aylward, who has held several senior positions at WHO.

Tedros praised Farrar, saying that he had "helped strengthen WHO's role as a trusted source of science, evidence and innovation, advancing the Organization's capacity to bring the best available knowledge to Member States and partners. He has championed integrated approaches to health promotion, prevention and care, with a consistent focus on equity, preparedness and the people WHO serves. We are grateful that he chose to bring his experience, energy and conviction to WHO". Farrar has been tipped as a candidate for the next Director-General of WHO, but he has repeatedly said he has no intention of running...

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WHO's operational role in emergencies: mandate and evolution

Richard Brennan, Esperanza Martinez, Firass Abiad, Philippe Lazzarini, Richard Peeperkorn

In the context of worsening geopolitical turmoil, attacks on multilateralism, expanding emergency demands, declining financial resources for global health, and a reforming international system, it is timely for WHO to reassess its mandate, priorities, and comparative advantage in emergencies such as outbreaks, natural disasters, conflicts, and technological emergencies. The Accra Reset, UN80, Humanitarian Reset, the growth of regional public health institutions, and review of the global health architecture provide precisely these opportunities.

A renewed debate has emerged over whether WHO should narrow its focus to technical and normative functions and withdraw from its operational role in emergencies, particularly in humanitarian settings.^{1,2} These discussions are unfolding when global emergency demands have never been greater. People in need of humanitarian assistance quadrupled from 77·9 million people in 2015³ to 305·9 million in 2025.⁴ Crises are increasingly convergent: conflict, disease outbreaks, and the impacts of the climate crisis now routinely overlap,⁵ with about 70% of cases of epidemic-prone diseases occurring in conflict settings.⁶ Substantial cuts in official development assistance since 2024 are projected to result in up to 22·6 million additional deaths by 2030.⁷

The proposal that WHO should withdraw from humanitarian operations when public health stakes are so high, especially for the world's populations most affected by the impacts of climate, conflict, and disease outbreaks, therefore raises serious questions...

Suggestions that WHO should now step back from operations would create challenges at a time of great emergency needs when resources are declining across the international system, and partner capacities and mandates are insufficient to fill gaps that would follow a WHO withdrawal.^{33,34} WHO's role in emergency operations has arguably never been more important, given its extensive country presence, trust of governments, wide partner networks, and strong linkages between technical and operational functions...

We propose five priorities. First, WHO's core functions of coordination, surveillance, outbreak control, and health logistics must be maintained. Second, retaining sufficient operational capacity to act as the provider of last resort in the most severe emergencies is essential. Third, WHO should expand collaboration to build the operational readiness of member states and local partners. Fourth, WHO should convene member states, partners, and donors to identify the gaps likely to emerge as WHO adjusts to a constrained resource environment and explore options to address them. Finally, WHO must engage in sustained, evidence-based advocacy for collective action to ensure that priority health gaps

are consistently met in the most severe crises.

By pursuing these actions, WHO would adhere to its mandate, work to its comparative advantage, and help to ensure that the world's most vulnerable populations have access to life-saving and life-sustaining health services when they need them most.

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Editorial 25 Aug 2026

[How to manage AI risks while reaping the benefits](#)

As the world debates how to regulate artificial intelligence, Europe's lawmakers are doing a lot of the heavy lifting.

Review Article 26 Aug 2026

[Systems vaccinology and the architecture of human immunity](#)

Bali Pulendran

Abstract

Vaccination is one of the greatest triumphs in human history. Traditionally, vaccines were designed to stimulate antibody responses that block infection, but this overlooks the immune system's complex and multifaceted defence mechanisms. Here we review the current state of the field of systems vaccinology, which has transformed vaccine research by using vaccines as controlled probes of the human immune system and by applying multi-omics and computational approaches to reveal the nature of human immunity. These approaches have identified molecular signatures that predict the magnitude and durability of immune responses and revealed new human biology, including how host genetics, metabolism and the microbiome shape immunity, and demonstrated that host defence emerges from coordinated immune programs spanning baseline immune state, early response dynamics and tissue-level interactions. Rapid advances in artificial intelligence are beginning to accelerate the distillation of knowledge and understanding from vast multi-omics datasets. These developments position systems vaccinology as a powerful framework for rational vaccine design. However, despite its considerable impact on discovery and human immunology, considerable challenges remain in translating these insights into clinical and regulatory practice. Addressing this translational gap will be essential for realizing the full potential of systems vaccinology to deliver safer, more effective vaccines against existing and emerging infectious threats.

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<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/656/issues/8128>

Editorial 18 Aug 2026

[A revolutionary stem-cell therapy must proceed responsibly to achieve its full potential](#)

It is 20 years since induced pluripotent stem cells shook biomedicine. Public trust must be retained now that clinical trials are well under way.

Review Article 19 Aug 2026

[Safety and security of large language models in healthcare](#)

The Review examines rapid LLM adoption in clinical care, outlining emerging security and safety risks across development stages, key protective layers, clinically relevant threats and current mitigation responsibilities in a single integrated framework.

Jan Clusmann, Oscar Freyer, Jakob Nikolas Kather

Article Open Access 17 Jun 2026

[Analysis of 173,303 exomes and genomes in the Pakistan Genome Resource](#)

The Pakistan Genome Resource compiles biobank data from 173,303 individuals with high familial relatedness, broadening the catalogue of human genetic variation and establishing a population-specific genomic reference for Pakistan.

Christopher Koch, Shareef Khalid, Danish Saleheen

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Editorial 11 Aug 2026

[The forgotten 20 million: why is the world neglecting Afghanistan's girls and women?](#)

It is shameful that half the country's population continues to be overlooked by the international community.

Review Article 12 Aug 2026

[Shared principles of human and bacterial antiviral immunity](#)

The Review describes shared ancient, conserved mechanisms between human antiviral immunity and bacterial anti-phage systems, outlining universal principles of pathogen sensing, signalling and effector function that reveal common rules governing host–virus interactions across life.

Philip J. Kranzusch

Perspective 12 Aug 2026

[Agentic profiles for effective AI governance](#)

A framework comprising four dimensions—autonomy, efficacy, goal complexity and generality—is proposed for characterizing AI agents, supporting the construction of agentic profiles for the effective governance of different AI agents.

Atoosa Kasirzadeh, Iason Gabriel

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[Long-Acting Treatment and Advanced HIV Disease — Addressing a Public Health Priority](#)

J. Falconer , L.-G. Bekker , and J.N. Jarvis

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[**Group size effects and collective misalignment in LLM multi-agent systems**](#)

Multi-agent systems of large language models (LLMs) are rapidly expanding across domains, introducing dynamics not captured by single-agent evaluations. Yet, existing work has mostly contrasted the behavior of a single agent with that of a collective of ...
Ariel Flint, et al.

Research Article August 18, 2026

[Characterizing the impact of incorporating spatially aggregated human mobility data into infectious disease models](#)

Models of infectious disease dynamics should align the spatial scale of mobility data to the scale of travel relevant to inferring disease introduction events and subsequent local transmission. Despite this, the biases of spatially aggregating mobility ...

Ronan Corgel, et al.

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Editorial

[A democracy tax in support of science](#)

By John Palfrey 13 Aug 2026

...The scientific enterprise is essential to a functioning democracy in the 21st century. Research advances knowledge from the origins of the Universe to the depths of the sea. It finds cures for diseases, keeps the planet prosperous, and improves the world's infrastructure—but only if researchers are allowed to pursue the truth. Citizens cannot tell the truth if they do not know the truth. Those who believe in free, open, and responsive institutions must recognize how critically linked science is to democracy itself and defend its integrity with every tool at their disposal.

Perspectives

[A boost for chemical vaccination against malaria](#)

BY Miguel Prudêncio, Maria M. Mota

13 Aug 2026: 661-662

Chemical inhibition of Plasmodium plasmepsin proteins offers a new path for drug-based malaria vaccination

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Volume 32, Issue 4 August 2026

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Summer 2026 Volume 24, Number 3

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

Read about the importance of billionaire philanthropists building institutions for the long haul; how the private sector can integrate refugees into the economy; why design thinking must factor in unspoken social conventions; how Ashesi University is developing the future leaders of Africa; and other topics in the Summer 2026 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

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[**Where Do We Stand? For its 80th Anniversary, the UN Chronicle Takes a Historic Look Back**](#)

Meghan Lynn

6 August 2026

In 1946, as today, the Secretary-General acknowledged the vulnerabilities of the United Nations as well as what it takes for it to succeed.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 21, 2026 Issue 2

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World Heritage Review

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World Heritage

Across the world, heritage reminds us of how societies drew on their history to build the future. As both a legacy of the past and a resource for future generations, it embodies the resilience, creativity and spirit of transmission that enable communities to preserve their identity and adapt to the transformations of their time. This conviction, at the heart of UNESCO's mission, takes on particular resonance on the occasion of the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee, held this year in the Republic of Korea.

The Korean experience vividly illustrates how heritage can accompany the transformations of a society while preserving the foundations of its identity. Over the decades, the country has succeeded in protecting and promoting its cultural and natural heritage while embracing innovation and international cooperation. Today, the Republic of Korea actively contributes to capacity building, knowledge sharing and the implementation of conservation projects benefiting many States Parties to the World Heritage Convention...

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Report of the 2026 Workshop on Next-Generation Ecosystems for Scientific Computing: Harnessing Community, Software, and AI for Cross-Disciplinary Team Science

Lois Curfman McInnes, Dorian Arnold, Prasanna Balaprakash, Mike Bernhardt, Franck Cappello, Beth Cerny, Deborah DiazGranados, Anshu Dubey, Nichole Etienne, Roscoe Giles, Diego Gomez-Zara, Denise Ward Hood, Mary Ann Leung, Vanessa Lopez-Marrero, Olivia B. Newton, Irene Qualters, Keita Teranishi, Stefan M. Wild, Gabrielle Allen, Richard Arthur, Alexandra Ballow, Tony Baylis, David E. Bernholdt, Daniel Bielich, Johanna Cohoon, Jeremy Crampton, Charles Ferenbaugh, Stephen M. Fiore, Thomas Herault, Tanzima Islam, Stephen Jacobsohn, Meifeng Lin, Charles Lively, Satoshi Matsuoka, Stasa Milojevic, Daniel Nichols, Chris Oehmen, Santiago Ospina Tabares, Michael E. Papka, Katherine Riley, Damian Rouson, Sudip K. Seal, Brittany Segundo, John Shalf, Andrew Siegel, Valerie Taylor, Jim Willenbring, Lou Woodley

Comments: 27 pages, 2 figures

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The complex relationship between anti-immigrant sentiment and exposure in the Netherlands

Benedikt Meylahn, Tommaso Giommoni, Mike Lees, Alessandro Nai

Comments: 30 pages (incl. Appendix), 8 Figures (main text)

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Reclaiming Epistemic Agency: A Critical Framework for Human-Generative AI Co-Agency in Education

Biranchi Poudyal

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Agents of ViTAL: Ethics Missions -- A Narrative-Centered Learning Environment with a Co-Designed Conversational Agent for Middle School AI Ethics

Sarah Burriss, Jinzhi Zhou, Namrata Srivastava, Justin Phillips, Courtney Barron, Kara Cassell, Albert Na, Megan Humburg, Tom Hu, Benjamin Yang, Corey Brady, Ole Molvig

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Invisible Agents, Uninformed Patients: Towards Responsible Deployment Of Autonomous AI Diagnostic Agents In Sub-Saharan Africa

Percy Brown, Kweku Yamoah

Comments: 10 pages, 4 figures

arXiv:2608.20390 (cross-list from cs.CL) [pdf, html, other]

Ansari: A Retrieval-Grounded Islamic AI Assistant -- Architecture, Deployment, and Lessons from 140,000 Conversations

M Waleed Kadous, Amr Elsayed, Abdullah Al Nahas, Ashraf Haress

Comments: 10 pages, 1 figure, 3 tables. Live system: [this https URL](#) . Code: [this https URL](#)

General-purpose large language models (LLMs) are increasingly used to answer religious questions, but for Islamic content they carry two serious risks: factual fabrication (inventing Qur'anic verses or hadith) and subtle value misalignment. We present Ansari, a deployed, retrieval-grounded Islamic AI assistant that has handled more than 140,000 conversations across 25+ languages since June 2023.

Ansari is built around an agentic retrieval loop: a tool-using language model issues searches against authenticated Islamic corpora -- the Qur'an, hadith collections, a multi-volume jurisprudence (fiqh) encyclopedia, and exegetical (tafsir) sources -- and answers only on the basis of what it retrieves, with citations attached for verification. We describe the system's architecture (the agent loop, the retrieval tools, the corpora, and the system prompt that encodes editorial and theological policy), its multi-platform deployment (web, mobile, WhatsApp, and as a Model Context Protocol server and an Agent Skill), and what 140,000 real conversations reveal about how Muslims actually use such a tool. We report results on several complementary evaluations -- zero-shot performance on accredited institutional exams, a human-rated validation during Ramadan, and two independent, externally run benchmarks on which Ansari currently tops the public IslamicMMLU leaderboard ahead of frontier models and is competitive on Islamic legal reasoning (IslamicLegalBench) while strongly resisting false premises -- and draw out lessons that generalize beyond Islam to any faith- or values-sensitive deployment of LLMs: grounding is necessary but not sufficient, the system prompt is as theological as much as a technical artifact, and the absence of community in how models are formed remains a hard gap.

[arXiv:2608.26342 \[pdf, html, other\]](#)

[An Economic Analysis of DNA-based Data Storage Systems](#)

[Alex El-Shaikh](#), [Bernhard Seeger](#), [Thomas Heinis](#)

[arXiv:2608.20413 \[pdf, other\]](#)

[BioFirewall: A genome-writing-native governance layer for design-stage biosecurity screening of agentic AI](#)

[Anees Ahmed Mahaboob Ali](#), [Radhakrishnan Delhibabu](#), [Everette Jacob Remington Nelson](#)

Background. Artificial-intelligence design tools now plan genome-scale edits, and agentic systems execute those plans with progressively less human oversight. Biosecurity controls are limited to two points: refusal guardrails at the foundation model and sequence-identity screening at the synthesiser. The design stage between them, where the plan is specified, remains governed by recommendations rather than any deployed system.

Results. We present BioFirewall, a rule-governed middleware that intercepts a genome-writing plan and returns allow, flag-for-review, or refuse across five hazard axes native to genome writing: cargo, locus, edit type, germline and scale, with cited evidence, a signed design passport, a tamper-evident audit log, and tiered access. On a de-circularised benchmark of safe proxies scored against independent oracles, a function-aware cargo classifier reached a true-positive rate of 0.72 (95% CI 0.43 to 0.89) at a 1% false-positive rate, whereas frontier and open language-model judges did not screen the same sequences reliably. Under prompt injection, the open-weight judges flipped their blocking verdict to allow in 3 and 5 of 6 trials per channel, while the deterministic screen remained invariant. None of 288 legitimate plans from three templates was refused, yielding a certified 95% upper bound of 0.0103 on the false-refuse rate, and a session monitor intercepted cross-call decomposition attacks. On a held-out gene set, the locus axis was enriched for drivers of in vivo insertional oncogenesis (AUROC 0.605; odds ratio 3.34).

Conclusions. Design-stage governance is achievable in practice. BioFirewall is released as open source with a pre-registered, open-data-reproducible benchmark.

[arXiv:2608.21843 \[pdf, html, other\]](#)

[Debt relief and remittances can offset foreign aid cuts for most countries, but some remain locked out](#)

[Andrea Vismara](#), [Rafael Prieto-Curiel](#), [Rosie Hayward](#)

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[REVISED - Beyond Prison Walls: A Scoping Review of Incarceration's Public Health Impacts in Latin America](#)

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Daniela Larrain, Caroline M. Parker

Abstract

Background

Incarceration has vast and unequal impacts on public health beyond prison walls. Research from the United States documents these collateral consequences, including elevated mental illness and morbidity for the children and partners of incarcerated individuals, alongside community-level effects such as increased rates of teenage pregnancy and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. In Latin America, however, these broader health impacts remain critically understudied. A significant barrier is the absence of data collection efforts or theoretical frameworks for mapping how Latin America's prisons affect the health of families and surrounding communities.

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Public Consultation Opportunities

[WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched \[Ongoing\]](#)

...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...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

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