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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, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across

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these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.



Refugees / Asylum / Migration / IDPs

[New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants](#)

UN General Assembly A/71/L.1*

13 September 2016 :: 25 pages

PDF:

<http://www.un.org/pga/70/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2015/08/HLMon-addressing-large-movements-of-refugees-and-migrants-Draft-Declaration-5-August-2016.pdf>

[Press Release excerpt]

At the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September, the Member States adopted the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants. The New York Declaration expresses the political will of world leaders to save lives, protect rights and share responsibility on a global scale. Member States have made bold commitments both to address the issues we face now and to prepare the world for future challenges.

What are the commitments?

These include, to:

- :: Protect the human rights of all refugees and migrants, regardless of status. This includes the rights of women and girls and promoting their full, equal and meaningful participation in finding solutions.
- :: Ensure that all refugee and migrant children are receiving education within a few months of arrival.
- :: Prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence.
- :: Support those countries rescuing, receiving and hosting large numbers of refugees and migrants.
- :: Work towards ending the practice of detaining children for the purposes of determining their migration status.
- :: Strongly condemn xenophobia against refugees and migrants and support a global campaign to counter it.
- :: Strengthen the positive contributions made by migrants to economic and social development in their host countries.
- :: Improve the delivery of humanitarian and development assistance to those countries most affected, including through innovative multilateral financial solutions, with the goal of closing all funding gaps.
- :: Implement a comprehensive refugee response, based on a new framework that sets out the responsibility of Member States, civil society partners and the UN system, whenever there is a large movement of refugees or a protracted refugee situation.
- :: Find new homes for all refugees identified by UNHCR as needing resettlement; and expand the opportunities for refugees to relocate to other countries through, for example, labour mobility or education schemes.

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:: Strengthen the global governance of migration by bringing the International Organization for Migration into the UN system.

What will happen next?

The New York Declaration also contains concrete plans for how to build on these commitments:

:: Start negotiations leading to an international conference and the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018. The agreement to move toward this comprehensive framework is a momentous one. It means that migration, like other areas of international relations, will be guided by a set of common principles and approaches.

:: Develop guidelines on the treatment of migrants in vulnerable situations. These guidelines will be particularly important for the increasing number of unaccompanied children on the move.

: Achieve a more equitable sharing of the burden and responsibility for hosting and supporting the world's refugees by adopting a global compact on refugees in 2018.

Summit for Refugees and Migrants - 19 September 2016

The UN General Assembly hosted a high-level summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants, with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach.

It was the first time the General Assembly had called for a summit at the Heads of State and Government level on large movements of refugees and migrants and was a historic opportunity to come up with a blueprint for a better international response. The Summit was a watershed moment to strengthen governance of international migration and a unique opportunity for creating a more responsible, predictable system for responding to large movements of refugees

:: *Rewatch the Summit by visiting the [video section](#).*

:: *View the [statements](#) and take a look at the [photo gallery](#).*

Editor's Note:

Among the many statements by UN leaders addressing the Summit for Refugees and Migrants, the 4-minute statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights H.E. Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein [link to video below] is extraordinary in its concision and power. We have not identified a transcript of this statement as yet but anticipate presenting same in our next edition.

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein (High Commissioner for Human Rights), Opening of the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

[Video :: 04:12]

19 Sep 2016 - Statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights H.E. Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein at the High-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants

www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/ZeidMigrantsSummit.aspx

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OPEN LETTER BY THE EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR AND CO-SIGNATORIES "THE INVISIBLE MAJORITY: HELPING INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE"

22 September 2016

To: Member States:

In recent years, we have been haunted by images of refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants forced to embark on perilous journeys. Confronting this human suffering rightfully

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demands our attention. The adoption of the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants earlier this week is an important milestone in that endeavor. We would like to commend the leadership of all those who have helped achieve such great success; their continued engagement will remain essential to ensure that concrete actions in support of refugees and migrants follow the adoption of the declaration. We were heartened by the fact that people on the move featured prominently in other key discussions during the General Assembly, in particular at the High Level meetings on Syria, Yemen, Iraq and South Sudan.

Yet the vast majority of people who have currently been forced from their homes have not yet crossed international borders. They too have fled armed conflict, violence or disasters. However, because they've been displaced within their own countries, their stories have not been told. Instead, their plight is often forgotten.

Today, of the 65.3 million people forcibly displaced around the globe, 40.8 million or more than six out of ten are internally displaced persons (IDPs). They are the invisible majority of displaced persons.

We are all aware of the tragic death of three year-old Aylan Kurdi, the Syrian toddler whose body washed up on a beach in Turkey. The horrific photo shared around the world showed the ordeal faced by so many refugees. But when Aylan and his family first fled their home, they moved several times seeking safety within Syria. It was only the lack of support and dire conditions that finally forced the family to undertake their most dangerous journey and flee the country, with tragic consequences.

It would be a great failure of humanity to limit whom we help based on lines on a map. Our work is guided by humanity and humanity has no borders. We must do all we can to ensure that no group is neglected. We must leave no one behind. This was the world's pledge through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Agenda for Humanity. There can be no sustainable development if the more than 40 million internally displaced people are left behind.

When people flee their homes, they often hope to return within days or weeks. In reality, for most of them it takes years or even decades as conflict, destruction or occupation drags on, or due to fear of harassment or attack, lack of economic opportunity and other factors. Many soon slide into poverty, having sold jewelry or other assets and with few opportunities to support their families. They become particularly vulnerable to extortion, discrimination and abuse. Internal displacement often marks the beginning of a long struggle at the bottom or in the margins of society.

Tackling this reality requires stepping up efforts to meet the immediate protection and assistance needs of IDPs, but also addressing the long-term political and development challenges resulting from internal displacement. To give internally displaced people the chance to return to a dignified life, they must have full freedom of movement, access to basic services, labour markets, health, education, adequate housing, sustainable livelihoods and secure land tenure. We must drive towards real, measurable improvements in their lives in the form of specific outcomes in health, education, economic well-being and safety. This requires strong leadership from national Governments. International organisations and bi-lateral partners must support those efforts to reduce protracted displacement and not only "manage" caseloads.

Urgent action is needed to find a consistent and collective vision for addressing the long-term needs of internally displaced persons and supporting the communities that host them. This work

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must comply with international conventions and be underpinned by strong national policies and comprehensive and appropriate international assistance. The UN Secretary-General has called for renewed efforts to prevent internal displacement, address the root causes and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced people, with the aim of halving internal displacement globally by 2030. The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants also recognizes the plight of those displaced within national borders and notes the need for protection and assistance and prevention of displacement in the first place. To achieve this, the world must immediately do more to support IDPs and the communities that host them.

We urge governments, world leaders, thought leaders and the public to unite behind this cause. We should come together next year to propose better ways to prevent internal displacement and support the invisible majority of displaced people. Until then, we also call on leaders and members of the public to keep the spotlight of our compassion on the internally displaced, alongside refugees and migrants.

Stephen O'Brien
Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Helen Clark
Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

David Miliband
President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee

Jan Egeland
Secretary General of Norwegian Refugee Council

Chaloka Beyani
Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons:.....

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[Joint Statement on Women and Girls towards the Global Refugee and Migrant Summits, September 2016](#)

On September 19th and 20th, world leaders gather at the United Nations (UN) for two major summits on the global refugee and migration crisis – the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants co-chaired by the Governments of Jordan and Ireland and the Leaders' Summit on Refugees convened by President Obama.

This paper outlines recommendations from the under-signed agencies, which have wide-ranging experience in support to people experiencing forced displacement, as well as the specific challenges faced by displaced women and girls. Millions of refugees flee their homes every year in search of protection, as do many other migrants who have been forcibly displaced but do not fall into the legal category of refugees as defined by the 1951 Refugee Convention. Regardless of whether or not they meet the legal definition of refugee, many of these displaced individuals have been subjected to discrimination, persecution or violence. The obligation to protect persons fleeing conflict, natural disasters and other difficult circumstances in search of safety and dignity is paramount. All refugees and migrants, regardless of the reason for their displacement, should be treated with dignity and respect for their fundamental human rights.

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Women and girls who flee conflict, crisis and natural disasters, as well as women who migrate for other reasons, such as domestic violence or poverty, face specific threats - including human trafficking, exploitation and sexual violence and a denial of their basic human rights, including the right to seek asylum.ⁱ The risks they face can also be compounded by various factors, including age, disability, race and other issues which mean some women and girls face increased discrimination, violence and barriers to assistance and protection. Assessments conducted in 2015 and 2016 found that current policy and programming trends in response to migration often exacerbate the barriers to safety and legal protection for women and girls.ⁱⁱ Studies published in November 2015 found that refugee programmes in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Greece and the Balkans were failing in basic aspects of gender-based violence prevention and response.ⁱⁱⁱ A global study by the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises found that access to sexual and reproductive healthcare for displaced women is generally also below minimum standards or absent in many contexts.^{iv} Despite all these challenges, displaced women are organising themselves to support aid delivery and protection efforts, such as through establishing safe spaces for women and children. Yet their efforts currently receive little support or recognition from donors and policymakers.

At the Summits and beyond, states should commit to:

1. Ensure displaced women and girls meaningfully participate in all aspects of the Summits themselves and follow-up implementation, monitoring and accountability efforts. At the Summits, there should be a gender balance in participation from all sides. The international community should practice what it preaches by facilitating female representatives from diverse backgrounds to participate. We welcome the call for 'Comprehensive Refugee Response Plans' to be taken forward at national level with a 'whole of society approach' including participation by national governments, UNHCR, civil society and refugees. Deliberate steps should be taken to enable local women's organisations and networks from both the refugee and host communities to meaningfully participate in this process. Monitoring and accountability on the Summits' outcomes should take place at both global and national levels, with involvement by women's civil society groups, who can bring their expertise to identify gaps and ways forward.

2. Implement safe and legal migration routes, including through expanded family reunification options for refugees, rather than a policy of deterrence. Ensure access to effective asylum and legal protection mechanisms for all migrants. A misguided focus on deterrence ignores root causes of forced displacement, puts women and girls at greater risk of trafficking and gender-based violence, and diverts resources from efforts to appropriately strengthen protection systems at home and abroad. In particular, restrictive family reunion practices hugely and disproportionately impact on women and children and put them at risk – either by forcing them to remain in dangerous circumstances in country of origin / first country of asylum (after the male head of household has left in search of a more sustainable future) or by forcing them to embark on dangerous journeys to reunite with family members already living in safety. Even in states where asylum processes are in place, refugees may have great difficulty in accessing such processes and exercising their rights to asylum in a safe, timely and informed manner. There are many specific challenges to ensuring that refugee, returnee, displaced and stateless women access individual registration and documentation. These include the practice of registering only the 'head of the family,' usually the eldest male; difficulty in reaching female asylum seekers in urban areas; and gender discrimination leading to the exclusion of young girls from registration. Moreover, registration and screening processes often fail to adequately and appropriately identify women and girls who may have experienced, or are at risk of, gender-based violence, and to ensure they receive needed services and

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protection. States should prioritize the strengthening of legal frameworks and processes that are compliant with obligations under the Refugee Convention and Protocol, including through registration mechanisms that meet the specific needs of women and girls, and should ensure best practices in including the gender dimensions of persecution in refugee status determination. They should also support the Global Campaign Against Xenophobia called for in the Political Declaration. To make this a reality, states should support grassroots integration efforts; hold perpetrators of hate speech and crimes accountable; and ensure that political leaders foster positive narratives about refugees and migrants, and avoid language which stigmatizes them and fosters xenophobia.

3. End the arbitrary and prolonged detention of asylum seekers and migrants.

Increase support for alternatives to detention. Many governments are responding to arrivals of refugees and migrants with policies of deterrence, containment, detention and other measures that represent an erosion of the principle of asylum. These practices place women and girls – as well as unaccompanied children, persons with disabilities, persons discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation, the elderly and others – at risk of gender-based violence, trafficking, exploitation and abuse. Furthermore, research has demonstrated that there are more cost effective and humane alternatives to detention which deserve increased support. For these reasons, states should end the practice of detaining children regardless of their or their parents' migration status and should only detain asylum-seekers as a last resort and for the least amount of time possible. They should adopt and implement the OHCHR Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders based on the primacy of human rights and promoting non-custodial forms of alternatives to detention that empower individuals to participate in decision-making about their future.

4. Make an explicit, detailed commitment to protect all displaced women and girls from gender-based violence while in transit, in reception centres and upon reaching their destinations. The threat of gender-based violence is pervasive for women and girls during displacement and often especially high for unaccompanied minors, those with disabilities and sexual minorities. States should demand that implementation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines on Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence becomes standard operating procedure at every stage of the humanitarian response—as automatic as the provision of shelter or food. Internationally-recognized best practices for ensuring security and protection – such as adequate lighting, separate toilet and bathing facilities with locks, and separate accommodation for women or children traveling alone – should become the default. While GBV response services must be strengthened, this should be complemented by strong prevention programming, which engages men and boys where possible and seeks to address the root causes. All women and girls have the right to live free from the constant threat of violence and exploitation, and survivors of gender-based violence must have access to essential services. Zero tolerance for all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse should be maintained, including setting up confidential reporting mechanisms, and taking safe and ethical action as quickly as possible where incidents have been reported. Due process should include punitive action against perpetrators and protection – including in the form of legal status – for survivors.

5. Expand access for women to legal and safe livelihoods opportunities that leverage their capacity to sustain and protect themselves and their families. Displaced women often need support to access work permits and markets that can help them become self-reliant. Economic opportunities are frequently rare in displacement settings, and may be even more so for women due to real or perceived protection risks and other assumptions about their capabilities. For some women and girls, this may result in negative coping mechanisms such as

early marriage.v Vocational training has also often failed to provide displaced women with marketable skills by limiting their options to feminized occupations such as sewing, hairdressing and cooking. For women whose legal status depends on a partner or employer, this can result in exploitation and exacerbated protection risks. To counter these risks, expanding access to formal, dignified and decent work for displaced women should be an identified priority at this Summit. States should adopt right to work legislation, decent work legislation and support collaborative processes that allow refugees and host communities to safely meet their basic needs, build resilience and lay the foundation for longer-term development. Inclusive national development strategies can promote economic growth, social cohesion, and gender equality, and are in the interest of all concerned.

6. Ensure that all refugee and migrant girls have access to quality, safe and inclusive education at all levels. Access to education for refugee and migrant children is inadequate in most situations and in many cases girls are particularly disadvantaged and their right to quality education is violated. In camp settings in Eastern and the Horn of Africa, only 5 girls are enrolled for every 10 boys. Ensuring the right to quality education for refugee girls also protects them from physical abuse and contributes to psycho-social wellbeing. It can also be gender transformative and is key to improving girls' social and economic potential. Refugee girls that are out of schools are at greater risk of gender-based violence. States and other education providers should ensure a comprehensive approach to improving girls' access to quality, safe and inclusive education, with links to girls' future livelihoods.

7. Reform gender discriminatory nationality laws to ensure that women and men have equal rights to confer nationality on their children and spouses. Gender discrimination in nationality laws is a leading cause of statelessness and has been recognized by the Security Council as a factor that exacerbates the vulnerability of displaced women and children. Further, forced displacement and migration from countries with gender-discriminatory nationality laws threatens to create a new generation of stateless children. These discriminatory laws also contravene Articles 2 and 9 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other international human rights treaties, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child articles 2, 7 and 8.

8. Increase funding and policy support to ensure access to life-saving and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services. During migration and displacement, women and adolescent girls face high risks to their reproductive health, including the risks resulting from sexual exploitation, abuse and complications during pregnancy and childbirth. The Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health, comprised of priority life-saving reproductive health services, is the established global standard to address these issues in emergencies. Yet across displacement contexts, there are still significant gaps in MISP implementation. The price is paid in the lost lives and diminished health of women and girls. Linked to the wider process proposed to develop 'Comprehensive Refugee Response Plans', governments, donors and humanitarian agencies should work together to ensure the availability of such care through support for reproductive health service provision, necessary equipment and medication, and capacity-building of relevant personnel, including female staff. States should also take immediate steps to reform laws and practices that deny migrant women access to health services on the basis of their migration status.

9. Provide increased and dedicated funding to displaced women-led civil society organisations, and support policy reforms to enable displaced women to organize themselves and register civil society organisations. Commitments made at the World

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Humanitarian Summit (WHS) to launch a 'Grand Bargain' which strengthens the localisation of humanitarian action, and the WHS Gender Core Commitment on empowering local women's organisations should be taken forward in contexts affected by displacement. Towards this end, Humanitarian Coordinators, donors and other stakeholders should convene discussions on country-specific priorities in support to women-led groups and factor these into the 'Comprehensive Refugee Response Plans' and other relevant strategic processes, such as UN Humanitarian Response Plans and National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security. These key parties should support relevant ministries in reviewing regulatory frameworks and practices for consulting civil society. They should ensure an enabling environment for refugees, including refugee women and girls, to establish, register and operate civil society organisations to better support self-reliance, integration and engagement in decision-making on the crisis response.

10. Promote robust and coherent accountability across donor funding for addressing women's participation, gender-based violence, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights, and gender sensitivity. The World Humanitarian Summit launched 'Core Commitments' on Gender which donors could adapt as benchmarks in their funding to agencies implementing refugee and migrant programmes.^{vi} The various standards and tools to promote accountability for gender-sensitive humanitarian programmes such as the IASC Gender and Age Marker, the IASC guidelines on Gender Based Violence and the Minimum Initial Service Package on Reproductive Health in Crises should be brought together into a coherent approach. Common across efforts on women's participation, gender based violence and sexual and reproductive health, donors should require agencies they fund to demonstrate the inclusion of women-led civil society organisations from both host and displaced communities in the design, implementation and monitoring of programmes.

1. Action Aid International
2. AFFORD
3. ABAAD, Lebanon
4. ACCEM
5. ADRA International
6. African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)
7. Alianza por la Solidaridad
8. CARE International
9. Christian Aid
10. Entreculturas
11. Equilibres & Populations
12. Federación Aragonesa de Solidaridad
13. Federación de Derechos Humanos
14. Free Yezidi Foundation
15. Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations (FORIM)
16. Fundación 1º de Mayo de CC.OO.
17. Handicap International
18. Heartland Alliance
19. HIAS
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21. Inspiration
22. International Medical Corps
23. International Rescue Committee
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28. ONG Rescate Internacional
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30. PAI
31. Plan International
32. Refugee Action
33. Solidarity Now
34. Somali Women's Studies Centre
35. Syrian American Medical Society
36. Support for Women in Governance Organization (SWIGO)
37. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
38. Warwin Foundation for Women's Issues
39. Women's International League For Peace and Freedom
40. Women Now For Development
41. Womankind Worldwide
42. Women for Women International UK
43. Women's Refugee Commission
44. Women Refugee Route
45. World Jewish Relief

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iv http://iawg.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/3.-IAWG-GE-Summary_English.pdf

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[Soros to invest \\$500 million to help refugees and migrants](#)

Associated Press

September 20, 2016

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Billionaire George Soros is pledging to invest up to \$500 million in startups, established companies, "social impact initiatives," and businesses started by refugees and migrants.

Soros, who chairs the Open Society Institute, made the announcement Tuesday, following the first-ever U.N. summit on migrants and refugees and ahead of a meeting chaired by President Barack Obama to spur pledges to help the world's 65.3 million displaced people.

"Our goal is to harness the private sector for public good," Soros said. "These investments are intended to be successful. But our primary focus is to create products and services that truly benefit migrants and host communities."

He expressed hope his commitment "will inspire other investors to pursue the same mission." U.N. refugee chief Filippo Grandi said the investments "will help refugees become self-reliant."



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[IFAD announces \\$100 million initiative to assist refugees, displaced people and their host communities in rural areas](#)

New York, 19 September 2016 – The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) today announces the establishment of a new financing facility to assist refugees, displaced people and their host communities to address the increased pressure put on rural areas by the influx of millions of people.

The facility will be launched today as a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Commitment to Action at the CGI 2016 Annual Meeting, which coincides with the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants. Through CGI's unique model, IFAD will connect and collaborate with global partners ready to take action.

The Facility for Refugees, Migrants, Forced Displacement and Rural Stability (FARMS) has been created in response to the rural dimension of the current crisis resulting from the large movements of refugees and displaced people to rural areas of developing countries.

"While immediate, often life-saving, humanitarian support is urgently needed in developing countries receiving refugees, the long-term solution is to promote actions that balance the needs of displaced people with those of the host communities, which is why we think FARMS is so important," said IFAD Vice-President Michel Mordasini ahead of today's launch.

The initial goal for FARMS is to mobilize US\$100 million. IFAD has already received requests for support from Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan and Tunisia for up to \$15 million. IFAD is matching these requests with potential donors...

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[Alliance 8.7: For a world without forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour](#)

In SDG Target 8.7 leaders committed to: "take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms"

19 September 2016

The Global Alliance to Eradicate Forced Labour, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour will be launched at the Ford Foundation in New York on 21 September 2016

NEW YORK (ILO News) – Building on the new momentum created by the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Alliance 8.7 will bring together all interested parties to join forces in achieving Target 8.7 aiming at a world without forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour.

The new initiative will also help advance other sustainable development goals addressing poverty, education, gender equality, decent work, inequalities, and peace and justice.

With the official launch of this global multi-stakeholder initiative, a series of actions will be taken to enhance coordination on these issues.

The Alliance will focus on four main areas:

:: to accelerate timelines

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- :: better coordinate research and knowledge sharing
- :: drive innovation
- :: increase and leverage resources

To highlight the urgency for action, this high-level event will bring together committed governments, trade union leaders, businesses executives, civil society and faith-based organizations, academia and others stakeholders for an interactive dialogue to explore the root causes of and ways to combat forced labour, modern-slavery, human trafficking and child labour.

Alliance 8.7 website: <http://www.alliance87.org/>

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(Part 1) Bearing Witness: Combating Human Trafficking and Forced Migration

23 Sep 2016 [Video: 2:39:29]

High-level event on “Bearing Witness: Combating Human Trafficking and Forced Migration”, co-organized by the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, the World Council of Churches and the KAICIID Dialogue Centre, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Italy and Spain, the Institute for Strategic Studies and Democracy of Malta and the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development

(Part 2) Bearing Witness: Combating Human Trafficking and Forced Migration

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New group to “expand access to health and human rights” for women, children and adolescents

NEW YORK | 22 SEPTEMBER 2016 – Helping to expand access to health and human rights for women, children and adolescents everywhere is the goal of the new **High Level Working Group for the Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents**.

The High Level Working Group responds to the global demand of the Sustainable Development Goals that no one be left behind, said UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Kate Gilmore.

“Wherever they may be – no matter how tough their circumstances, how disputed their needs, how contested their identities, every woman, child and adolescent has the right to seek and receive quality, essential health care”.

Co-hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the High Level Working Group will be supported by a technical advisory group and a joint secretariat.

The High Level Working Group is co-chaired by former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen and leading human rights expert, Hina Jilani from Pakistan, a member of The Elders, an organization of former statespersons founded by Nelson Mandela dedicated to promote peace and development. Renowned humanitarian, Dr Denis Mukwege of the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be lead rapporteur for the Group.

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"This working group is truly novel, and it is an honour to co-lead it," said Halonen. "Mere lip service to human rights is not acceptable. We need clearer thinking about what it takes to make human rights a reality for those who are overlooked or marginalized – to ensure that they can lead dignified, healthy and productive lives."

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IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde Announces Specific Actions on Women's Economic Empowerment

September 22, 2016

:: IMF commits to continue working on ensuring greater role for women in the economy

:: IMF pledges to further strengthen policy advice and analysis to support female labor participation

:: Women's economic inclusion boosts growth, reduces inequality and supports diversification.

Ms. Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, issued the following statement today at the conclusion of her participation in a United Nations High-Level Panel on "Women Economic Empowerment" on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly:

"It is a great pleasure to participate in the official launch of the commitments and work of the UN High-Level Panel on Women Economic Empowerment. I am heartened that the world is working together to promote greater female participation in the workforce. The IMF will continue to work with its member countries to ensure that women play a larger role in the economy in order to boost growth, reduce income inequality, and support economic diversification.

"During the discussion, I had the privilege of announcing five specific actions by the IMF toward closing the gender gap.

These are our five commitments, and we promise to deliver:

.1 We pledge to further strengthen our policy advice and analysis to support female labor force participation.

.2 We promise to continue our work to address gender data gaps, with the aim of supporting the financial inclusion of women.

.3 We commit to push forward our work on gender budgeting, including through policy advice to member countries.

.4 We will build on recent research with the objective of helping to break down the discriminatory effects of legal restrictions.

.5 We commit to undertake further research on the links between gender inequality and growth, and the impact of policies on gender inequality."

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ITU and UN Women announce 'EQUALS': The Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age

Partnership aims to create an unstoppable global movement where women and girls are equal participants in the technology revolution

Geneva, 20 September 2016

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ITU and UN Women joined together today to launch EQUALS: The Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age, a coalition of programmes dedicated to women and girls in technology with a vision of harnessing the power of modern information and communication technologies (ICTs) to accelerate global progress to bridge the gender digital divide.

"It's time to make the world more equal," said Houlin Zhao, ITU Secretary-General. "ICTs are an essential pathway towards gender equality and gender empowerment. So today, it is my honour to announce – along with UN Women – the launch of EQUALS, the Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age, a programme where we will collaborate with partners to generate an unstoppable global movement where women and girls are equal participants in the digital technology revolution. Big challenges like these require better data, just as global problems require global action."

As the UN specialized agency for ICTs, ITU estimates that there are some 250 million fewer women online than men. ITU's ICT Fact and Figures 2016 suggest that the global Internet user gender gap grew from 11% in 2013 to 12% in 2016. At 31%, the gap remains largest in the world's Least Developed Countries. UN Women is already the de facto agency on global equality for women. And ITU is the world leader in ICT data, collection and knowledge sharing.

Together, both agencies are challenging their extensive network of private companies, civil society, governments and the UN family to step up and enable women and girls around the world to contribute to a digital renaissance.

"The information society is incomplete without the inclusion, contribution and leadership of women and girls," said Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director UN Women. "They must have access to ICTs, and we must foster their capabilities to use the technology. This is central to the realization of women's rights at all levels and can be a real driver of accelerated progress towards the achievement of Agenda 2030."

ICTs are recognized worldwide as a catalyst to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals and specifically SDG5 to achieve gender equality. Increasing women's and girl's access, skills and leadership opportunities in ICTs has enormous potential to improve their health and empower them through access to information, education and commercial opportunities, strengthening families, communities, national economies – and ultimately global society as a whole.

ITU and UN Women have teamed up with serial entrepreneur and Honest Dollar founder whurley (aka William Hurley) who will drive an intensive global engagement and outreach effort. "I've been an advocate of the widespread access to information and technologies my entire career" said whurley. "These technologies have the power to change lives, reinvent industries, and create entire new economies. Women and girls play a vital role and are fundamental to an ecosystem of innovation. Gender equality must be the focus of the technology industry if we are to continue to innovate in the future."

EQUALS will focus on addressing Sustainable Development Goal 5b: Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology (ICTs), to promote the empowerment of women.

The Global Partnership will focus on three areas of action:
:: ACCESS – *Achieve equal access to digital technologies*

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:: SKILLS – Empower women and girls with skills to become ICT creators
:: LEADERS – Promote women as ICT leaders and entrepreneurs...



World Bank, ILO Announce New Push for Universal Social Protection

PRESS RELEASE September 21, 2016

New partnership will expand social protection measures worldwide as part of efforts to combat poverty and rising income inequality. New data show that many developing countries are already achieving universal schemes.

NEW YORK, September 21, 2016—World leaders and heads of the World Bank Group and the International Labour Organization (ILO) are joining forces to achieve social protection for all. The new Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection announced during the UN General Assembly week aims help countries to reach all poor and vulnerable groups with a variety of measures to ensure that nobody lacks access to key forms of support when needed.

Speaking at the meeting, World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim said, “Social protection is a means to reduce poverty, achieve greater gender equity, reduce economic inequalities, and to promote good jobs. While many developing countries are already achieving universal schemes designed to ensure that nobody is left behind, only one in five poor people in the lowest-income countries is covered by any form of social protection today. It is profoundly significant that we have come together collectively to help countries close these coverage gaps.”

Universal social protection coverage is well aligned with the World Bank Group’s twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity in the world by 2030, and is also at the core of the ILO’s mandate, guided by its standards including the Social Protection Floors Recommendation, No. 202, adopted by 185 states in 2012.

The new partnership, supported by these organizations, brings together dedicated development partners such as the African Union, FAO, the European Commission, Helpage, OECD, Save the Children, UNDP-IPC, UNICEF, along with Belgian, French and German technical cooperation.

Data released by members of the partnership on Wednesday showed that more than 30 low- and middle-income countries have achieved universal or near universal social protection schemes. Over 100 others are scaling-up social protection and fast-tracking expansion of benefits to new population groups. Universal social protection is most commonly achieved for old-age pensions. These examples demonstrate that universal social protection is feasible for other countries, especially low- and middle-income ones...



Health

Facebook’s founder Mark Zuckerberg and wife Priscilla Chan pledge \$3bn (£2.3bn) to fund Chan Zuckerberg Initiative for medical research over the next decade.

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...Medicine has only been a modern science for about a century, and we've made incredible progress so far. Life expectancy has increased by 1/4 of a year per year since then, and if we only continue this trend, the average will reach 100 around the end of this century.

Today, just four kinds of diseases cause the majority of deaths. We can make progress on all of them with the right technology.

Throughout history, most scientific breakthroughs have been preceded by the invention of new tools to help us see problems in new ways -- like the telescope, the microscope and DNA sequencing.

It's not hard to imagine the modern tools required to accelerate breakthroughs in today's four major disease area. So we're going to focus on bringing scientists and engineers together to build these new tools and technologies.

Today, we announced a few steps in this direction:

:: Dr. Cori Bargmann, a world-renowned expert in neuroscience and genetics, is joining the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to lead this initiative. We are thrilled to welcome her.

:: We are committing to invest \$3 billion over the next decade in this initiative to help scientists cure diseases.

:: Our first project is creating the Biohub. We're investing \$600 million in a new research hub to bring scientists and engineers together from Stanford, UCSF, Berkeley, and the world-class engineering team we're building at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, in order to build some of the new tools I mentioned above.

The science initiative is a long term effort. We plan to invest billions of dollars over decades. But it will take years for these tools to be developed and longer to put them into full use. This is hard and we need to be patient, but it's important.

This is about the future we want for our daughter and children everywhere. If there's a chance that we can help cure all diseases in our children's lifetimes, then we will do our part. Together, we have a real shot at leaving the world a better place for our children than we found it.

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GSK sets out further steps to address emerging global health security challenges

19 September 2016

:: Offering to extend its lowest prices for vaccines to refugees

:: Supporting a new roadmap for tackling antibiotic resistance

:: Reaffirming commitment to biopreparedness facility to research vaccines against future public health threats

[Press release excerpts; Editor's text bolding]

As the United Nations General Assembly takes place in New York this week, GSK will set out a series of steps to further address emerging global health challenges, including supporting immunisation for refugees; tackling the continued rise of antimicrobial resistance; and preparing for future public health threats or pandemics. These pledges build on GSK's long-standing and comprehensive commitments to delivering innovative medicines and vaccines and widening access to them; and will support the ambitious Global Goals to improve health, prosperity and sustainable development by 2030.

Extending lowest prices for vaccines to refugees

The current refugee crisis affecting areas such as Syria and South Sudan can leave displaced people unable to access healthcare, and potentially vulnerable to vaccine-preventable disease.

In response, **GSK is making a new commitment to supply its essential vaccines to internationally recognised civil society organisations (CSOs) – such as Médecins**

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Sans Frontières – at its lowest prices for use in acute humanitarian situations in circumstances where governments are unable to respond. This will initially apply to GSK’s pneumococcal vaccine to help protect children against diseases such as pneumonia. Working with partners such as Gavi, GSK is proposing to provide Synflorix at the deeply discounted price of \$3.05 per dose to charities who fund and deliver immunisation programmes to refugees and displaced people. GSK will explore expanding this offer to other essential vaccines in the future.

For many years GSK has been working with partners to increase access to its vaccines so as many people round the world as possible can benefit from immunisation. This includes supply arrangements with certain charities and product donations in emergencies. **This new pledge is designed to help maintain stable vaccination programmes in acute humanitarian situations where governments are unable to do so, by developing a reliable and predictable supply to CSOs who have stepped in. At the same time, GSK will continue to work with partners to strengthen the long-term capacity of local health systems to support refugees and host communities.**

...Sir Andrew Witty, GSK CEO, said, “I am pleased that we can today offer our pneumococcal vaccine at the lowest price to civil society organisations providing essential immunisation programmes to refugees. While government-led programmes offer the best chance of providing sustainable immunisation, we know that this is not always possible – particularly in a time of crisis. Through this new pledge, we hope to provide consistency and stability for those delivering healthcare to some of our most vulnerable communities.”...

...Preparing for future pandemics

As a global leader in vaccines, GSK will this week add its voice to calls for improved global preparedness to respond to global health emergencies. At the Social Good Summit, hosted by the UN Foundation and Mashable in New York on 19 September, Moncef Slaoui, Chairman of Vaccines, GSK, will reiterate the company’s support for a more concerted and co-ordinated programme to enhance preparedness against potential future outbreaks.

In the wake of recent global health threats such as Ebola and Zika, there is growing consensus across governments and multinational organisations of the need to better anticipate and prepare for global health threats to avoid devastating consequences for health, economies and global security. **GSK is proposing to create a Biopreparedness Organisation (BPO) – a dedicated, permanent organisation operating on a no-profit, no-loss basis and focused on designing and developing new vaccines against potential public health threats.** The pathogens to be targeted would be selected and prioritised with guidance from independent public health experts.

The BPO would be based at GSK’s facility in Rockville in the US. Such a facility requires a collective approach with backing from governments and other organisations. GSK is actively engaging with governments, funders and non-governmental organisations to secure funding to enable the BPO to advance without delay.

Notes to editors

Providing pneumococcal immunisation for refugees & displaced peoples

:: The number of refugees and displaced people worldwide has hit a record high. Governments have a responsibility to care for these populations; however, sometimes their ability to do so is compromised.

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:: Where acute humanitarian crises impact a government's ability to provide a sustainable and stable immunisation programme, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) are sometimes required to provide support or step in.

:: GSK has been working to develop a coherent and sustainable way to help CSOs that are funding and implementing immunisation programmes for refugees and internally displaced populations (IDPs) where the government is unable to do so.

:: GSK is offering its pneumococcal vaccine at the lowest price of \$3.05 to CSO immunisation programmes for refugees and IDPs. The hope is to expand this commitment to other essential vaccines in the future.

:: With this offer, internationally recognised CSOs who fund and deliver immunisation programmes for refugees and internally displaced populations will be able to purchase the pneumococcal vaccine at \$3.05.

:: This offer is made on the basis that others would not seek to reference this special price that is intended to support refugee populations.

:: GSK will work with its partners to develop a pragmatic process to ensure timely, reliable and predictable supply of pneumococcal vaccines – this will likely involve different organisations helping to manage requests for supplies from CSO...



Environment

[Philanthropic Community Answers Call from Developing Nations to Create Fund to Help Expand Energy Efficiency Programs](#)

Philanthropic group launches \$53 million fund dedicated to expanding energy efficiency in developing countries two weeks before Montreal Protocol negotiations, the biggest opportunity to act on climate since historic Paris accord

Sep 22, 2016

New York, NY --- A group of philanthropic donors today announced a new fund to help expand energy efficiency efforts in developing countries. The new fund will help support government-funded work expected as the result of a Montreal Protocol amendment to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), potentially doubling climate benefits compared to only reducing HFCs. Studies show phasing down HFCs, used for cooling and refrigeration, could prevent up to 0.5°C of global warming by the end of the century. Combined with energy efficiency gains and related carbon pollution savings, the overall effort can avoid 1°C of global warming.

The announcement comes two weeks before the final Montreal Protocol negotiations this year, in Kigali, Rwanda, where countries are expected to vote on an amendment to reduce the use of HFCs. Last year, countries agreed to reach an agreement on HFC phasedown in 2016. If successful, it would be the most important step toward preventing extreme climate change since the historic Paris accord in December.

"This effort to reduce potent greenhouse gases known as hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) while cutting energy waste and costs is a great example of the critical role innovation can play in addressing climate change while prioritizing international development," said Bill Gates. "Similar to the partnership between Mission Innovation and the Breakthrough Energy Coalition, this initiative is a great opportunity for the public and private sectors to work together to solve a critical problem."

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The new philanthropic fund announced today is made up of a coalition of 19 foundations and donors that have pledged \$53 million. This money is specifically to bolster energy efficiency efforts in developing nations, which will enable them to move more quickly to potentially double their climate benefits while phasing out HFCs. Increasing energy efficiency specifically in the cooling sector is crucial to development. Cooling, the primary user of HFCs, drives as much as 40-60 percent of peak summer energy load and will only grow.

“Expanding energy efficiency programs will provide India significant energy and financial savings for consumers, industry and government,” said India-based businessman and philanthropist Jamshyd Godrej, chairman & managing director, Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd. “It’s a smart pathway that provides real business opportunities to reduce air pollution and fight climate change. It’s a winner for everyone.”

The philanthropic fund and funding commitments from supporting governments will help nations transition to more efficient cooling equipment and phase down the production and use of HFCs and replace them with newer, climate-safe coolants.

“These philanthropic resources can help ambitious developing countries phase out super potent greenhouse pollutants faster and cheaper through energy efficiency,” said Larry Kramer, president of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. “Doing so is a monumental win for our global climate that can help the entire world avert some of climate change’s worst impacts.”

“Speed is imperative for climate security and the Montreal Protocol is our best accelerator – by using energy efficient appliances without HFCs, consumers and businesses will save money and avoid the need for thousands of new coal-fired power plants,” said Kate Hampton, chief executive officer at the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation.

Coming less than 10 months after the historic Paris climate accord, the Montreal Protocol negotiations represent the most significant opportunity to reduce harmful pollutants and slow climate change. HFCs are up to 10,000 times more potent than carbon dioxide and are the fastest growing greenhouse gas in the world.

Foundations and donors contributing to the fund:

Barr Foundation

Bill Gates

Children’s Investment Fund Foundation

ClimateWorks Foundation

David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Heising-Simons Foundation

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Josh and Anita Bekenstein

John and Ann Doerr

Laura and John Arnold

Oak Foundation

Open Philanthropy Project

Pirojsha Godrej Foundation

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Sea Change Foundation

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[Defeating Terrorism, Human Trafficking Crucial for Addressing Huge Migratory Flows into Europe, Speakers from Continent Stress as General Debate Continues](#)

With 65 million people displaced and on the move, several European countries discussed myriad ways to deal with the unprecedented phenomenon by defeating terrorism, bringing human traffickers to justice, while others called on Member States to make the better choice between engagement and isolation as the General Assembly continued its annual debate today.

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SG/SM/18142

[Secretary-General, Addressing Caribbean Community Leaders, Pledges Support to Victims of Cholera in Haiti, Zika Virus throughout Region](#)

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[Adopting Resolution 2310 \(2016\), Security Council Calls for Early Entry into Force of Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, Ratification by Eight Annex 2 Hold-Out States](#)

Marking the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, the Security Council today called for the instrument's early entry into force and for all States to refrain from and maintain their moratoriums on nuclear-weapon tests or any other nuclear explosions.

22 September 2016

GA/11826

[President Abbas Calls for Strengthening Palestinian Leadership on World Stage, as General Assembly Moves into Third Day of Annual Debate](#)

The General Assembly moved into day three of its general debate today with a push to elevate the Palestinian legal and political leadership in the world body so as to allow for their chairing of committees and international groups, the ability to sponsor resolutions, and to proclaim 2017 as the International Year to end the Israeli Occupation.

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[Adopting Resolution 2309 \(2016\), Security Council Calls for Closer Collaboration to Ensure Safety of Global Air Services, Prevent Terrorist Attacks](#)

During a ministerial meeting on countering the ongoing danger posed by terrorism to civil aviation, the Security Council this morning called on all States to work with each other and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to continuously adapt measures to meet that “ever-evolving global threat”.

21 September 2016
GA/11825

[World Health Leaders Agree on Action to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance, Warning of Nearly 10 Million Deaths Annually If Left Unchecked](#)

World leaders gathered at a high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance today committed to concerted action to address the phenomenon, which many warned could lead to significant development backslides and up to 10 million deaths annually by 2050 if left unchecked.

19 September 2016
GA/11820

[General Assembly Adopts Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, as United Nations, International Organization for Migration Sign Key Agreement](#)

The General Assembly adopted the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants today, thereby mapping a route towards a collective, rights-based response to record displacement numbers around the world.

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SG/SM/18127

[Combatants that Attack Cultural Treasures Aim to Tear at ‘Fabric of Societies’, Says Secretary-General, Calling for Intensified Global Response](#)

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SG/SM/18126-DEV/3243-SOC/4840

[With Nearly 800 Million People Still Underfed Worldwide, Secretary-General Urges United Nations Agencies, Governments to Advance ‘Zero Hunger’ Initiative](#)

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[Violence, Conflict Cost World \\$13.6 Billion Annually, Secretary-General Says, Urging Member States to Shore Up Financially Strapped Peacebuilding Fund](#)

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PBC/118

[Twenty-Six Member States Pledge \\$151 Million to United Nations Peacebuilding Fund](#)

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[Security Council Press Statement on Situation in Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

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[With 60 Countries Joining, Climate Accord’s Ratification ‘Inevitable’, Leading to Safer, More Resilient Planet, Secretary-General Says at New York Event](#)

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[Secretary-General Appoints 29 Global Leaders to Spearhead Fight against Malnutrition](#)

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[Polio Eradicated from All but Three Countries, Saving More than \\$50 Billion by 2035, Secretary-General Says at Event Charting Global Progress](#)

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[Secretary-General, at Leaders' Summit on Refugees, Urges More Nations to Create Resettlement Programmes, Increase Humanitarian Funding](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 24 September 2016]

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[The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Zeid calls for alternatives to detention and expulsion of migrants](#)

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[UN human rights expert calls on Azerbaijan to rethink punitive approach to civil society](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 24 September 2016]

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Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

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Website not responding at inquiry

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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 24 September 2016]

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

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[Sudan: UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes the Release of 21 Children](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 24 September 2016]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/media/press-releases/>

Website under maintenance at inquiry

UN OCHA [to 24 September 2016]

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[Nigeria: Humanitarian Partners Pledge Major increase in life-saving Support for Millions of People in the Lake Chad Basin](#)

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[Chad: Impacting lives in the Lac region in Chad](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Nigeria Today, on 23 September, the United Nations Secretary-General, the Presidents of Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria, and other world leaders and international partners are attending a high-level event on the humanitarian crisis in the Lake Chad Basin, in the margins of the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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[South Sudan: Under-Secretary-General Stephen O'Brien: Remarks at High Level event on South Sudan on the margins of the 71st Session of the General Assembly](#)

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[South Sudan: South Sudan: Number of refugees reaches the one million mark; half of the population is in need of lifesaving assistance and protection](#)

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[Yemen: High Level Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in Yemen, 21 September 2016](#)

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[World: UN Secretary-General: It is all our Responsibility to Ensure that the World Humanitarian Summit Leads to Change](#)

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[Zimbabwe: Regional meeting of RCs/UNCT members on El Niño-induced drought in southern Africa: summary of conclusions and recommendations](#)

UNICEF [to 17 September 2016]

http://www.unicef.org/media/media_89711.html

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[Statement attributable to Hanaa Singer, UNICEF Representative in Syria, on attacks and deliberate water cuts in Aleppo](#)

DAMASCUS, 23 September 2016 – “Nearly 2 million people in Aleppo are once again with no running water through the public network.

[The United Nations welcomes the release of 21 child soldiers by the Government of Sudan](#)

KHARTOUM, 22 September 2016 - The United Nations welcomes the release yesterday by the Government of Sudan of twenty one children allegedly associated with armed groups. These children, who have been in the custody of the government security forces, were captured during fighting between the Government of Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement in Darfur, in 2015.

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake on attack on humanitarian convoy in Aleppo, Syria](#)

NEW YORK, 20 September 2016 – “All those with a conscience must condemn the attack on a humanitarian convoy in Aleppo that killed and injured humanitarian workers.

[UNICEF statement on the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants](#)

NEW YORK, 19 September 2016 – “The New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants represents a first step in addressing the unprecedented level of human mobility the world is facing.

[EU-UNICEF partnership helps address learning and protection needs of children and youth affected by the Syria crisis](#)

AMMAN, Jordan/BRUSSELS/NEW YORK, 19 September 2016 – As a new school year gets under way across the Middle East, a major injection of funds from the European Union is boosting efforts to provide learning opportunities and protection to hundreds of thousands of children and youth who have fled the Syria conflict.

[UNICEF calls for an increase in education spending as new report reveals global crisis in learning](#)

NEW YORK, 18 September 2016 – More than two-thirds of schoolchildren in low-income countries will not learn basic primary level skills in 2030 despite an ambitious goal to get every child in school and learning, according to a report launched today by the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 24 September 2016]

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[International Solidarity in Action at Leaders' Summit on Refugees](#)

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UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has welcomed the significant new support committed today by governments to improve protection and solutions for refugees at today's Leaders' Summit on Refugees, convened by US President Barack Obama in New York.

The 50 states and organizations participating in the summit have increased their contributions to humanitarian appeals in 2016 by \$4.5 billion, including \$1 billion from the US, according to President Obama's opening address. He also said the major commitments of Turkey, Thailand, Chad and Jordan will collectively help more than a million children who are refugees get an education and one million refugees to get training, new skills or find a job. In addition, the President noted the countries taking part in the summit were roughly doubling the number of refugees they collectively admit to more than 360,000.

"UNHCR is hugely encouraged to see the strong political commitments in the New York Declaration made immediately tangible through the new, concrete actions announced by governments today," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi.,,

[UNHCR welcomes 'unprecedented force and resonance' of New York Declaration](#)

19 Sep 2016

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has welcomed the historic adoption of the New York Declaration by 193 governments at today's United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, during the first-ever UN Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants...

[UNHCR's Statement on a Report Published by Human Rights Watch](#)

Nairobi, Kenya, September 17, 2016 – UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, takes note of the report published this week by Human Rights Watch on the repatriation programme for Somali refugees living in Dadaab, and shares some of the concerns raised by the organisation. We recognise the challenges that Kenya, a country that has generously hosted refugees for decades, has expressed with regard to the Somali refugee situation, one of the most protracted in the world, as well as the challenges faced by Somalia in ensuring the returnees' sustainable reintegration.

As the lead UN agency mandated to protect and assist refugees, UNHCR works closely with the Government of Kenya to ensure that refugees' rights are upheld and that solutions are found, enabling them to live in peace and security, including voluntary repatriation in conditions of safety and dignity.

"The complex Somali refugee situation requires a comprehensive approach to solutions, which includes continued protection for those who remain in need of asylum, adequate support for those who choose to return voluntarily, as well as other alternatives such as third-country resettlement", notes Raouf Mazou, UNHCR's Representative in Kenya...

[Canada, UNHCR and Open Society Foundations seek to increase refugee resettlement through private sponsorship](#)

UNITED NATIONS/NEW YORK CITY, September 19, 2016 – The Government of Canada, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Open Society Foundations have agreed to launch a joint initiative aimed at increasing private sponsorship of refugees around the world. Research demonstrates that privately sponsored refugees tend to have relatively

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early, positive integration and settlement outcomes, thanks in part to the social support provided by sponsors.

Coinciding with the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants in New York City, the new joint initiative has three primary objectives:

:: Contribute to enhanced responsibility-sharing by expanding the use of private sponsorship as a pathway for refugees in need of protection and solutions;

: Encourage the expansion of resettlement by building the capacity of states, civil society actors, and private citizens to launch private sponsorship programs; and

:: Provide a vehicle that mobilizes citizens in direct support of refugees and encourages a broader political debate that is supportive of refugee protection.

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.iom.int/press-room/press-releases>

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[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 300,450; Deaths at Sea: 3,501](#)

Italy - IOM reports that 300,450 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 21 September, arriving mostly in Greece and Italy.

[Over 50,000 Migrants Opted for Assisted Voluntary Return in First Half of 2016: IOM](#)

09/23/16

Switzerland - IOM assisted 51,031* migrants in the first half of 2016 under its Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programmes.

[IOM Addresses Migration, Population Mobility and Health at UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants](#)

09/23/16

Switzerland - IOM yesterday (22/9) participated in an event on Health in the Context of Migration and Forced Displacement on the sidelines of the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants in New York.

[IOM South Sudan, Partners Start Biometric Registration in Juba IDP Site](#)

09/23/16

South Sudan - Camp management started a biometric population registration for internally displaced persons (IDPs) at the UN House Protection of Civilians (PoC) site in Juba, South Sudan, on 20 September.

[IOM Creates App to Help Guatemalan Migrants During Emergencies](#)

09/23/16

Guatemala - Migrants living outside Guatemala will have better access to consular authorities through the MiGuate App, a digital tool created by IOM to strengthen the response that the government provides to migrants during emergencies and natural disasters.

[Summit on Refugees and Migrants Opens as IOM Joins United Nations](#)

09/20/16

United Nations, New York - Heads of State from around the world gathered in New York Monday (19/09) for the first time to address the question of refugees and migrants.

[Cholera Vaccination Campaign Targets Juba Neighbourhoods in South Sudan](#)

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South Sudan - Over 23,000 people were vaccinated against cholera in Juba, South Sudan between 17–20 September.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 24 September 2016]

[Promoting health, promoting sustainable development: It's our health, our future, our choice](#)

16 September 2016 – How can everyone on the planet, from people living in cities to remote communities, attain the highest level of health? All-of-government action, healthy environments and an empowered and informed public are essential. A healthy population is also key to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 9th Global conference on health promotion, being held this November in Shanghai, will profile these and other innovative actions to promote health.

[A global threat to prevention and treatment: Antimicrobial resistance](#)

15 September 2016 – Antimicrobial resistance, also known as "drug resistance", threatens our ability to prevent and treat an ever-increasing range of deadly infections. Globally, 480 000 people develop multi-drug resistant tuberculosis each year, and antimicrobial resistance is complicating the fight against HIV and malaria. Without antibiotics, the major surgery and cancer chemotherapy are also compromised. Antimicrobial resistance is a serious threat.

[Read the fact sheet](#)

[United Nations high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance](#) - 21 September 2016

[Poorest and most marginalised women continue to be most at risk of maternal death](#)

September 2016 – The poorest and most marginalized women continue to face the highest risk of death from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Efforts must be drastically increased to safeguard the maternal health of all women everywhere, if the good health and well-being of all people are to be achieved.

:: WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

No new announcements identified.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: [PAHO calls for strengthening road safety legislation](#) (09/13/2016)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: [WHO delivers emergency health supplies, funds to flood-hit DPR Korea](#)

SEAR/PR/1639

Pyongyang, 15 September 2016 – World Health Organization is providing emergency health supplies and funds to DPR Korea where flash floods and landslides triggered by torrential rains have left hundreds of thousands of people in need of urgent humanitarian assistance in northern provinces.

"Many health facilities are damaged and some completely destroyed, severely hampering health services and availability of medicines for the affected population, now living in sub-optimal water and sanitation conditions and vulnerable to water borne and other diseases. Children, pregnant women, people with disabilities and the elderly are the most in need of support," Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director WHO South-East Asia, said.

To meet immediate health needs of the affected population, WHO made available USD 175,000 from WHO South-East Asia Regional Emergency Fund (SEARHEF) within 24-hours of

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the request from the Ministry of Public Health. SEARHEF is WHO South-East Asia Region's emergency funding facility...

WHO European Region EURO

:: Day 4 highlights: Countries commit to strengthening the use of evidence and research in policy-making 15-09-2016

:: WHO/Europe launches new report on women's health and well-being in Europe 15-09-2016

:: Day 3 highlights: Agreement on women's health strategy and action plans for HIV and viral hepatitis 14-09-2016

:: Day 2 highlights: RC66 adopts European strategy and action plan for refugee and migrant health 13-09-2016

:: Day 1 highlights: RC66 opens – health central to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 12-09-2016

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: No major public health event reported during the pilgrimage: WHO concludes its mission to Saudi Arabia

14 September 2016, Mecca – The World Health Organization (WHO) has today concluded its mission to Saudi Arabia to support the Ministry of Health in ensuring a safe pilgrimage season (Hajj). So far there has been no major health threat or event of concern, with no major disease outbreak reported among the nearly two million pilgrims attending the holy sites.

In preparation for the Hajj, the Ministry of Health, together with WHO, conducted a strategic health risk assessment of the health hazards that might occur during the pilgrimage

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Member States call for stronger tobacco control measures to end tobacco industry interference

MANILA, 16 September 2016 – Tobacco use kills approximately six million people every year worldwide. The Western Pacific Region has one third of the world's smokers and two people die every minute from tobacco-related diseases. It is estimated that in 2025, one fourth of the adult population would still be current smokers. As governments strive to put in place measures to reduce the rate of tobacco use, the tobacco industry continuously invents new tactics to interfere with such policies...

UNAIDS [to 24 September 2016]

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

Press statement

[UNAIDS encouraged for future of HIV funding as donors pledge full support to the Global Fund](#)

GENEVA, 20 September 2016—UNAIDS applauds all donors and partners for their demonstration of a strong commitment to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). At its Fifth Replenishment Conference in Montreal, Canada, donors pledged US\$ 12.9 billion of the US\$ 13 billion called for by the Global Fund for the three-year period 2017–2019.

For the three diseases, the Global Fund estimates that the amount raised will save 8 million lives, avert 300 million infections and help build sustainable systems for health.

"The Global Fund is an essential partner to address the continuing epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria," said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. "Through an effective response to these diseases we can improve the lives of millions of people and

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simultaneously address poverty, inequality and discrimination. This replenishment is an enormous contribution to our collective ambition of ending AIDS.”...

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.unfpa.org/press/press-release>

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html>

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Sep 23, 2016

[Helen Clark: Speech at United Nations 71st General Assembly Side Event “The Sustainable Development Goals Coming to Life: Envisioning a Common and Resilient Future”](#)

Sep 23, 2016 United Nations - New York, USA

[Helen Clark: Opening speech at High-level Side Event on “Revitalizing and Consolidating Efforts towards the Implementation of Water-Related SDGs and Targets”](#)

Sep 23, 2016 United Nations - New York, USA

[Helen Clark: Keynote speech at the 40th Annual Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Group of 77 and China Interactive Thematic Debate: Sufficient Economy Philosophy for the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Sep 23, 2016 United Nations - New York, USA

[Magdy Martínez-Solimán: Remarks at the Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals 2030 \(“SDG 2030”\)](#)

Sep 23, 2016 New York

[Helen Clark: Speech at the launch of Anticipate, Absorb, Reshape \(A2R\) Leadership Group](#)

Sep 23, 2016 United Nations - New York, USA

[Sustainable Development Goals are a “roadmap for peace dignity and prosperity”](#)

Sep 23, 2016

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a vision and a roadmap for a future of peace, dignity and prosperity for all on a healthy planet, UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki-Moon said today at the High Level Side Event ‘SDGs Coming to Life: Envisioning a Common and Resilient Future,’ organized in conjunction with the 71st UN General Assembly.

[Helen Clark: Speech at the launch of the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Promoting Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies](#)

Sep 22, 2016 United Nations - New York, USA

[Helen Clark: Speech to the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers of Landlocked Developing Countries \(LLDCs\)](#)

Sep 22, 2016 United Nations - New York, USA

[Magdy Martínez-Solimán: Remarks at the Business Call to Action \(BCtA\) Seventh Annual Forum](#)

Sep 22, 2016 New York

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UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 24 September 2016]

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

[21 September 2016 - Press release High Level Panel on Water - World Leaders Call for Action on Water](#)

[21 September 2016 - Joint Statement of the High Level Panel on Water Joint Statement on the launch](#)

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 24 September 2016]

<http://unsdsn.org/news/>

September 22, 2016

["Human Rights, Human Wrongs" SDG Academy's newest free online course](#)

This September join us for the online SDG Academy course Human Rights, Human Wrongs: Challenging Poverty, Vulnerability and Social Exclusion taught by Professor Joshua Castellino, Dean of the School of Law at Middlesex University, London, and Dr. Sarah Bradshaw, Professor of Law and Development Studies at Middlesex University. The course is free and available to [...]

[SDG Academy Launches to Educate the World on the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

September 20, 2016

EdCast, the multiple industry-award winning platform for informal and formal learning for Fortune 500 enterprises and organizations is honored to continue their partnership with the SDSN by providing them their knowledge network to share education and collaborate on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In addition, the SDG Academy is committed to creating and curating [...]

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 24 September 2016]

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

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>

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

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[IAEG-SDG - Open Consultation on Possible Refinements to the Global Indicator Framework](#)

In follow-up to the [47th Statistical Commission decision 47/101 \(e\)](#), "Requested the Inter-Agency and Expert Group to take into account the specific proposals for refinements of the indicators made by Member States during the discussion", the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) is conducting an [open consultation](#) on possible refinements for a limited set of indicators in the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals.

This consultation is open to all countries, regional and international agencies, civil society, academia and the private sector. The IAEG-SDGs is seeking inputs from all interested organizations and stakeholders on the possible proposed refinements through this consultation. Please note that the inclusion of a specific indicator or proposal in this consultation does not indicate that a proposal for a refinement of this indicator will eventually be submitted to the Statistical Commission. The IAEG-SDGs will review the inputs received and decide on the merit of each individual refinement to be proposed to the Statistical Commission.

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The consultation will take place from 19 to 28 September 2016. This will allow the IAEG-SDG members sufficient time to review the inputs and contributions received prior to the 4th Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.

PDF: <http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/open-consultation-iaeg-4/Consultation%20on%20Possible%20Refinements.pdf>

Online intervention

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/?doctypeID=1>

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[UN Secretary General's climate resilience initiative set to mobilize and accelerate climate action for sustainable development](#)

[On World Rhino Day, Julius Yego Locks Horns with Illegal Trade in Wildlife](#)

22/09/2016

[More good news for oceans as Italy pledges millions of euros for sea protection](#)

- Italian Environment Ministry commits 4.5 million euro for the protection of the Mediterranean
- The money will go to improving protection of marine parks and tackling marine litter, among others

16/09/2016

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.unisdr.org/archive>

20 Sep 2016

[UN Summit: Disasters contribute to migrant crisis](#)

Governments at the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants have adopted a landmark declaration that underlines the role of environmental degradation, climate change and disasters alongside conflict as drivers of the ongoing crisis.

20 Sep 2016

[Senegal embraces technology in disaster risk reduction](#)

The government of Senegal is harnessing cutting-edge information and communications technology to manage and reduce disaster risk, with the aim of curbing deaths and economic losses caused by natural and man-made hazards

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html>

23 September 2016, New York

[Launch of new partnerships and commitments for the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States](#)

The first annual Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue was held on 22 September 2016 during the 71st session of the General Assembly as a High-level Breakfast Event, focusing on the launch of new partnerships devoted to SIDS, and the announcement of new commitments from existing SIDS partnerships.

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The Dialogue is an integral of the SIDS Partnership Framework which was launched by the General Assembly in 2016 as a follow-up to the SIDS Conference, held in Samoa in 2014. The Framework is one of a kind at the United Nations in following up and monitoring progress of voluntary commitments from multi-stakeholder partnerships aimed at driving sustainable development in Small Island Developing States.

[World leaders call for action on water](#)

21 September 2016, New York

The High Level Panel on Water, consisting of 11 sitting Heads of State and Government and one Special Adviser, today issued a Call to Action for a fundamental shift in the way the world looks at water.

The Panel aims to mobilize effective action and advocate on financing and implementation to increase access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for all, and to improve the sustainable management of water and sanitation (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6)), as well as to contribute to the achievement of the other SDGs that rely on the development and management of water resources.

In a [Joint Statement](#), the Panel, which is jointly convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, recognized both the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, and the need for all to take responsibility for managing water better. The need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to water, as well as increased attention and investment in water-related services, are at the heart of the Call...

UNESCO [to 24 September 2016]

<http://en.unesco.org/news>

Selected Press Releases/News

24 September 2016

[Surveillance, raising awareness recommended to prevent shipwreck pillage and destruction](#)

24 September 2016

[UNESCO joins Asia Society in Launching Center for Global Education](#)

22 September 2016

[Countering destruction and trafficking of cultural property - an Imperative for Humanity](#)

NEW YORK- On 22 September, UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova, participated in a High-Level Meeting on Protecting Cultural Heritage: An Imperative for Humanity, organized by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Paolo Gentiloni, and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jordan, Nasser Judeh, in the context of the 71st United Nations General Assembly, along with the Executive Director of UNODC, Yury Fedotov, was a partner, and Ms. Andriani, INTERPOL.

Irina Bokova made a first statement on behalf of the UN Secretary-General: "Today I call on the international community to intensify the global response to attacks on cultural heritage," said the Secretary General, calling on all to *unite4heritage*.

22 September 2016

[UNESCO meetings on illicit trafficking in cultural properties](#)

Two meetings at UNESCO's Headquarters will examine issues pertaining to the illicit trafficking in cultural properties and to the restitution of artefacts to their countries of origin. The first of these events will take place from 26 through 28 of September, the second from 29 through 30 September

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[UNESCO connects information and development to mark first international Day for Universal Access to Information](#)

21 September 2016

[Standing with President Hollande, Vice-President Biden, to defend cultural heritage](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 24 September 2016]

<http://unhabitat.org/media-centre/news/>

Posted September 23, 2016

[Inspiring solidarity between nations, cities, citizens at the Silk Road Mayors Forum](#)

Qazvin, Iran 2016 – The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has thanked the city of Qazvin for inspiring solidarity and exchange between nations, cities and citizens. The city recently hosted the Silk Mayors Forum at the World...

Posted September 23, 2016

[Policy Dialogue with OECD looks at financing cities, the New Urban Agenda, and SDG 11](#)

New York, 21 September 2016 – UN-Habitat hosted a dialogue with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on financing cities to implement the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goal 11.

Posted September 23, 2016

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2016/en/>

16-09-2016

[United Nations agencies in Rome vow to take forward Zero Hunger Challenge](#)

The heads of the Rome-based food and agriculture agencies today thanked United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for his personal commitment and leadership in challenging the world to reach Zero Hunger. They promised to maintain momentum to reach the ambitious target by 2030.

23-09-2016

[At UN, global leaders commit to act on antimicrobial resistance](#)

World leaders have signalled an unprecedented level of attention to curb the spread of infections that are resistant to antimicrobial medicines.

21-09-2016

[FAO calls on governments to take concrete action on malnutrition, in all its forms](#)

The 10 years running until 2025 will be a critical time for action to build healthy and sustainable food systems and end malnutrition in all its forms, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva has told the UN General Assembly.

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[Migration should be an act of choice and not a desperate last resort](#)

"A necessary first step is to address the factors that lead to distress migration," FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said during the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants. "We must create the opportunities for rural people in developing countries to stay in their home."
19-09-2016

ILO International Labour Organization [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>

Peace agreement in Colombia

[Director-General of the ILO attends signing of peace agreement in Colombia](#)

21 September 2016

Guy Ryder confirmed his presence in Cartagena on September 26 to sign the document which seeks to end more than five decades of armed conflict.

Social protection for all

[World Bank, ILO announce new push for universal social protection](#)

21 September 2016

New partnership will expand social protection measures worldwide as part of efforts to combat poverty and rising income inequality. New data show that many developing countries are already achieving universal schemes.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Memorandum of Understanding

[A future we want through decent work for all](#)

20 September 2016

In a major push to achieve inclusive growth, decent work and social protection for all, the Government of Belgium is scaling-up its collaboration with and support for the ILO to meet these critical goals as called for in the UN's new development agenda.

Better Work

[Launch of the independent Tufts University assessment of the ILO-IFC Better Work programme](#)

20 September 2016

71th UN General Assembly

[UN Commission: New Investments in Global Health Workforce Will Create Jobs and Drive Economic Growth](#)

20 September 2016

The Presidents of France and South Africa called for urgent investments globally to create new jobs in the health sector in order to prevent a projected shortfall of 18 million health workers primarily in low- and lower-middle-income countries, and help countries to maximize the social and economic benefits of increased health employment.

Press release

[Alliance 8.7: For a world without forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour](#)

19 September 2016

The Global Alliance to Eradicate Forced Labour, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour will be launched at the Ford Foundation in New York on 21 September 2016.

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ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/pressrelease.aspx>

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[Further cooperation and progress on aviation security essential, ICAO SG declares at UN Security Council](#)

[ICAO announces 2017 opportunities for young aviation professionals](#)

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[ICAO stresses importance of civil aviation standards to safety – Secretary General at ISO General Assembly](#)

20/9/16

[UN Secretary-General commends ICAO's sustainability initiatives](#)

19/9/16

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>

20/09/2016

[New guides for effective implementation of energy efficiency regulations for ships rolled out](#)

GloMEEP training paves way for further work in climate change mitigation by the maritime sector.

20/09/2016

[More States urged to ratify the London Protocol](#)

Governments urged to ratify treaty which regulates the dumping of wastes at sea to ensure the universal application of its precautionary approach

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 24 September 2016]

[http://public.wmo.int/en/search?sort_by=changed&f\[0\]=type%3Anews](http://public.wmo.int/en/search?sort_by=changed&f[0]=type%3Anews)

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[Extraordinary global heat continues](#)

News

The exceptionally long spell of record global heat, a surge in greenhouse gas concentrations, shocking coral reef bleaching and long-term Arctic sea ice melt all add urgency to the need for world leaders to ratify and implement the Paris Agreement on climate change, according to the World Meteorological Organization. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon convened a special high-level event on 21 September to speed up ratification or accession to the Paris Agreement, reached in December 2015.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>

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International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 24 September 2016]

http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm

21 September 2016

[New ISO standard in development to facilitate facilities management](#)

by Sandrine Tranchard on 21 September 2016

Today's facilities managers face unprecedented challenges trying to keep up with competing priorities, evolving technology and the drive for corporate social responsibility. In this rapidly evolving world of facilities management, a new ISO management system standard will be more than welcome.

As the newest professional discipline in business and real-estate sectors, facilities management bespeaks a clear need for organizations to improve their compliance and operational efficiencies. Professional facilities management, as an interdisciplinary business function, aims to coordinate the demand and supply of facilities and services within public and private organizations. Facilities management refers to a broad range of activities, such as building services management, environmental issues, workspace management, procurement, financial management, etc.

19 September 2016

[Big step forward for the cocoa sector with new global standards in the pipeline](#)

As the demand for cocoa and chocolate rises, as seen over the last few years, so has the need to address many of the challenges faced by cocoa farmers, in order to improve their livelihoods and that of their families. A new series of standards under development that aims to support cocoa farmers to produce sustainably has just reached a crucial stage in its development.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 24 September 2016]

<http://media.unwto.org/news>

21 September 2016

[Accessible Tourism, theme of World Tourism Day 2016](#)

Tourism for all: people with disabilities, senior citizens and families travelling with small children, and sooner or later all citizens will appreciate the advantages of universal accessibility. This is why UNWTO has chosen to celebrate World Tourism Day 2016 on the theme of accessible tourism. Official celebrations will take place on 27 September in Bangkok, Thailand.

20 September 2016

[13 Spanish companies confirm their commitment to sustainable tourism](#)

Thanks to the cooperation agreement concluded by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Global Compact Network Spain, thirteen Spanish companies have taken on the commitment to develop corporate social responsibility practices that advance sustainable tourism. Under the title "Responsible Tourism: A Global Commitment", the initiative launched on 19 September highlights the role of tourism enterprises in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/Pages/default.aspx>

20 September 2016

[ITU and UN Women announce 'EQUALS': The Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age](#)

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Partnership aims to create an unstoppable global movement where women and girls are equal participants in the technology revolution
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

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[Urgent Need to Address the Digital Divide if we are to achieve the Global Development Agenda by 2030](#)

Investment Solutions needed to build the Infrastructure needed for the Global roll-out of Broadband.

16 September 2016

[Delivering best practice and more collaboration will drive interoperability of digital financial services](#)

Access to payments infrastructures and National Payments Systems latest reports from ITU Focus Group on Digital Financial Services

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.cbd.int/press-releases/>

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[MESSAGE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY BRAULIO FERREIRA DE SOUZA DIAS On the occasion of WORLD TOURISM DAY](#)

"Tourism for All: Promoting Universal Accessibility"

Biodiversity, the variety of life on Earth, provides us with a wealth of natural resources that are extremely important for the tourism sector. Biodiversity underpins places of beauty that are so often popular tourist destinations, such as tropical forests, coast beaches and national parks, thus re-enforcing the notion that a healthy natural environment is one of the world's most important...

...The value of universal access to places of natural beauty, and the chance to experience in person the incredible diversity of our planet and the nature it contains, is immeasurable. Our understanding and appreciation of the world we live in changes the more we see of it, which in turn helps shape decisions that benefit people and the ecosystems upon which we depend. Putting accessibility into public policies and business strategies in the tourist sector also makes business sense. And, with millions of people traveling the globe each year, tourism can serve as an ideal vehicle for promoting awareness of the importance of biodiversity and the urgent need for its conservation.

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USAID [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases>

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[USAID Hosts Signature Event and Opens New Partnership with Organization of Islamic Cooperation](#)

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Today U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Gayle Smith hosted Shared Progress, USAID's signature event for the 71st United Nations General Assembly, in New York City. Administrator Smith also signed a renewed partnership with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and announced new United States Government support for South Sudanese refugees.

[Power Africa Announces More Than \\$1 Billion in New Commitments at the US Africa Business Forum](#)

September 21, 2016

At the U.S. - Africa Business Forum, the U.S. Government and its Power Africa partners announced several new milestones across dozens of energy projects and transactions. These commitments -- totaling more than \$1 billion worth of debt and finance-- will advance deals that aim to provide access to electricity across sub-Saharan Africa.

[USAID Announces New Partnerships and Expands Support For Africa](#)

September 21, 2016

On Wednesday, the U.S. Agency for International Development announced new partnerships and expanded U.S. support for sustainable economic growth and infrastructure investment in Africa. The new announcements -- made in conjunction with the 71st United Nations General Assembly and the U.S.-Africa Business Forum in New York City -- include increased Power Africa commitments, a new partnership with the National Association of Securities Professionals, and enhanced cooperation with partner governments and civil society.

[USAID Announces Funding for Education and a Challenge to Innovators on Food Security](#)

September 19, 2016

Today the U.S. Agency for International Development announced funding to help educate children impacted by humanitarian crises in Africa and called on innovators to develop solutions to global hunger. The two announcements, which coincided with the 71st UN General Assembly and President Obama's Leaders' Summit on Refugees, demonstrate USAID's ongoing commitment to improving livelihoods and creating opportunities for people around the world.

DFID [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

Selected Press Releases

[Priti Patel drives new international action to tackle the forgotten humanitarian crisis in Yemen](#)

22 September 2016 DFID Press release

International Development Secretary announces additional support to the humanitarian crisis and pushes for new action on humanitarian efforts on the ground...

... Priti Patel announced an additional package of £37 million support to Yemen, which will bring the UK's total humanitarian funding for the crisis to £100 million this year...

[UK scales up Iraq humanitarian support ahead of Counter-Daesh offensive in Mosul](#)

22 September 2016 DFID Press release

UK to provide food, shelter and water for those affected by Mosul operations.

The UK is stepping up humanitarian efforts in northern Iraq to put in place food, shelter and water ahead of a major Iraqi-led operation to retake Mosul city from Daesh forces, International Development Secretary Priti Patel announced today.

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Ms Patel urged the international community to follow Britain's lead in preparing for the humanitarian situation that is likely to follow military operations, so that the people of Mosul are helped swiftly, effectively and safely.

The UN estimates that up to 1.5 million people could be affected by Mosul operations and will be in need of basic life support such as food, shelter, sanitation and safety...

[Prime Minister pledges new UK support to help tackle migration crisis](#)

21 September 2016 DFID Press release

[Priti Patel statement on aid convoy attacks in Syria](#)

20 September 2016 DFID Press release

[First countries set to benefit from funding to ensure children get an education in times of crisis](#)

19 September 2016 DFID Press release [*Chad, Syria and Yemen*]

ECHO [to 24 September 2016]

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>

22/09/2016

[Commissioner Stylianides pledges additional €30 million humanitarian aid for Iraq](#)

At the UN General Assembly in New York on Wednesday, the European Union co-organised a high-level event on the humanitarian crisis in Iraq. The event discussed the steps that need to be taken to ensure civilians are protected and assistance is...

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[EU pledges additional €40 million in humanitarian aid to Yemen at United Nations General Assembly](#)

Today the European Commission announced at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, its intention to allocate a further €40 million of emergency humanitarian aid to provide life-saving assistance for people in need in Yemen. The country has...

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[Joint statement on air strikes against UN/Syrian Red Crescent humanitarian aid convoy in Syria](#)

Following air strikes on a humanitarian convoy of the UN/Syrian Red Crescent in Northern Syria the High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides issued the.

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African Union [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.au.int/en/>

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September 24, 2016 | Press Release

[AU Hosts High Level Side Event on Implementing Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development](#)

New York, USA – 21 September 2016: The African Union Commission (AUC) today hosted a high level joint side event in conjunction with the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), the African Development Bank (AFDB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) -Regional Bureau for Africa to discuss the

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modalities of effecting an integrated approach to implementing Africa's Agenda 2063 and the Global 2030 Agenda...

...The meeting concluded with the launch of two reports: the *MDG to Agenda 2063 /SDG Transition Report 2016* and *Africa Economic Outlook Report 2016*. The transition report takes stock of Africa's performance on the MDGs to date and reflects on the challenges and opportunities associated with the transition to Africa's continental Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The transition report also highlights important strides made by the continent in: improving net primary enrolment; enhancing gender equality and empowerment of women; reducing child mortality; combating the spread of HIV and AIDS; and ensuring environmental sustainability.

To ensure effective implementation of the two Agendas, the transition report highlights the need for countries to strengthen capacities for evidence-based policy-making and to improve institutional coordination...

September 23, 2016 | *Press Release*

[AU Calls for Improved Coordination & Collaboration with Private Sector to Improve Africa's Agricultural Potential](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 24 September 2016]

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

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[ASEAN+3 Village Leaders call for capacity building and stronger government commitment to tackle poverty](#)

SHANGHAI, 23 September 2016 - The 4th ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Programme concluded today, affirming that village leaders, given more capacity building opportunities and strong support from the government, are front-runners in the fight against poverty. Participants from ASEAN Member States, China and Korea shared different approaches in poverty reduction, results as well as challenges [...]

[ASEAN to operationalise the Regional Mine Action Centre](#)

PHNOM PENH, 22 September 2016 – The Inaugural Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) was held yesterday at the ARMAC's Headquarters in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The meeting discussed the substantive matters for the full operationalisation of ARMAC, including the selection of the Executive Director, the Annual Operational Budget [...]

[ASEAN Health Ministers respond to Zika virus](#)

JAKARTA, 20 September 2016 – "The Zika situation should be seen as a driver for change in our approach to health care provision. Engaging with communities to promote health and well-being and encouraging shared responsibility for health is the most effective counter to public health threats such as these", said H.E. Dato Seri Setia Dr. [...]

European Commission [to 24 September 2016]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>

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[EU pushes for further tightening of wildlife trade rules at global summit on wildlife conservation](#)

Date: 23/09/2016

bbbEuropean Commission - Press release Brussels, 23 September 2016 On 24th September, representatives of 182 countries and the EU will gather at the 17th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Trade in Endangered Species (CITES CoP17) in Johannesburg, South Africa to agree tangible measures to better protect...

[EU position for the 17th Conference of the Parties \(CoP\) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](#)

Date: 23/09/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 23 September 2016 Questions and Answers See also: Press release What is the EU's position on ivory trafficking? The EU is concerned about the current levels of ivory trafficking and elephant poaching and is at the forefront of international efforts to tackle this problem.

[EU will pledge additional €40 million in humanitarian aid to Yemen at United Nations General Assembly](#)

Date: 21/09/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 21 September 2016 The European Commission will announce today its intention to release further humanitarian aid of €40 million to provide life-saving assistance such as health care, water, nutrition and food security for conflict-affected people in Yemen.

[EU – UNICEF partnership helps address learning and protection needs of children and youth affected by the Syria Crisis](#)

Date: 20/09/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 20 September 2016 As a new school year gets under way across the Middle East, a major injection of funds from the European Union is boosting efforts to provide learning opportunities and protection to hundreds of thousands of children and youth who have fled...

[Joint statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides on air strikes against UN/Syrian Red Crescent humanitarian aid convoy in Syria](#)

Date: 20/09/2016

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 20 September 2016 The air strikes against the UN/Syrian Red Crescent humanitarian aid convoy near Aleppo are alarming violations of international humanitarian law. This attack risks setting an unacceptable precedent, jeopardising the safe delivery of humanitarian aid everywhere.

[New €50 million EU assistance package to stimulate socio-economic development and promote women rights in Egypt](#)

Date: 19/09/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 19 September 2016 EU supports the improvement of Egyptian people's lives through a new €50 million assistance package targeting the promotion of women rights and water resources management. The EU adopted a €50 million assistance package for development projects in Egypt.

[New €38.6 million EU assistance package to benefit the Palestinian people](#)

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Date: 19/09/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 19 September 2016 New €38.6 million EU assistance package to benefit the Palestinian people. This EU assistance will boost socio-economic development and help tackling drinking water scarcity in Gaza The EU adopted a €38.6 million development package for Palestine[1].

[Remarks by Commissioner Dimitris Avramopolous at the round table on Addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their journeys from their countries of origin to their countries of arrival at the UN Migration Summit](#)

Date: 19/09/2016

European Commission - Speech - [Check Against Delivery] New York, 19 September 2016 Ladies and gentlemen, I am immensely pleased to be here with you today – an opportunity which I believe is essential if we want to step up our collaboration and engagement to truly address the refugee crisis...

OECD [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/publicationsdocuments/bydate/>

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[Building a brighter economic future in the Middle East and North Africa OECD-MENA Forum & Ministerial Conference, Tunis](#)

Instability since the Arab Spring has battered economies and thrown up new economic and social challenges across the Middle East and North Africa. Decisive action is needed in MENA countries to restore foreign investment and trade, unlock economic potential, create jobs for a growing population, rebuilt trust in governments and address regional inequality.

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[Governments must address anti-immigration backlash](#)

OECD countries need to address the growing anti-immigration backlash and reinforce migration and integration policies while fostering international cooperation in this area, according to a new OECD report.

The share of the public holding anti-immigration views has grown, driven by concerns that borders are insecure, immigrants stretch local services and some do not want to integrate. The 2016 [International Migration Outlook](#) stresses that systematic and co-ordinated action is needed to vigorously address these concerns and tap into the many opportunities that migration offers to recipient economies and societies...

... In addition to increased integration efforts, for countries to reap the full benefits of migration and heal the social schisms appearing in some countries, the OECD urges action on three fronts:

:: Address the local impact of migration. Large and sudden inflows of migrants are generally concentrated in specific regions and urban areas – often the most disadvantaged ones. This puts pressure on local services, such as housing, transport and education. Arrivals of low-skilled migrants may sometimes also have an impact on the job market for low-skilled residents. Scaling up public services to address this is essential, as well as enforcing minimum wages and other labour market regulations.

:: Global challenges need global solutions. International co-operation needs to be stepped up, with different countries making different contributions.

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:: Needs must be identified and addressed more rapidly. Protracted crises that displace large numbers of people generate a growing tension between the need to find and fund long-lasting solutions and the general preference for short-term protection measures. A longer-term solution would be to set minimum standards in terms of short-term protection and to facilitate a pathway towards more stable protection where necessary. The international community also needs to significantly increase its effort in terms of resettlement.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 24 September 2016]

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

September 20, 2016

[Venezuela: "The recall referendum belongs to the people, as does the freedom to demand it", says OAS Secretary General](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, today said the National Electoral Council (CNE, for its initials in Spanish) of Venezuela is "obstructing a constitutional right and acting with a clear political bias" in announcing the rules and the timetable that will govern the process for the recall referendum sought by the opposition, and demanded that the referendum be held in 2016...

"The recall referendum belongs to the people, and it is up to the CNE to ensure the guarantees for the free expression of the people, instead of curtailing and trying to annul their rights," stressed the Secretary General...

September 20, 2016

[OAS Secretary General to Receive 2016 Mark Palmer Award](#)

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.oic-oci.org/oicv3/news/?lan=en>

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[Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Foreign Ministers Discusses Main Issues in Muslim World](#)

The Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held their Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) on Thursday, 22 September 2016 on the margins of the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. The Meeting discussed the main issues in the Muslim world and those on the agenda of the UNGA.

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[OIC and USAID Sign Memorandum of Understanding](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Iyad Ameen Madani and the Administrator of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Gayle E. Smith signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Thursday, 22 September 2016, in New York on the sidelines of the UNGA. The OIC and USAID renewed their commitment to strengthen cooperation on humanitarian assistance and to uphold humanitarian principles.

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Group of 77 [to 24 September 2016]

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

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UNCTAD [to 24 September 2016]

<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/AllPressRelease.aspx>

21 September 2016 UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2016/019

[UNCTAD report: global economy needs policy overhaul to move beyond sixth straight year of sluggish growth](#)

Geneva, Switzerland,

Getting the world economy back on track requires that global leaders use bolder macroeconomic policies, strengthened regulation of finance and active industrial policies, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said today.

In its annual *Trade and Development Report*, the United Nations body argues that economic slowdown in the advanced economies is the biggest drag on global growth, but developing countries are now caught in the downdraft.

"Policymakers all around the world face a difficult combination of sluggish investment, productivity slowdowns, stagnant trade, rising inequality and mounting levels of debt," said UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi, adding that "solutions require an ambitious rethink, not a tepid business-as-usual reaction".

A year of living dangerously

In many developed countries, a stringent fiscal stance and at times outright austerity have led to one of the weakest recoveries from an economic crisis on record. This has come on top of a prolonged period of slow wage growth, leading to insufficient household demand and weak spending on productive investment.

Growth in the United States of America is expected to slow to 1.6 percent this year, close to the Eurozone growth rate, while in Japan, growth continues to stagnate. In the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, revived growth will be cut short by the decision by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to leave the European Union, or "Brexit", though it is still difficult to predict just how big the impact will be, and what – if any – will be the wider contagion effects.

The loss of economic momentum in the advanced economies is having knock-on effects on developing countries, which will grow on average less than 4 per cent this year, some 2.5 percentage points below the pre-crisis figure. Considerable regional variations mean that while Latin America is in recession, Asia continues with slower but steadier growth.

Slower growth in developing economies compounds concerns for the global economy (table 1). In 2016, global growth will likely drop below the 2.5 per cent figure registered in 2014 and 2015, and UNCTAD economists would not be surprised if it dropped further...

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[E-commerce revolution must include small business, says UNCTAD Secretary-General](#)

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[Alibaba's Jack Ma named UNCTAD Special Advisor on Trade](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 24 September 2016]

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

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WTO NEWS 23 September 2016

[Bahrain ratifies Trade Facilitation Agreement](#)

The Kingdom of Bahrain has become the 93rd member of the WTO to ratify the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). Bahrain's WTO ambassador Yusuf Abdulkarim Mohammed Bucheeri submitted his country's instrument of acceptance to WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo on 23 September.

WTO Press release 21 September 2016

[Norway donates over CHF 3 million to help developing countries build trade capacity](#)

The government of Norway has donated nearly CHF 3.5 million to various WTO trust funds to help developing and least-developed countries (LDCs) participate in multilateral trade negotiations, access agricultural markets and implement the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.ipu.org/english/news.htm>

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[IPU part of global efforts to eradicate malnutrition](#)

...Recently, IPU Secretary General, Martin Chungong, became one of 29 global leaders appointed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to shape and direct the efforts of the SUN Movement and its mission to eliminate malnutrition by 2030.

"Good nutrition is essential to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted a year ago, and we have an unprecedented opportunity to transform the ways we work together. There is no better time than the present to bring together such an exciting group of nutrition leaders," said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Members of the Lead Group include current and former Heads of State and national and international leaders on the issue. During their inaugural meeting on 21 September, the Lead Group set the road map for the Movement's objectives and priority actions over the next four years.

"Parliamentary action on malnutrition is critical to achieving the goal", explains Martin Chungong. "At IPU, we concentrate our efforts on ending malnutrition in our maternal and child health initiatives. We believe children in particular bear the most enduring consequences of this problem."

"For IPU and for me, becoming a member of the Lead Group is another vital way for the Organization to advocate for and drive global efforts to eradicate malnutrition and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals,".

[IPU calls for restraint and inclusive dialogue in DRC](#)

21 September 2016

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) condemns the violence and loss of life following clashes between protestors and security forces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 19 September. IPU urges all sides to refrain from further violence and to engage in fully inclusive talks on a transparent and fair electoral process, in line with the country's Constitution...

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International Court of Justice [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.icj-cij.org/presscom/index.php?p1=6&p2=1>

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 24 September 2016]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

23 September 2016

[Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, following the recent violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

In response to the violent events that have taken place over the past several days in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), as well as acts which allegedly could constitute crimes within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court"), I wish to remind one and all in the DRC that I am monitoring the situation on the ground with the utmost vigilance.

I call on all those potentially involved and on all Congolese stakeholders, on all sides, to exercise calm and restraint, and to refrain from any act of violence against persons or property.

I also call on all actors, irrespective of their official status or political affiliation, to clearly and unequivocally urge their supporters, sympathizers and agents to refrain from committing any act of criminal violence against individuals, and to take the necessary measures to prevent such acts from being committed.

My Office has been investigating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo since 2004 and our work continues. If acts constituting crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court are committed, I will not hesitate to act and take all necessary steps to prosecute those responsible, in line with the principle of complementarity...

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World Bank [to 24 September 2016]

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

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[International Development Association \(IDA\) Receives Aaa/AAA Credit Rating](#)

WASHINGTON, September 22, 2016 — The International Development Association (IDA), the arm of the World Bank Group that works in the world's poorest countries, announced today its first-ever public credit ratings of Aaa/AAA (stable) issued by Moody's and S&P.

The credit ratings will enable IDA to raise money in the capital markets to support its financing of a wide range of life-changing investments—from the provision of clean water and energy to the creation of opportunities for refugees and response to natural disasters and health crises—in the world's 77 poorest countries...

Date: September 22, 2016 Type: Press Release

[World Leaders Call for Action on Water](#)

New York, 21 September, 2016 — The High Level Panel on Water, consisting of 11 sitting Heads of State and Government and one Special Adviser, today issued a Call to Action for a fundamental shift in the...

Date: September 21, 2016 Type: Press Release

[World Bank, ILO Announce New Push for Universal Social Protection](#)

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New partnership will expand social protection measures worldwide as part of efforts to combat poverty and rising income inequality. New data show that many developing countries are already achieving...

Date: September 21, 2016 Type: Press Release

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[Remarks by World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim at the Launch of the Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection](#)

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[Remarks by World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim at the High Level Meeting on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants](#)

Date: September 19, 2016 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

IMF [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.imf.org/external/news/default.aspx>

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[IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde Announces Specific Actions on Women's Economic Empowerment](#)

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African Development Bank Group [to 24 September 2016]

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

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[AfDB President Adesina calls for bold action to Light up and power Africa](#)

23/09/2016 - African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina called for bold action Tuesday to light up Africa within the next ten years. "Ten years is the timeframe. We need to take Africa out of the darkness. Period," Adesina told a panel discussion in New York.

[African Development Bank reiterates commitment to support women's empowerment in the Sahel](#)

20/09/2016 - The African Development Bank has reiterated its commitment to support women's empowerment and creation of employment opportunities for the women and youth in the Sahel.

Asian Development Bank [to 24 September 2016]

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

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[Sustained Reform Agenda can Improve State-Owned Enterprises – ADB Report](#)

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Continued efforts are needed to further reforms of state-owned enterprises across the Pacific, according to an ADB report launched in Port Moresby.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.aiib.org/html/NEWS/>

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[Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Permanent Headquarters](#) [Beijing] 09/23/2016

[Mr. Thierry de Longuemar appointed as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer](#) 09/19/2016

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 24 September 2016]

https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press_release/list/tags/y2016

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[United Nations agencies in Rome vow to take forward zero hunger challenge](#)

19 September 2016

[IFAD announces \\$100 million initiative to assist refugees, displaced people and their host communities in rural areas](#)

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We will 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.

This Watch section is intended to be indicative, not exhaustive. We will not include fund raising announcements, programs events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Amref Health Africa [to 24 September 2016]

<http://amref.org/news/news/>

21/09/2016

[Amref unveils roadmap for implementation of SDGs in Health sector](#)

Amref Group CEO stresses need for partnerships in implementation of SDGs at high level regional meeting in Nairobi

Amref Health Africa today hosted a regional pre-conference event to showcase the strategic areas it will focus on implementing the United Nations-backed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Nairobi-based health NGO, which is the only indigenous international health NGO headquartered in Africa, will concentrate its efforts on four of the 17 core SDGs: nutrition and food security (SDG 2); health (SDG 3); gender equality (SDG 5); and access to safe water and sanitation (SDG 6).

"Our focus is on the four core areas, but we need to leverage on partnerships to get the job

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done. Partnerships are envisaged under SDG 17” said Dr. Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO of Amref Health Africa...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.aravind.org/default/currentnewscontent>

New Delhi, 19th August 2016

Aravind Eye Hospital- Winner of OPPI Healthcare Access Award 2016

Aravind Eye Hospital was presented with the prestigious OPPI (Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India) Healthcare Access Award 2016 along with the cash prize of Rupees Two Lakhs. The award recognises highest level of contributions of an individual/ institution in the field of access to healthcare, achieved through innovative ideas that address the unmet healthcare needs in India and leadership in patient safety and quality care.

Dr.R.D.Ravindran, Chairman received the award on behalf of Aravind and shared the success story of Aravind Eye Hospital.

BRAC [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>

21st Sep 2016 *Syria*

[Airstrike hits UN convoy in Syria, CARE demands immediate ceasefire](#)

CARE is outraged by this tragedy and condemns all attacks on civilians.

[CARE Response to President Obama’s Leaders’ Summit on Refugees](#)

21st Sep 2016

CARE welcomes the commitments set forth by countries attending President Obama’s Leaders’ Summit on Refugees.

[UN Refugee and Migrant Summit: Step of goodwill, but falls short on action to protect refugees](#)

20th Sep 2016 *Non*

World leaders gathered today for the first ever UN Refugee and Migrant Summit to formally adopt a UNGA resolution for addressing the global refugee crisis.

[Joint Statement on Women and Girls towards the Global Refugee and Migrant Summits](#)

19th Sep 2016

This joint statement, signed by 42 grassroots women-led civil society organisations, human rights and humanitarian agencies, outlines recommendations for commitments by states attending the Global Refugee and Migrant Summits, to ensure the protection and safety of refugee women and girls.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Clubhouse International [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.drc.dk/news>

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.ecpat.net/news>

21 September 2016

[ECPAT e-Bulletin](#)

Fountain House [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.fountainhouse.org/about/news-press>

Posted on: September 20, 2016

[Fountain House Celebrates World Mental Health Day By Helping People Live Longer, Healthier Lives](#)

...In celebration of World Mental Health Day, on October 9th, Fountain House will host the first of a three-part panel series, Longer, Healthier Lives: Fountain House Shines a Light on Early Mortality, to raise awareness about the epidemic of early mortality among people with serious mental illness....

Handicap International [to 24 September 2016]

http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>

September 21, 2016

[Heifer International Announces Partnership with Savory Institute](#)

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas

Heifer International announced a new partnership today with the Savory Institute based in Boulder, Colorado. With complementing missions, the two international nonprofits established a goal of creating ecological and social wealth for families to support long-term viability of rural communities.

HelpAge International [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>

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[Myanmar: 4000 displaced people receive urgent assistance in Kayin State](#)

Yangon/Hpa An (ICRC) – In response to displacements following recent armed clashes in Kayin State, around 4000 people who took refuge in Myaing Gyi Ngu have received urgent assistance from the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) together with the Intern
21-09-2016 | News release

[Syria: Attack on humanitarian convoy is an attack on humanity](#)

The Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) are outraged by last night's horrific attack on a SARC warehouse and an aid convo
20-09-2016 | News release

[Speech given by ICRC President: Addressing large movements of refugees and migrants](#)

Speech given by Mr Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, on "Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants" delivered at the UN for Refugees and Migrants Summit.
19-09-2016 | Article

IFRC [to 24 September 2016]

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

23 September 2016

[Niger Red Cross responds to Rift Valley fever outbreak](#)

21 September 2016

[Stop indifference: IFRC calls for concrete action in wake of latest Mediterranean tragedy](#)

21 September 2016

[IFRC launches emergency appeal to support flood-hit communities in DPRK](#)

20 September 2016

[Syria: Attack on humanitarian convoy is an attack on humanity](#)

19 September 2016

[Millions of lives are at stake: IFRC welcomes commitments at UN migration summit, urges robust pledges at Leaders' Summit on refugees tomorrow](#)

18 September 2016

[IFRC: UN migration summit must stop world indifference to deaths and suffering along migration trails](#)

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.rescue.org/press-release-index>

Press Release

[Hunger stalks north eastern Nigeria as governments and donors to West Africa's Lake Chad Basin crisis meet in New York](#)

September 23, 2016

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Statement

[The IRC reacts to President Obama's Refugee Summit](#)

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Statement

[Gov. Abbott's plan to withdraw from resettlement program is out of touch with Texas values](#)

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[Refugees are human beings, not Skittles](#)

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Statement

[Syria: Attack on Aid Convoy is Attack on All of Us](#)

September 20, 2016

IRCT [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified

Islamic Relief [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.islamic-relief.org/category/news/>

No new digest content identified

Landsea [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.landsea.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news-stories/press/press-releases>

Press release

September 23, 2016

[Aleppo Hospitals Report Sharp Increase of Wounded Following Days of Heavy Bombing](#)

Hospitals supported by Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in eastern Aleppo have reported significant increases in the numbers of wounded patients following days of relentless bombing on the besieged city.

In just two days, MSF-supported hospitals admitted 145 wounded people and registered 23 deaths.

MSF is deeply concerned about the effects on civilians of these ongoing bombing campaigns.

Press release

[Jordan: Syrians Denied Access to Lifesaving Medical Care for Third Consecutive Month](#)

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September 21, 2016

Three months since Jordan sealed its borders with Syria, thousands of Syrians continue to be denied access to essential medical care in Jordan in two different but key areas, said the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Wednesday.

Press release

[MSF Statement on Political Declaration of the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance](#)

September 21, 2016

"Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) welcomes the United Nations's (UN) Political Declaration Antimicrobial Resistance, which recognizes the need to address – at the highest political levels – the complex issue of drug-resistant infections, which affect people in every part of the world. Now, governments have the responsibility to turn these words into action and fully implement nationally-tailored plans and global commitments to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Press release

[MSF Welcomes GSK's Decision to Lower Price of Pneumonia Vaccine for Some of the World's Most Vulnerable Children](#)

September 20, 2016

MSF calls on Pfizer to match GSK's move and offer the humanitarian community the lowest global price for this lifesaving vaccine

Press release

[MSF Statement Regarding Attack on Aid Convoy in Syria](#)

September 20, 2016

MSF is shocked by the reprehensible September 19 attack on a humanitarian aid convoy in Syria.

Press release

[MSF Statement on GSK's Announcement to Reduce Price of Lifesaving Pneumonia Vaccine for Humanitarian Organizations](#)

September 19, 2016

"After years of fighting for children caught in crises and desperately in need of the pneumonia vaccine, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières is relieved to see that GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) finally plans to reduce its vaccine price for humanitarian organizations. GSK is leading the way in this commitment to children who are experiencing the most horrific of circumstances, while Pfizer continues to hide behind excuses and offer only piecemeal approaches to the humanitarian community.

Mercy Corps [to 24 September 2016]

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

Syria, September 19, 2016

[Mercy Corps Continues Aid Delivery In Syria Despite UN Suspension](#)

Political engagement must be renewed, says global organization

Gaziantep, Turkey – Following the death of at least 12 aid workers in an air strike Monday on a United Nations/Red Crescent convoy, the global organization Mercy Corps confirms that it will

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continue to deliver lifesaving aid in the war-torn country. All Mercy Corps team members in Syria are safe and accounted for, and Mercy Corps continues to provide critical services.

"We are shocked, horrified and deeply saddened at the unnecessary loss of life. When something like this happens, we of course take stock and ensure that we are not unduly putting our staff, partners or the people we are helping in harm's way," says Dominic Graham, Syria Response Director for Mercy Corps. "But the need is much too great for us even to consider stopping." ...

Operation Smile [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.operationssmile.org/press-office>

Program Schedule

Here's what we're doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.

OXFAM [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases>

23 September 2016

Hunger stalks NE Nigeria as governments and donors to Lake Chad Basin crisis meet

The ongoing conflict with Boko Haram in West Africa has pushed the number of people facing the threat of severe hunger to more than 6 million according to the latest assessments, say 15 humanitarian organizations.

Public pessimism and misunderstanding undermining fight against global poverty

22 September 2016

The highly successful fight against global poverty is being lost badly in one critical area – people's minds. A new global survey reveals that 87% of people around the world believe that global poverty has either stayed the same or gotten worse over the past 20 years, when the exact opposite is true.

War pushes millions in Yemen to brink of catastrophe

21 September 2016

Eighteen months of war has pushed Yemen to the brink of catastrophe and left millions of people running out of means of survival, warned Oxfam in a new report published today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 24 September 2016]

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

Selected News

Syria | 23. Sep 2016

Syria's Humanitarian Crisis

NRC testimony | "The dimension of the Syria crisis is well known to you but nonetheless bears repeating: Syria is facing a humanitarian catastrophe of epic proportions".

Iran | 23. Sep 2016

Learning about peace through art

In Tehran, 250 Afghan children took part in 'Peace Education Through Art', a workshop providing psychosocial support and art education to displaced children.

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Nigeria | 23. Sep 2016

Hunger stalks north eastern Nigeria

The ongoing conflict with Boko Haram in West Africa has pushed the number of people facing the threat of severe hunger to more than 6 million according to the latest assessments, say 15 humanitarian organisations.

Global | 22. Sep 2016

Humanity not limited by lines on a map

NRC and other organisations have signed an open letter to Member States calling for a more holistic approach to international forced displacement.

Syria | 20. Sep 2016

NRC statement on the attack on aid convoy in Syria

Iran | 20. Sep 2016

Iran: Handing over NRC projects to local authorities in Qom

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is working closely with Iranian authorities to assist Afghan refugees residing in Iran. Recently, two NRC-funded projects in the province of Qom were officially handed over to the local municipality.

Europe/Turkey | 20. Sep 2016

Five reasons why the EU Turkey deal still is not a good idea

Today marks six months since the controversial EU and Turkey deal came into effect setting out that refugees and migrants arriving in Greece from this date onwards would be returned to Turkey.

Jordan | 19. Sep 2016

Installing solar panels in refugee camps

In Azraq refugee camp in Jordan, Syrian refugees taking part in an electricity course will learn to install solar panels, providing their community with sustainable energy.

Pact [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.pih.org/blog>

Sep 22, 2016

Lesotho's One-of-a-Kind Hospital

Meet patients receiving care at Botšabelo Hospital, which PIH and the Ministry of Health founded to tackle multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in Lesotho.

PATH [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.path.org/news/index.php>

Announcement | September 17, 2016

PATH joins world leaders in New York City this week to advocate for innovation to implement global goals

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New publications

[*Harnessing the Power of Innovation to Save Mothers and Children*](#)

As global health leaders gather to discuss progress achieved by the [Every Women, Every Child](#) movement and [A Promise Renewed](#), PATH published a new report that reinforces the vital role innovation will play in achieving global targets for reducing deaths of mothers and children. The report estimates more than six million mother and child lives could be saved by 2030 if just 11 emerging innovations are advanced and scaled up in 24 countries.

[*Stronger Markets, Increased Access to Maternal Health Supplies*](#)

Maternal mortality will also be a topic of conversation in New York, and a new series of papers by PATH highlights that worldwide, too many women lack access to the lifesaving medicines that can prevent the two leading causes of death during pregnancy and childbirth—postpartum hemorrhage and preeclampsia/eclampsia. The papers describe how key market challenges, such as inconsistent availability and poor-quality supplies of oxytocin, misoprostol, and magnesium sulfate are putting women’s lives at risk, and provide important recommendations for how advocacy can strengthen markets to better deliver these lifesaving products. Written by PATH in partnership with the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) and Results for Development Institute (R4D), the papers provide details and recommended actions in three geographies: globally, Bangladesh, and Nigeria.

Announcement | September 15, 2016

[**PATH Statement on the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines Report**](#)

September 15, 2016 – PATH welcomes the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines (High-Level Panel) [Report](#) urging swift action to increase global access to health technologies.

PATH applauds the United Nations and members of the High-Level Panel for bringing attention to this important issue. Getting new and improved tools into the hands of everyone who needs them is essential to achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). In particular, PATH agrees with the High-Level Panel’s recommendations to increase investments from all countries in research and development for health, and new incentives to bring in the necessary stakeholders to develop health technologies for low-resource settings.

At the same time, PATH calls for further review and discussion of some of the report’s recommendations with an eye toward broader access issues and ensuring that future access to innovative lifesaving technologies is not inadvertently put at risk. The High-Level Panel should engage in dialogue with, and accept inputs from the global health innovation community, including nonprofit product developers.

PATH’s decades-long experience in developing a range of health technologies, including vaccines, drugs, diagnostics, and devices shows that the failure of innovations to achieve widespread use in low-resource settings is rarely due to a single issue. Access to health innovation is best ensured when products are quality-assured, integrated into well-functioning health systems geared to support health impact and equity goals, and consistently available, affordable, and acceptable. This means supply is reliable and sufficient to meet demand, the price balances what end users can afford with incentives for suppliers, and products are designed to meet the needs of the end user and the health system.

“There is no silver bullet or one-size-fits-all solution to all access challenges. Access is a complex issue,” said Dr. David Kaslow, vice president of Product Development and head of the Center for Vaccine Innovation and Access at PATH. “In our experience, the barriers to access are best overcome if approached holistically, through multisectoral partnerships, and with a long-term, sustainable approach.”

Read [more about PATH's perspective](#) on access based on nearly 40 years of developing health technologies for low-resource settings.

Press release | September 15, 2016

[Report: 11 innovations could save more than six million mothers and children by 2030](#)

Analysis demonstrates essential role of innovation in ending preventable deaths

Announcement | September 13, 2016

[PATH appoints vice president for Policy and Advocacy](#)

PATH welcomes Carolyn Reynolds in the newly created position of vice president for Policy and Advocacy.

Based in Washington, D.C., Ms. Reynolds will lead PATH's global policy and advocacy portfolio and cultivate engagement with leaders in government, development partners, the private sector and civil society in the United States and around the world to advance forward-looking global health policies and programs, research and development, sustainable financing and other efforts to increase development impact. She will serve as PATH's senior advisor on global health policy and represent PATH in Washington, D.C. and to multilateral organizations...

Plan International [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 24 September 2016]

[http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press Releases 2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press_Releases_2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp)

September 20, 2016

[Iman, Athene, Richard Curtis and Toys"R"Us to be Honored at the 4th Annual Save the Children Illumination Gala – Presented by Johnson & Johnson; Hosted By Jennifer Garner](#)

September 20, 2016

[President Obama's Leaders' Summit on Refugees is Step in the Right Direction](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/about-sos/press/press-releases>

22 September 2016

[SOS Children's Villages deploys new tool for emergency response](#)

DHL Resilience360 can help improve preparedness and coordination

BONN, 22 September 2016 - SOS Children's Villages has signed an agreement to use DHL Resilience360, which helps companies manage risks by mapping their entire infrastructure network, building risk profiles and identifying critical hotspots. SOS Children's Villages works globally to safeguard children and protect their rights and will use Resilience360 to enhance and secure the safety of its beneficiaries and employees.

DHL's risk management solution keeps track of natural and man-made disasters. By monitoring potential risks, such as earthquakes, floods but also political crises, DHL Resilience360 helps to prevent disruptions of the NGO's operations and enhances fast reactions

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in case of a disaster. The SOS Children's Villages Emergency Response Coordination Team will be receiving vital information for all their 500 local facilities across more than 130 countries to help them monitor and manage threats to its beneficiaries and staff.

"The use of DHL Resilience360 will improve emergency preparedness for our SOS Children's Villages and provide response guidelines. By increasing speed, extent and efficiency of response operations and improving the coordination of our network worldwide, this tool will enable our colleagues on all levels to respond with adequate measures and in a comprehensive and coordinated manner as soon as possible", said Andreas Papp, International Director of Emergency Response at SOS Children's Villages...

Tostan [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.tostan.org/latest-news>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/press-releases>

September 11, 2016 | Huffington Post

[Women for Women International Joins Coalition of Partners to Announce "Girls, Women and the Global Goals," at 2016 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting](#)

WfWI's Commitment to Action will support 36,000 marginalized women living in conflict-affected regions through a year-long social and economic empowerment program.

September 20, 2016, New York, NY – Today, at the 12th and final Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting, Women for Women International (WfWI) joined No Ceilings: The Full Participation Project, an initiative of the Clinton Foundation, Vital Voices Global Partnership, WEConnect International and a coalition of over 30 core partners from the public, private, and multilateral sectors to announce a new series of commitments that aim to address significant gender gaps and advance the gender equality targets of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Over the next five years, the coalition's collective CGI Commitments to Action will directly impact more than 900,000 individuals in over 60 countries worldwide to advance women's economic participation, address violence against girls and women, and promote women's leadership in both the public and private sectors...

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Freedom House [to 24 September 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

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Press Releases*

[The Mark Palmer Prize: Awarded to OAS Secretary General and former Canadian Envoy to Afghanistan](#)

Washington, September 22, 2016

In response to Freedom House awarding the 2016 Mark Palmer Prize to Organization of American States Secretary General Luis Almagro and Ambassador Deborah Lyons, former Canadian ambassador to Afghanistan, Freedom House issued the following statement:

"Luis Almagro and Deborah Lyons exemplify the late Mark Palmer's passionate commitment to advancing freedom by their courage in defending democracy, protecting human rights, and supporting civil society in difficult environments," said Robert Herman, vice president for international programs. "Secretary General Almagro's condemnation of repressive measures by

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the Venezuelan government sparked dialogue within the OAS and among neighboring South American states. His call to invoke the Inter-American Democratic Charter underscores his conviction that leaders who fail to abide by the Charter's provisions should be held to account."

"During her posting in Kabul, Ambassador Lyons demonstrated valor under dangerous circumstances in assisting civil society and supporting democratic rule," Herman said. "She skillfully made women's empowerment and gender equality key priorities in a country that offers few opportunities for women to make their voices heard in the policymaking process."

Background:

The Mark Palmer Prize was established by the Community of Democracies to honor diplomats and international civil servants who have acted outside of their regular duties to advance democracy and human rights and engage civil society in ongoing dialogue. The award is given in honor of the late Mark Palmer, who as U.S. Ambassador to Hungary in 1989 lent his unequivocal support to the demand of civil society and the democratic opposition for an end to authoritarian rule. Ambassador Palmer later devoted himself to supporting and promoting democratic transitions around the world.

The Mark Palmer Prize has been awarded to 13 individuals since 2011. Now administered by Freedom House, it will be awarded to Secretary General Almagro and Ambassador Deborah Lyons on September 22, 2016 in New York, at the meeting of the Governing Council of the Community of Democracies...

Transparency International [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases/>

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[National survey on whistleblowing points to positive attitudes but need for action by employers](#)

Whistleblowing - The first set of results of a Behaviour & Attitudes survey conducted on behalf of Transparency International (TI) Ireland indicate that the vast majority of Irish employers are supportive of whistleblowing but indicate that more needs to be done to raise awareness of legislation introduced in 2014 ...

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ChildFund Alliance [to 24 September 2016]

<http://childfundalliance.org/news/>

September 21, 2016

[ChildFund Alliance Launches Child-Friendly Accountability Initiative](#)

Author Diana Quick

New York, NY, September 21, 2016 — ChildFund Alliance today launched "Toward a Safe World for Children: Child-Friendly Accountability and SDG Target 16.2," an initiative that will work with and empower children to hold governments and local leaders accountable to their obligations to end all violence against children, as per Social Development Goal (SDG) Target 16.2.

"ChildFund Alliance played a key role in positioning a stand-alone target on violence against children in Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children (SDG Target 16.2)," said Meg Gardinier, Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance. "We believe that child-friendly accountability has a key role to play in making SDG Target 16.2 a reality."

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Child-friendly accountability is the ability to make certain that those charged with protecting and fulfilling children's rights actually do what they are supposed to do, and if they do not or cannot, that children and their representatives have some recourse.

"Most children and youth do not have access to child-friendly information about existing protection actors, systems, and laws," said [Dr. Nicholas Alipui](#), who developed the methodology for ChildFund Alliance's Child-Friendly Accountability initiative. "Children and youth will be best served if they are able to work with parents, communities, civil society actors, and governments to jointly identify and address protection gaps."...

CONCORD [to 24 September 2016]

<http://concordeurope.org/news-and-events/>

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Sep 20, 2016

[How to write a proposal for DEVCO funding? – Guidelines from CONCORD](#)

by Helene Debaisieux |

CONCORD has prepared new guidelines to provide advice on how to write a proposal for DEVCO funding. Recently, some major changes have appeared in the way applicants have to submit their proposals to EuropeAid. Be prepared and read this publication!

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre>

[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World Vision]

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 24 September 2016]

<http://theelders.org/news-media>

Press release 19 September 2016

[The Elders denounce bombing of UN aid convoy in Syria; demand immediate humanitarian access](#)

The Elders condemn bombing of aid convoy in Syria and urge all sides to adhere to ceasefire agreement.

END Fund [to 24 September 2016]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.gavi.org/library/news/press-releases/>

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[Gavi and Philips team up to improve immunisation data quality in developing countries](#)

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The partnership will help improve the planning, coverage and impact of immunisation programmes to reach more children with vaccines.

New York, 21 September 2016 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and leading health technology company Royal Philips (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHIA), announced today that they have signed a letter of intent to jointly develop scalable digital transformation plans aimed at improving the quality of immunisation data and its collection in primary and community healthcare. Their joint goal is to help Gavi supported countries improve the planning, coverage and impact of immunisation programmes. The partnership was announced at the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data event in New York...

Global Fund [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/?topic=&type=NEWS;&country=>

19 September 2016

African Countries Step Up Contributions to the Global Fund

GENEVA - African countries increased investments in the Global Fund as global health partners seek to galvanize all sources of funding to end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics, and to build resilient and sustainable systems for health.

Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Togo, and Zimbabwe each made contributions to the Global Fund's Fifth Replenishment, hosted by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada in Montreal on 16-17 September. Altogether, the conference secured pledges of more than \$12.9 billion from partners across the world.

Pledges by African countries to the Global Fund are aligned with a far more significant increase of domestic investment in health by African countries - US\$10.9 billion committed for 2015-17. For the first time, Africa is now mobilizing more domestic funding for health than foreign funding in the sector...

17 September 2016

Global Fund Donors Pledge Nearly \$13 Billion to Help End Epidemics

MONTREAL - At the launch of the Global Fund's Fifth Replenishment, donors pledged over US\$12.9 billion for the next three years, demonstrating extraordinary global commitment toward ending the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria for good.

Hosted by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who stressed youth engagement as a key to success in global health, the conference welcomed significantly increased pledges from several donors. Canada increased its own contribution by 23 percent, many new partners pledged for the first time, and private sector contributions more than doubled.

The Replenishment Conference raised nearly \$1 billion more than the previous replenishment conference in 2013, and benefitted from participation by leaders from countries all over the world, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The amount raised will save 8 million lives, avert 300 million infections, and help build resilient and sustainable systems for health. The conference is only the beginning of a three-year replenishment period, and the Global Fund will actively work to gain further contributions in the coming months and years, with strong advocacy by civil society and partners worldwide...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 24 September 2016]

<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

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No new digest content identified.

ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.interaction.org/media-center/press-releases>

No new digest content identified.

Locus

<http://locusworld.org/>

"Locus is a movement focused on engaging those we serve, practitioners, the private sector, donors and to drive adoption of locally owned, integrated solutions."

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 24 September 2016]

http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_O7FR98E

[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]

No new digest content identified.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk/media/news>

An umbrella organisation for Muslim-led international NGOs based in the UK. It was set up in 2007 and works to support its members through advocacy, training and research, by bringing charities together. Our members have a collective income of £150,000,000 and work in 71 countries.

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 24 September 2016]

<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 24 September 2016]
<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 24 September 2016]
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 24 September 2016]
<https://phap.org/>
No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 24 September 2016]
<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
Publications
[Maximizing USAID's Impact under the Next Administration](#)
9/20/16
Casey Dunning and [Scott Morris](#)

Since its establishment more than 54 years ago, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has expanded into an \$18-billion-a-year agency, operating in over 145 countries and in nearly every development sector. But USAID is often constrained in its ability to adapt to emerging development challenges due to differing political priorities among key stakeholders and resource constraints. This memo is the result of a roundtable discussion in July 2016 on how the next US administration, in close concert with Congress, can build upon and maximize the development impact of USAID.

[Results Through Transparency: Does Publicity Lead to Better Procurement? - Working Paper 437](#)
9/19/16
[Charles Kenny](#) and [Ben Crisman](#)

Governments buy about \$9 trillion worth of goods and services a year, and their procurement policies are increasingly subject to international standards and institutional regulation. Using a database of World Bank financed contracts, we explore the impact of a relatively minor procurement rule governing advertising on competition using regression discontinuity design and matching methods. Our findings suggest the potential for more significant and strongly enforced transparency initiatives to have a sizeable effect on procurement outcomes.

ODI [to 24 September 2016]
<http://www.odi.org/media>
Press release | 20 September 2016
[Restrictive policies in Europe and Australia leading to erosion of refugee protection on global scale – new report](#)

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Restrictive asylum policies in Europe and Australia are being replicated in poorer countries, new ODI research finds

Research reports and studies

[Nigeria's naira: moving to a flexible exchange rate](#)

Briefing papers | September 2016 | Phyllis Papadavid

Nigeria's economy is in recession and experiencing credit tightening. Full liberalisation of the naira will help support growth beyond the oil sector.

[The Indonesian knowledge sector: a contextual analysis](#)

Working and discussion papers | September 2016 | Ajoy Datta, Lia Marpaung, Akbar Meirio, Rudy Sabri, Jessica Mackenzie and John Young

This paper looks at the factors that shape the production and use of research knowledge in Indonesia.

Urban Institute [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.urban.org/about/media>

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 24 September 2016]

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

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[Global Future Councils: A Knowledge Network for the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)

:: The World Economic Forum today convenes the Network of Global Future Councils, a community of world-leading experts and innovators to provide bold visions for solving critical global, regional and industry challenges

:: The network will comprise more than 800 innovators from academia, government, business, civil society, the arts and the media, and will support the Forum's work across 14 global systems as well as prepare governments, businesses and communities for the Fourth Industrial Revolution

:: The Global Future Councils' first meeting will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 13-14 November 2016

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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.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.akdn.org/pr.asp>

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Adrienne Clarkson Prize for Global Citizenship

Diversity is a reason to open windows, not put up walls, says Aga Khan upon receiving the Prize for Global Citizenship

Toronto, Canada, 21 September 2016 - His Highness the Aga Khan, today received the inaugural Adrienne Clarkson Prize for Global Citizenship in a ceremony which concluded the three-day 6 Degrees Citizen Space conference, the new public initiative of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. The award recognizes an individual whose life has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the ideals of belonging and inclusion...

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Bill Gates' statement on the outcome of the 5th Global Fund Replenishment Conference for 2017-2019

SEATTLE (September 17, 2016) – "Given the many challenges governments face today, I'm inspired by the generosity of partners at this replenishment. It is a great outcome..."

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>

September 21, 2016

CGI Concludes Final Annual Meeting and Celebrates Legacy of Impact: More Than 3,600 Commitments to Action Made to Positively Impact More Than 435 Million People Worldwide

President Bill Clinton and Chelsea Clinton recognize "profound advance" in modern philanthropy through the Clinton Global Initiative, which since 2005 has worked to advance solutions on the most pressing global issues – including climate change, economic development and poverty alleviation, health and wellness, education, and opportunities for girls and women

Today, President Bill Clinton and Chelsea Clinton concluded the 12th and final Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting and recognized the impact of the CGI community in creating more than 3,600 Commitments to Action, which have improved the lives of over 435 million people worldwide.

At the Closing Plenary Session today, President Clinton delivered a personal reflection on what the last 15 years of the Clinton Foundation have meant to him and discussed how CGI helped redefine philanthropy...

Ford Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 24 September 2016]

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

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*GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that devastate the world's poorest people. Other funders include six Japanese pharmaceutical companies, the Japanese Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
No new digest content identified.*

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.hewlett.org/newsroom/search>

Sep 22, 2016 *Press Release*

[Philanthropic Community Answers Call from Developing Nations to Create Fund to Help Expand Energy Efficiency Programs](#)

*Philanthropic group launches \$53 million fund dedicated to expanding energy efficiency in developing countries two weeks before Montreal Protocol negotiations, the biggest opportunity to act on climate since historic Paris accord
[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

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

Our News

[FrameWorks Institute Releases Report on Media and Organizational Discourse on Adolescent Substance Use](#)

September 22, 2016

What's missing from the public conversation on adolescent substance use? For one thing, it's lacking crucial information about what makes adolescence a sensitive period for brain development. That's the conclusion of "Telling Stories that Explain," a new study from the FrameWorks Institute. Researchers analyzed the communications content in media coverage and nonprofit materials, and found that the narratives the public encounters don't tell the whole story.

[Telling Stories That Explain: Comparing Media and Organizational Discourse on Adolescent Substance Use](#)

A FrameWorks Research Report

Sponsored by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

August 2016

Grameen Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 24 September 2016]

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

Institute [September 22, 2016]

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Philanthropies Announce Selection of Faculty Scholars

HHMI, the Simons Foundation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announce the selection of 84 Faculty Scholars, early-career scientists who have great potential to make unique contributions to their field.

Institute [September 22, 2016]

HHMI's Educational Media Group Honored for Films and Interactive Media

Two films and one short film series produced by HHMI's Tangled Bank Studios and BioInteractive won awards at the Jackson Hole Science Media Awards.

Institute [September 19, 2016]

HHMI Launches New Program for Early-Career Scientists

New program aims to recruit and retain early-career scientists who are from gender, racial, ethnic, and other groups underrepresented in the life sciences, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Kellogg Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.wkKF.org/news-and-media#pp=10&p=1&f1=news>

Sep. 23, 2016

Support for the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Statement by La June Montgomery Tabron, president & CEO, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

As a founding funder of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), we at the Kellogg Foundation are eager for the opening on Sept. 24 and look forward to this weekend's dedication celebration in Washington, DC. WKKF is committed to the promotion of racial healing toward racial equity. We believe the opportunities and experiences the NMAAHC will offer can stimulate a much-needed dialogue about race, and foster a spirit of transformation across the country...

Sep. 22, 2016

New website and resources available to help parents and families protect themselves from lead in their drinking water

The Kellogg Foundation, in partnership with the Horsley Witten Group, has launched a website and released commissioned fact sheets to help parents and families protect themselves from lead in their drinking water...

MacArthur Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

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

[Undated]

Meet the 2016 MacArthur Fellows

"While our communities, our nation, and our world face both historic and emerging challenges, these 23 extraordinary individuals give us ample reason for hope. They are breaking new ground in areas of public concern, in the arts, and in the sciences, often in unexpected ways. Their creativity, dedication, and impact inspire us all."

Publication

Software Used to Censor Internet in Bahrain

Published September 22, 2016

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A [report by Citizen Lab](#) alleges that Canadian-made software is being used by a repressive Mideast state to keep its citizens from learning about news, religion, and politics. The report alleges that Bahrain is using software from Canada-based Netsweeper, Inc., to deny its majority Shia citizens access to basic information about their religion and religious leaders. The report found that the software is being used by at least one Internet provider to censor critical political speech, news websites, human rights content, and websites of oppositional groups. Citizen Lab is a recipient of the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions.

Publication

[Assessing the Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Immigration](#)

Published September 21, 2016

Immigration has positive long-term impacts on government budgets at the federal level and negative impacts at the state and local level, according to a [report](#) by the [National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine](#). The MacArthur-supported report assesses the economic and demographic trends of U.S. immigration over the past 20 years, its impact on the labor market and wages of native-born workers, and its fiscal impact at the national, state, and local levels. The report finds that, over the long term, impacts of immigrants on government budgets are generally positive at the federal level but negative at the state level when the costs of educating children of immigrants are included. The report points out that these children on average go on to have a positive fiscal impact. There was little evidence that immigration affects the overall employment levels of native-born U.S. workers; to the extent that negative impacts occur, they are most likely to be found for prior immigrants or native-born workers who have not completed high school.

Blue Meridian Partners

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

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

September 14, 2016

[Scientists triple known types of viruses in world's oceans](#)

Moore Foundation grantees at Ohio State University report they've tripled the known types of viruses living in waters around the globe, and now have a better idea what role they play in nature.

Their work will likely have far-reaching implications, including ultimately helping to preserve the environment through reducing excess carbon humans put into the atmosphere.

Read the full article [here](#).

Open Society Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/issues/media-information>

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David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/news-releases.html>

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 24 September 2016]

<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..."

September 23, 2016

Video

[**The Science Philanthropy Alliance Board Responds to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Announcement**](#)

September 19, 2016

[**Science Philanthropy Alliance Welcomes Erin O'Shea to Board of Directors \[Alliance announcement\]**](#)

The Science Philanthropy Alliance welcomes a new board member, Erin O'Shea, who became the new president of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute on September 1. Erin replaces Robert Tjian, who stepped down from his role as president of HHMI to return to the University of California at Berkeley, as HHMI's representative on the Alliance's board of directors..

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/conversation/>

SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).

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[United States First High-Income Pilot Country of SDG Philanthropy Platform](#)

Today, the United States became the first high-income nation to join Kenya, Colombia, Indonesia, and Ghana as pilot countries in the [SDG Philanthropy Platform](#).

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

<http://www.sloan.org/press-room/>

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 24 September 2016]

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/2016/index.htm>

News

[UN Declaration 'must mark turning point'](#)

Wellcome's Director Jeremy Farrar says the commitment from world leaders at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to tackle the rise in drug-resistant infections must now translate into measurable actions.

Dr Farrar said: "The rise in drug-resistant infections is a disaster at all levels – from the loss of 700,000 lives each year, to the crushing burden it places on health systems around the world. This declaration must mark the turning point in averting this escalating threat to global health security.

"Each and every country must now identify what actions they can take to address drug resistance. And there must be a mechanism to ensure that nations are helped when needed and held accountable."

News

[First brain scans available from world's largest imaging study](#)

20 September 2016

Five thousand brain scans from the [UK Biobank imaging project](#) are now available for use by the research community.

The data will allow researchers to look for early markers of disease in the brain, including dementia and cancer.

The UK Biobank project is a £43m study funded by Wellcome, the Medical Research Council and the British Heart Foundation. It aims to create a cohort of 100,000 participants with comprehensive brain and body imaging data.

These first 5,000 MRI scans represent just 5% of the data the researchers aim to collect by 2020.

By following subjects over time and linking the imaging results to detailed health and mortality data from the NHS and the Office for National Statistics, the researchers are building a valuable resource that can reveal subtle markers of disease risk.

Initial analysis of the data by University of Oxford and Imperial College London researchers has shown a number of associations. One association is between the integrity of the brain's white matter and cognitive function, and this appears to become stronger with age. This could help researchers to identify changes in white matter that may contribute to age-related cognitive decline.

The researchers found a pattern of strong associations between higher blood pressure and greater alcohol consumption that could reflect injury to connections in the brain.

The scans also reveal some more complicated patterns of correlation. For example, one pattern links brain imaging to intelligence, level of education, and a set of lifestyle factors that

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at first appear unrelated – including the amount of time spent outdoors and how much cheese people eat. It may be that, taken together, these factors create a profile of socio-economic status and its relation to the brain.

The study is published in [Nature Neuroscience \(opens in a new tab\)](#).

Visit the [UK Biobank website \(opens in a new tab\)](#) to find out more about accessing the data.

Opinion

[Saving antibiotics so that antibiotics can save lives](#)

19 September 2016

Drug-resistant Salmonella bacteria. Salmonella cause typhoid fever, a potentially life-threatening disease. Currently, 700,000 people die every year because of drug-resistant pathogens.

Drug resistance will be discussed at the UN General Assembly on Wednesday 21 September. Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and Jeremy Farrar, Director of Wellcome, say the future of modern medicine and health security rest on the decisions we take now.

"Ever since antibiotics were first developed and heralded as a miracle of modern medicine more than half a century ago, experts have warned of the dangers of their misuse. By exposing bugs to just enough medicine to encourage resistance, the fear was that we would end up encouraging germs to evade the very drugs that were designed to counter their impact. The warnings weren't heeded. In just a few decades, the widespread failure of our best drugs went from being a far-off possibility to a global reality..."

Read the whole article on the [Wall Street Journal \(opens in a new tab\)](#) website.

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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.

American Journal of Infection Control

September 2016 Volume 44, Issue 9, p963-1082, e145-e166

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

October 2016 Volume 51, Issue 4, p411-636, e91-e118

<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

American Journal of Public Health

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Volume 106, Issue 10 (October 2016)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
VACCINATION

[A Community-Powered, Asset-Based Approach to Intersectoral Urban Health System Planning in Chicago](#)

American Journal of Public Health: October 2016, Vol. 106, No. 10: 1872–1878.
Stacy Tessler Lindau, Katherine Diaz Vickery, HwaJung Choi, Jennifer Makelarski, Amber Matthews, Matthew Davis
ABSTRACT

Objectives. To examine state-level associations between voting patterns and adolescent coverage for at least 1 dose of human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus-containing (Tdap), and meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination.

Methods. We classified states as “blue” (Democratic affiliation) or “red” (Republican affiliation) based on the Presidential election results in 2012. We used multivariable models to adjust for potential confounding by sociodemographic and health care access characteristics and vaccination policies. For HPV, separate models were fitted for boys and girls.

Results. Adolescent vaccination coverage was significantly higher in blue states than red states for each vaccine ($P < .05$). The adjusted percent differences between blue and red states were 10.2% for HPV among girls, 24.9% for HPV among boys, 6.2% for tetanus-containing vaccine, and 14.1% for MCV4.

Conclusions. State-level voting patterns are independently and significantly associated with coverage for routinely recommended adolescent vaccines. These differences may reflect population-level differences in cultural norms and social values.

Public Health Implications. Strategies to increase coverage at the individual, community, or structural level should consider local political settings that may facilitate or hinder effectiveness.

HIV PREP

[Disparities in Uptake of HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis in a Large Integrated Health Care System](#)

American Journal of Public Health: October 2016, Vol. 106, No. 10: e2–e3
Julia L. Marcus, Leo B. Hurley, C. Bradley Hare, Michael J. Silverberg, Jonathan E. Volk
[No abstract]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

September 2016; 95 (3)
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

20 September 2016, Vol. 165. No. 6
<http://annals.org/issue.aspx>
Research and Reporting Methods

[ClinicalTrials.gov and Drugs@FDA: A Comparison of Results Reporting for New Drug Approval Trials](#)

Lisa M. Schwartz, MD, MS; Steven Woloshin, MD, MS; Eugene Zheng, BA; Tony Tse, PhD; and Deborah A. Zarin, MD
Abstract

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Background: Pharmaceutical companies and other trial sponsors must submit certain trial results to ClinicalTrials.gov. The validity of these results is unclear.

Purpose: To validate results posted on ClinicalTrials.gov against publicly available U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviews on Drugs@FDA.

Data Sources: ClinicalTrials.gov (registry and results database) and Drugs@FDA (medical and statistical reviews).

Study Selection: 100 parallel-group, randomized trials for new drug approvals (January 2013 to July 2014) with results posted on ClinicalTrials.gov (15 March 2015).

Data Extraction: 2 assessors extracted, and another verified, the trial design, primary and secondary outcomes, adverse events, and deaths.

Results: Most trials were phase 3 (90%), double-blind (92%), and placebo-controlled (73%) and involved 32 drugs from 24 companies. Of 137 primary outcomes identified from ClinicalTrials.gov, 134 (98%) had corresponding data at Drugs@FDA, 130 (95%) had concordant definitions, and 107 (78%) had concordant results. Most differences were nominal (that is, relative difference <10%). Primary outcome results in 14 trials could not be validated. Of 1927 secondary outcomes from ClinicalTrials.gov, Drugs@FDA mentioned 1061 (55%) and included results data for 367 (19%). Of 96 trials with 1 or more serious adverse events in either source, 14 could be compared and 7 had discordant numbers of persons experiencing the adverse events. Of 62 trials with 1 or more deaths in either source, 25 could be compared and 17 were discordant.

Limitation: Unknown generalizability to uncontrolled or crossover trial results.

Conclusion: Primary outcome definitions and results were largely concordant between ClinicalTrials.gov and Drugs@FDA. Half the secondary outcomes, as well as serious events and deaths, could not be validated because Drugs@FDA includes only "key outcomes" for regulatory decision making and frequently includes only adverse event results aggregated across multiple trials.

Primary Funding Source: National Library of Medicine.

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 24 September 2016)

[The BMC family of websites all down at inquiry]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 24 September 2016)

[The BMC family of websites all down at inquiry]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 24 September 2016)

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

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BMC Medicine

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

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 24 September 2016)

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BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 24 September 2016)

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BMC Research Notes

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

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BMJ Open

2016, Volume 6, Issue 9

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 94, Number 9, September 2016, 633-708

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/9/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

September 2016 Volume 42, Issue 5 Pages 603–773

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.5/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Complexity

September/October 2016 Volume 21, Issue S1 Pages 1–632

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.6/issuetoc>

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Conflict and Health

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

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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2016 - Volume 29 - Issue 5 pp: v-vi,433-537

<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[New issue: No relevant content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

August 2016 Volume 16, Issue 2 Pages 61–120

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2016.16.issue-2/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 24, Number 8

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Polio might not be eradicated unless long-term vaccination with inactivated poliovirus vaccine is implemented.

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[Estimation of Severe Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Cases in the Middle East, 2012–2016 PDF Version \[PDF - 410 KB - 3 pages\]](#)

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Our traveler-based estimate was 2.3-fold higher than the number of laboratory-confirmed cases recorded.

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[Pay for performance in Nigeria: the influence of context and implementation on results](#)

Yewande Kofoworola Ogundeji, Cath Jackson, Trevor Sheldon, Olalekan Olubajo, and Nnenna Ihebuzor

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (8): 955-963 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw016

Abstract

Pay-for-performance (P4P) has recently been introduced in Nigeria to improve quality of health services. Its early results show significant variation between implementation sites. Literature suggests this might be explained by differences in design, context and implementation of the scheme. This study aimed to explore how context and implementation influence P4P in Nigeria. Semi-structured in-depth interviews with 36 health workers explored their views and experiences on how contextual and implementation factors influenced the impact of the P4P scheme. Data were analysed using the framework approach. Four themes captured the views and experiences of participants. Uncertainty of earning the incentive and inadequate infrastructure reduced health worker motivation and performance results; whilst adequate health worker understanding of the scheme and good managerial skills (health facility level) improved motivation and performance. Minimising delays in incentive payments, effective

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communication and improving the health workers understanding of the P4P scheme are likely to improve the outcomes of pay for performance programmes, independent of their design.

Use of traditional medicine in middle-income countries: a WHO-SAGE study

Oyinlola Oyeboode, Ngianga-Bakwin Kandala, Peter J Chilton, and Richard J Lilford
Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (8): 984-991 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw022

Abstract

It is frequently stated in the scientific literature, official reports and the press that 80% of Asian and African populations use traditional medicine (TM) to meet their healthcare needs; however, this statistic was first reported in 1983. This study aimed to update knowledge of the prevalence of TM use and the characteristics of those who access it, to inform health policy-makers as countries seek to fulfil the WHO TM strategy 2014–23 and harness TM for population health. Prevalence of reported use of TM was studied in 35 334 participants of the WHO-SAGE, surveyed 2007–10. TM users were compared with users of modern healthcare in univariate and multivariate analyses. Characteristics examined included age, sex, geography (urban/rural), income quintile, education, self-reported health and presence of specific chronic conditions. This study found TM use was highest in India, 11.7% of people reported that their most frequent source of care during the previous 3 years was TM; 19.0% reported TM use in the previous 12 months. In contrast <3% reported TM as their most frequent source of care in China, Ghana, Mexico, Russia and South Africa; and <2% reported using TM in the previous year in Ghana, Mexico, Russia and South Africa. In univariate analyses, poorer, less educated and rural participants were more likely to be TM-users. In the China multivariate analysis, rurality, poor self-reported health and presence of arthritis were associated with TM use; whereas diagnosed diabetes, hypertension and cataracts were less prevalent in TM users. In Ghana and India, lower income, depression and hypertension were associated with TM use. In conclusion, TM use is less frequent than commonly reported. It may be unnecessary, and perhaps futile, to seek to employ TM for population health needs when populations are increasingly using modern medicine.

The cost of post-abortion care in developing countries: a comparative analysis of four studies

Michael Vlassoff, Susheela Singh, and Tsuyoshi Onda

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (8): 1020-1030 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw032

Abstract

Over the last five years, comprehensive national surveys of the cost of post-abortion care (PAC) to national health systems have been undertaken in Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda and Colombia using a specially developed costing methodology—the Post-abortion Care Costing Methodology (PACCM). The objective of this study is to expand the research findings of these four studies, making use of their extensive datasets. These studies offer the most complete and consistent estimates of the cost of PAC to date, and comparing their findings not only provides generalizable implications for health policies and programs, but also allows an assessment of the PACCM methodology. We find that the labor cost component varies widely: in Ethiopia and Colombia doctors spend about 30–60% more time with PAC patients than do nurses; in Uganda and Rwanda an opposite pattern is found. Labor costs range from I\$42.80 in Uganda to I\$301.30 in Colombia. The cost of drugs and supplies does not vary greatly, ranging from I\$79 in Colombia to I\$115 in Rwanda. Capital and overhead costs are substantial amounting to 52–68% of total PAC costs. Total costs per PAC case vary from I\$334 in Rwanda to I\$972 in Colombia. The financial burden of PAC is considerable: the expense of treating each PAC case is equivalent to around 35% of annual per capita income in Uganda, 29% in Rwanda and 11% in Colombia. Providing modern methods of contraception to women with an unmet need would

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cost just a fraction of the average expenditure on PAC: one year of modern contraceptive services and supplies cost only 3–12% of the average cost of treating a PAC patient.

[Introduction of pentavalent vaccine in Indonesia: a policy analysis](#)

Panji F Hadisoemarto, Michael R Reich, and Marcia C Castro

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (8): 1079-1088 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw038

Abstract

The introduction of pentavalent vaccine containing Haemophilus influenzae type b antigen in Indonesia's National Immunization Program occurred nearly three decades after the vaccine was first available in the United States and 16 years after Indonesia added hepatitis B vaccine into the program. In this study, we analyzed the process that led to the decision to introduce pentavalent vaccine in Indonesia. Using process tracing and case comparison, we used qualitative data gathered through interviews with key informants and data extracted from written sources to identify four distinct but interrelated processes that were involved in the decision making: (a) pentavalent vaccine use policy process, (b) financing process, (c) domestic vaccine development process and (d) political process. We hypothesized that each process is associated with four necessary conditions that are jointly sufficient for the successful introduction of pentavalent vaccine in Indonesia, namely (a) an evidence-based vaccine use recommendation, (b) sufficient domestic financing capacity, (c) sufficient domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity and (d) political support for introduction. This analysis of four processes that led to the decision to introduce a new vaccine in Indonesia may help policy makers and other stakeholders understand and manage activities that can accelerate vaccine introduction in the future.

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 67 September 2016

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[Refugees and vulnerable migrants in Europe](#)

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange is dedicated to the humanitarian response to the influx of refugees and vulnerable migrants into Europe over the past year.

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One of the most notable features of the European response, as [Pamela DeLargy](#) notes in her lead article, is the central role volunteers have played – in stark contrast to the much slower response of international agencies and donors.

[Laetitia de Radiques and Ludovico Gammarelli](#) give an overview of the European Commission's response.

Key findings of research led by Coventry University on the complex picture of migration into Greece are summarised by [Heaven Crawley](#).

[Jessica Hagen-Zanker and Richard Mallett](#) highlight the limitations of deterrence policies in determining people's migration choices.

[Amelia Stoenescu and colleagues](#) report on International Organisation for Migration (IOM) data and information-sharing systems to track movements in the Western Balkans.

[Gareth Walker](#) discusses the challenges of addressing the health needs of mobile populations. Returning to the issue of volunteerism, [John Borton](#) reflects on the potential implications for humanitarian action.

[Emma Eggink and Melinda McRostie](#) give a first-hand account of the evolution of the Starfish Foundation, a grassroots volunteer initiative on Lesbos.

The contribution of Hellenic Red Cross volunteers is highlighted by [Kate Latimir](#).

[Rachel Erskine and Katie Robertson](#) outline RedR's training programme for volunteers.

In a pair of articles, [Elodie Francart](#), [Michaël Neuman](#) and [Angélique Muller](#) reflect on Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)'s experience in Brussels and northern France in engaging with NGOs, volunteer groups, municipal officials and political activists.

[Alexandre Le Clève, Evangeline Masson-Diez and Olivier Peyroux](#) underline the predicament of unaccompanied children in camps in northern France and along the Channel coast.

[Minh Tram Le and colleagues](#) highlight the importance of infant and young child feeding for refugees stranded in Greece.

The edition ends with articles by [Emily Whitehead](#) and [Theo Hannides and colleagues](#) reflecting on the findings from an independent evaluation of the Start Network's collaborative response and the findings of Start-funded research on the information and communication needs of refugees in Greece and Germany.

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Original Research Article

[Japanese perceptions of societal vulnerability to disasters during population ageing: Constitution of a new scale and initial findings](#)

Pages 32-40

Michael J. Annear, Junko Otani, Xin Gao, Sally Keeling

Abstract

This research describes the development and initial results from the Perceptions of Ageing and Disaster Vulnerability Scale (PADVS) that was designed to explore perceptions of vulnerability to disasters in the context of population ageing. Few Japanese studies have explored perceptions of disaster-related vulnerability in Japan, although this issue is growing in importance due to the acceleration of population ageing and the recurrence of large-scale disasters.

Following pre-testing, the PADVS was administered with 172 health students and professionals from three Japanese regions in 2016. The reliability and validity of the PADVS were assessed using commonly employed psychometric evaluation techniques, including assessment of face and content validity, internal consistency, item-total correlations, inter-item correlations, and factorial validity. Descriptive statistics were used to ascertain total, subscale, and item scores.

With one item removed due to poor fit, a 13-item version of PADVS exhibited acceptable reliability ($\alpha=.87$) and validity. The scale fit a four-component solution following principal components analysis, with four indicative subscales. Results of PADVS completion showed clear respondent concerns about social isolation and lack of support networks, and poor functional capacity among older adult populations.

The PADVS provides a reliable and valid measure for researchers to assess perceptions of societal vulnerability related to disasters in the context of population ageing. Preparations for recurring disasters should focus on improving supportive social network connections among older adults and providing intervention measures to improve physical, cognitive, and emotional health for older adults, particularly those who live alone in the community.

[Kit management in humanitarian supply chains](#)

Original Research Article

Pages 64-71

Alain Vaillancourt

Abstract

With the continuous growth in world population and increasing disruptions due to climate change around the world, global humanitarian organizations are hard pressed to improve their capacity to respond to emergencies. Such operations require the ability by humanitarian organizations to be dynamic and react to a wide range of situations on a short term basis and kits help them do so. The aim of this research is to understand how the capabilities of a large humanitarian organization help support kit management. The method used is a multiple case study on kitting activities that are managed by a large United Nations agency. Kits offer the possibility to combine both the knowledge and skills from technical specialists and local country office staff to offer a relevant solution for emergency response. Developing relevant kits for the

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humanitarian context require strong collaboration between partners in the preparedness phase and thorough follow up in monitoring and evaluation to develop standards and build up relevant knowledge. With proper kit management comes improvement in flexibility, timeliness and quality and these can be shared across supply chains when kits are transferred from one humanitarian organization to another.

[On the suitability of assessment tools for guiding communities towards disaster resilience](#)

Original Research Article

Pages 115-124

Ayyoob Sharifi, Yoshiki Yamagata

Abstract

Resilience is now a ubiquitous concept in many science and policy circles. It is a polysemic concept that has been defined differently in different disciplines and contexts. An often used definition, in the context of community resilience, is provided by the National Academies. According to this definition resilience is “the ability to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from and more successfully adapt to adverse events” (the four abilities). Over the past two decades various tools have been developed for assessing community resilience. This study examines 36 selected community resilience assessment tools to find out if they are suitable for adequately addressing the four abilities of resilience. A framework, identifying various measures that can contribute to addressing each of the four resilience abilities is developed. Evaluating selected tools using this framework indicates only few of them are reasonably suitable for addressing measures related to the four resilience abilities. Overall performance of the selected tools is particularly poor in terms of addressing measures related to absorption and adaptation abilities. Detailed results related to performance of each tool are provided. Developers can use these results to understand shortcomings of their assessment tools and address them in the revised versions.

[Handheld solar light use, durability, and retention among women and girls in internally displaced persons camps in Haiti — 2013–2014](#)

Original Research Article

Pages 162-170

Michelle Dynes, Mariana Rosenthal, Erin Hulland, Colleen Hardy, Lisandro Torre, Barbara Tomczyk

Abstract

During conflict and disasters, women and girls are at increased risk of gender based violence. International humanitarian guidelines call for the distribution of individual lighting to meet women and girls’ basic needs and to reduce risk of violence; however, little evidence exists to support these guidelines. This paper presents an evaluation of handheld solar light use, retention, and durability among women and girls living in two internally displaced persons camps in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Data was gathered prospectively via five household surveys from August 2013 to April 2014; a total of 754 females participated in the study. Women reported going outside at night more frequently at the end of the study than at the beginning. The handheld solar lights were the most common source of lighting at endline, whereas candle and gas lamp use declined significantly over time. Results from a Life-Table survival analysis estimated that households had an 83% probability of still owning a functioning light after seven months. Given the frequent use, acceptable durability, and retention of the lights, donors and humanitarian organizations should consider supporting light distribution to women and girls in internally displaced persons camps to help meet their basic needs.

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:: *IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCES IN NORTH AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA: UNIONIZATION, DACA, WEIGHT, EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS, AND MATERNAL DEPRESSION*

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Viewpoint

[Ensuring Respect for Human Research Participants: Institutional Review Boards and Sharing Results From Research](#)

Samuel N. Doernberg, BA; David Wendler, PhD

Excerpt

This Viewpoint proposes that institutional review boards play a larger role in ensuring timely public reporting of clinical trial results, with the goals of promoting medical innovation, reducing publication bias, and maximizing the value of clinical trials.

The Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 (FDAAA) requires that investigators report summary results of eligible clinical trials to ClinicalTrials.gov within 1 year of trial completion. This requirement is in part intended to promote medical innovation by enabling meta-analyses and further research based on the results of clinical trials.¹ Sharing trial results

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helps to counteract a publication bias favoring positive trials that can “distort the evidence base” of clinical guidelines and patient care.² In addition, sharing the results of clinical trials is important for ethical reasons: it helps to justify exposing participants to the risks of clinical trials and shows respect for those who assume these risks...

Special Communication

Antimicrobial Resistance FREE

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Abstract

Importance

The development of antibiotics is considered among the most important advances of modern science. Antibiotics have saved millions of lives. However, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) threatens this progress and presents significant risks to human health.

Objective

To identify factors associated with AMR, the current epidemiology of important resistant organisms, and possible solutions to the AMR problem.

Data Sources, Study Selection, and Data Synthesis

PubMed (2000-2016), NIH REPORTER, and ClinicalTrials.gov databases were searched for articles and entries related to AMR, focusing on epidemiology, clinical effects of AMR, discovery of novel agents to treat AMR bacterial infections, and nonpharmacological strategies to eliminate or modify AMR bacteria. In addition to articles and entries found in these databases, selected health policy reports and public health guidance documents were reviewed. Of 217 articles, databases, and reports identified, 103 were selected for review.

Results

The increase in AMR has been driven by a diverse set of factors, including inappropriate antibiotic prescribing and sales, use of antibiotics outside of the health care sector, and genetic factors intrinsic to bacteria. The problem has been exacerbated by inadequate economic incentives for pharmaceutical development of new antimicrobial agents. A range of specific AMR concerns, including carbapenem- and colistin-resistant gram-negative organisms, pose a clinical challenge. Alternative approaches to address the AMR threat include new methods of antibacterial drug identification and strategies that neutralize virulence factors.

Conclusions and Relevance

Antimicrobial resistance poses significant challenges for current clinical care. Modified use of antimicrobial agents and public health interventions, coupled with novel antimicrobial strategies, may help mitigate the effect of multidrug-resistant organisms in the future.

JAMA Pediatrics

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Factors determining quality of care in family planning services in Africa: a systematic review protocol

Tessema, Gizachew Assefa; Laurence, Caroline O.; Mahmood, Mohammad Afzal; More
Abstract

Review objective and questions: The objective of this systematic review is to identify and synthesize the best available quantitative and qualitative evidence to understand the factors determining quality of care in family planning services in Africa.

The review question for the quantitative component of the review is:

What factors, including facility, provider and client characteristics, are associated with quality of care in family planning services in Africa?

The review question for the qualitative component of the review is:

What are client and provider experiences and/or perceptions of factors that affect quality of care in family planning services in Africa?

Journal of Community Health

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Regular Articles

Income inequality and the quality of public services: A developing country perspective

Original Research Article

Pages 1-17

Sukanta Bhattacharya, Sarani Saha, Sarmila Banerjee

Abstract

That the high growth-rising inequality phenomenon – experienced by many high growth developing economies in the recent past – may lead to discontent among the poor is a well-discussed issue. This paper argues that as the demand for higher quality of the public services rises with income, the rising income in the hands of the rich leads to their dissatisfaction about the quality of available public services, thereby inducing them to form their own club for self-provision of the public services whenever possible. This, however, results in a lowering of

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quality available to the others outside the club despite less crowding at the publicly provided facilities.

Mass media effects on non-governmental organizations

Original Research Article

Pages 57-72

Mathieu Couttenier, Sophie Hatte

Abstract

Globalization has raised concerns that multinational firms develop commercial activities at the expense of the environment or human rights, especially in developing countries. As firms' practices are not fully observable by stakeholders, NGOs have applied pressure on firms by organizing information campaigns. This paper studies how media coverage affects how effective NGOs are in monitoring firms. We make use of large media shocks, generated by big sports events, that crowd out media coverage of firms' practices in event host and participant countries, and increase coverage of sponsors. We find NGOs to respond consistently. NGOs are more likely to disseminate critical coverage of firms sponsoring sports events, and are less likely to spotlight firms' practices in the event host and participant countries. We also find that NGOs take advantage of sports events to increase their impact on sponsors, since campaigns about sponsors trigger a significant negative reaction in the stock market.

Journal of Environmental Management

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<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03014797>

Original Research Article

Monitoring and evaluation to support adaptive co-management: Lessons learned from the Millennium Villages Project

Pages 142-151

Sarah Chapman, Clare Sullivan, Cheryl Palm, Uyen Huynh, William Diru, Jessica Masira

Abstract

This article focuses attention on monitoring and evaluation approaches that will help resource managers to manage for change and uncertainty in adaptive co-management (ACM). ACM is a learning-by-doing approach that aims to build flexible community-based natural resource governance systems through collaborative or otherwise participatory means. We describe the framework for monitoring and evaluation that we developed and applied in ten African countries, which includes fixed indicators and measures for co-management performance monitoring, a process evaluation element, a platform for repeat ecological surveillance, and a longitudinal household survey. We comment on the usefulness of this framework, and its applicability to a wide range of geographic contexts. We then present a four step model to assist managers in applying the framework to specific co-management problems. The model suggests a cascade approach to defining key evaluations questions at a systems, network, individual and synthesis level. We illustrate the application of our model and framework by means of a case study of a co-managed agroforestry program in western Kenya.

Private forest owners motivations for adopting biodiversity-related protection programs

Original Research Article

Pages 212-219

Philippe Polomé

Abstract

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Since economic incentives are typically fairly low for many non-industrial private forest owners, it is of interest for public policy to examine whether other motives might play a role on adoption of Biodiversity-related Protection Programs. In a survey of non-industrial private forest owners, a number of current programs, that include biodiversity protection to some degree, are investigated: Prosilva, environmental associations, other programs of forest management. Across the survey, adoption amounts to 22% for all the programs jointly, and is shown to depend on economic, social and intrinsic motives, with significant crowding-out only between the economic and intrinsic motives, that is, intrinsic motives likely lessen the effectiveness of economic incentives. That does not occur with social motives; these results constitute a test of the "reputational crowding-out" theory of Bénabou and Tirole, (2006). Adoption of any program is strongly negatively correlated to the others. Nearly no respondent adopted the Natura 2000 program.

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Research article

[What in the World Are Anti-Trafficking NGOs Doing? Findings from a Global Study](#)

Pages 1-13 |

[Stephanie A. Limoncelli](#)

ABSTRACT

While the academic literature on human trafficking has grown enormously in the last 20 years, few studies have been done that empirically examine the organizations taking part in anti-trafficking responses. This article reports some findings of a study of 1,861 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide that identify themselves as working on the issue of human trafficking. The findings show that anti-trafficking NGOs have a wide variety of specializations, are most prevalent in Asia and Europe, mainly target children, often focus on both labor and sex trafficking, and engage in awareness and legislative or policy advocacy more often than direct service provision. Methodological, theoretical, and applied implications are discussed.

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Extended essay

Fair subject selection in clinical research: formal equality of opportunity

Douglas MacKay

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Abstract

In this paper, I explore the ethics of subject selection in the context of biomedical research. I reject a key principle of what I shall refer to as the standard view. According to this principle, investigators should select participants so as to minimise aggregate risk to participants and maximise aggregate benefits to participants and society. On this view, investigators should exclude prospective participants who are more susceptible to risk than other prospective participants. I argue instead that investigators should select subjects in accordance with an alternative principle: formal equality of opportunity. According to this principle, investigators must treat all prospective participants the same unless differential treatment is warranted by the scientific goals of the study or the need to promote participants' medically related interests. All prospective participants (1) who meet the scientifically defined eligibility criteria and (2) for whom participation is consistent with their medically related interests should have an equal, formal opportunity to participate in the study. Prospective participants should not be excluded simply because they are more susceptible to risk than others.

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Editorial

[Access to medicines—the status quo is no longer an option](#)

The Lancet

Last week, the much anticipated report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access To Medicines, Promoting innovation & access to health technologies, was published. The independent panel sought recommendations to solve the disjunction between trade and the patent system with fulfilment of the right to health. This misalignment continues to be a barrier to affordable access to essential medicines.

The report's strong focus on the use of human rights as the basis of policies and on access to medicines in all countries is to be commended; as is the open documentation of statements of disagreement among the panel, or that some recommendations were not bold enough. Important were the renewed calls for an international R&D convention and more public financing for R&D. Concrete approaches to improve transparency, good governance, and accountability were all emphasised, including punitive action against parties that pressure countries that use TRIPS flexibilities.

The report was opposed by the US Government and the pharmaceutical industry whose attempts to dilute the report's recommendations and block its release have been widely reported. These tensions are not new. The existing intellectual property (IP) system serves these parties well where public health and human rights considerations are often omitted in pricing decisions and access to medical products and technologies. It is a pity no consensus was reached among panellists on renegotiating TRIPS and a new IP regime.

Nevertheless, the panel's recommendations are an important first step and it will be imperative for Ban Ki-moon to endorse them quickly, especially as momentum to approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which also has negative implications for access to medicines, is gathering in the USA. The Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines, to be published on Nov 8, 2016, will provide a timely platform to look at health innovation and access in the much wider context of comprehensive medicine policies. It will provide actionable recommendations that will complement and possibly leverage those of the panel's and reaffirm essential medicines as a keystone of the global health and development agenda.

Articles

[Use of quantitative molecular diagnostic methods to identify causes of diarrhoea in children: a reanalysis of the GEMS case-control study](#)

Jie Liu, James A Platts-Mills, Jane Juma, Furqan Kabir, Joseph Nkeze, Catherine Okoi, Darwin J Operario, Jashim Uddin, Shah Nawaz Ahmed, Pedro L Alonso, Martin Antonio, Stephen M Becker, William C Blackwelder, Robert F Breiman, Abu S G Faruque, Barry Fields, Jean Gratz, Rashidul

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Summary

Background

Diarrhoea is the second leading cause of mortality in children worldwide, but establishing the cause can be complicated by diverse diagnostic approaches and varying test characteristics. We used quantitative molecular diagnostic methods to reassess causes of diarrhoea in the Global Enteric Multicenter Study (GEMS).

Methods

GEMS was a study of moderate to severe diarrhoea in children younger than 5 years in Africa and Asia. We used quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR) to test for 32 enteropathogens in stool samples from cases and matched asymptomatic controls from GEMS, and compared pathogen-specific attributable incidences with those found with the original GEMS microbiological methods, including culture, EIA, and reverse-transcriptase PCR. We calculated revised pathogen-specific burdens of disease and assessed causes in individual children.

Findings

We analysed 5304 sample pairs. For most pathogens, incidence was greater with qPCR than with the original methods, particularly for adenovirus 40/41 (around five times), *Shigella* spp or enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli* (EIEC) and *Campylobacter jejuni* or *C coli* (around two times), and heat-stable enterotoxin-producing *E coli* ([ST-ETEC] around 1·5 times). The six most attributable pathogens became, in descending order, *Shigella* spp, rotavirus, adenovirus 40/41, ST-ETEC, *Cryptosporidium* spp, and *Campylobacter* spp. Pathogen-attributable diarrhoeal burden was 89·3% (95% CI 83·2–96·0) at the population level, compared with 51·5% (48·0–55·0) in the original GEMS analysis. The top six pathogens accounted for 77·8% (74·6–80·9) of all attributable diarrhoea. With use of model-derived quantitative cutoffs to assess individual diarrhoeal cases, 2254 (42·5%) of 5304 cases had one diarrhoea-associated pathogen detected and 2063 (38·9%) had two or more, with *Shigella* spp and rotavirus being the pathogens most strongly associated with diarrhoea in children with mixed infections.

Interpretation

A quantitative molecular diagnostic approach improved population-level and case-level characterisation of the causes of diarrhoea and indicated a high burden of disease associated with six pathogens, for which targeted treatment should be prioritised.

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Original Investigation

[The Mass Production of Redundant, Misleading, and Conflicted Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses \(pages 485–514\)](#)

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Abstract

Policy Points:

:: Currently, there is massive production of unnecessary, misleading, and conflicted systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Instead of promoting evidence-based medicine and health care, these instruments often serve mostly as easily produced publishable units or marketing tools.

:: Suboptimal systematic reviews and meta-analyses can be harmful given the major prestige and influence these types of studies have acquired.

:: The publication of systematic reviews and meta-analyses should be realigned to remove biases and vested interests and to integrate them better with the primary production of evidence.

Context

Currently, most systematic reviews and meta-analyses are done retrospectively with fragmented published information. This article aims to explore the growth of published systematic reviews and meta-analyses and to estimate how often they are redundant, misleading, or serving conflicted interests.

Methods

Data included information from PubMed surveys and from empirical evaluations of meta-analyses.

Findings

Publication of systematic reviews and meta-analyses has increased rapidly. In the period January 1, 1986, to December 4, 2015, PubMed tags 266,782 items as “systematic reviews” and 58,611 as “meta-analyses.” Annual publications between 1991 and 2014 increased 2,728% for systematic reviews and 2,635% for meta-analyses versus only 153% for all PubMed-indexed items. Currently, probably more systematic reviews of trials than new randomized trials are published annually. Most topics addressed by meta-analyses of randomized trials have

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overlapping, redundant meta-analyses; same-topic meta-analyses may exceed 20 sometimes. Some fields produce massive numbers of meta-analyses; for example, 185 meta-analyses of antidepressants for depression were published between 2007 and 2014. These meta-analyses are often produced either by industry employees or by authors with industry ties and results are aligned with sponsor interests. China has rapidly become the most prolific producer of English-language, PubMed-indexed meta-analyses. The most massive presence of Chinese meta-analyses is on genetic associations (63% of global production in 2014), where almost all results are misleading since they combine fragmented information from mostly abandoned era of candidate genes. Furthermore, many contracting companies working on evidence synthesis receive industry contracts to produce meta-analyses, many of which probably remain unpublished. Many other meta-analyses have serious flaws. Of the remaining, most have weak or insufficient evidence to inform decision making. Few systematic reviews and meta-analyses are both non-misleading and useful.

Conclusions

The production of systematic reviews and meta-analyses has reached epidemic proportions. Possibly, the large majority of produced systematic reviews and meta-analyses are unnecessary, misleading, and/or conflicted.

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R.L. Grossman and Others
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[Incentives for Clinical Trialists to Share Data](#)

B. Lo and D.L. DeMets
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[Data Sharing at a Crossroads](#)

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Editorial

[The Importance — and the Complexities — of Data Sharing](#)

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Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D., Stephen Morrissey, Ph.D., Debra Malina, Ph.D., Mary Beth Hamel, M.D., and Edward W. Campion, M.D.

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We at the *Journal* are committed to making the sharing of clinical trial data an effective, efficient, and sustainable part of biomedical research. This issue of the Journal includes three Perspective articles on the topic of data sharing. Grossman et al. describe the Genomic Data Commons, which will initially house raw genomic data and diagnostic, histologic, and clinical outcome data from National Cancer Institute–funded projects.¹ Lo and DeMets recommend steps for addressing clinical trialists’ primary reservations about sharing their data.² And Rockhold et al. consider progress to date and a path forward that could avert the creation of a fragmented data-sharing landscape.³ In August 2016, we published four Perspective articles on the same topic — two by experts who favored rapid open access to clinical trial data and two by other experts who were more reserved in their enthusiasm, focusing on the hurdles to be overcome.⁴⁻⁷ With these articles, and with others to come, our goal is to bring to the table a wide variety of opinions about the value, risks, unknowns, and rewards that accompany data sharing in the context of clinical trials. We firmly believe that complex issues are best clarified through open discussion and the airing of various viewpoints. Only by seeing the issue through many sets of eyes can we achieve the clarity we need to move forward. We hope that you will read each of these pieces with this idea in mind. Our enemy is disease and the human toll it takes. We need to use every means possible to come closer to vanquishing the real foe.

One of the best ways to make an idea a reality is to demonstrate its application. To that end, the Journal is sponsoring, with the help of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health, a contest to show how clinical trial data can be used to identify additional advances in human health that can be derived from a given data set. In November 2015, we published the primary outcome of the NHLBI Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT) on the intensive treatment of hypertension.⁸ We now challenge clinical trialists, data analysts, and any other interested party to reanalyze the published SPRINT data, either alone or in combination with other publicly available data, to derive new insights or ideas. The SPRINT data will be made available on the NHLBI’s BioLINCC website on November 1, 2016. We encourage you to use these data to generate new findings with the potential to improve our understanding of disease or patient care by participating in the NEJM SPRINT Data Analysis Challenge (<http://challenge.nejm.org>). The winners of the Challenge will be awarded prizes and will present their work at a live event at which researchers and patients will explore ways to align incentives for all toward the responsible and effective sharing of clinical trial data.

As we work through these complex issues, we want to make it clear that the Journal is committed to making data sharing part of our everyday business. Just as we introduced the inclusion of clinical trial protocols with the publication of all clinical trial research reports, we are working, in the same spirit of transparency, toward the goal of making data sharing a reality. We urge you to engage in the conversation by commenting on our published pieces at NEJM.org but more important by taking up the SPRINT Challenge.

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Research Article

[Experiences and Psychosocial Impact of West Africa Ebola Deployment on US Health Care Volunteers](#)

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Background: This qualitative study was designed to assess health care volunteers' experiences and psychosocial impacts associated with deployment to the West Africa Ebola epidemic.

Methods: In 2015, using snowball sampling, 16 US health care volunteers who had recently returned from West Africa were recruited for this study. Semi-structured interviews were conducted to collect information associated with each phase of deployment (pre, peri, and post).

Results: Participants reported that they were motivated to volunteer because of a sense of responsibility and feelings of empathy and altruism. Immediately prior to deployment, most reported fear of contagion and death, as well as doubts regarding the adequacy of their training. Family members and close friends expressed high levels of concern regarding participants' decisions to volunteer. During the deployment, participants were fearful of exposure and reported feeling emotionally and physically exhausted. They also reported feeling frustrated by extreme resource limitations, poor management of the mission, lack of clearly defined roles and responsibilities, and inability to provide high quality care. Upon return home, participants felt a sense of isolation, depression, stigmatization, interpersonal difficulties, and extreme stress.

Conclusion: Preparedness of volunteers was suboptimal at each stage of deployment. All stakeholders, including volunteers, sponsoring organizations, government agencies, and professional organizations have a shared responsibility in ensuring that volunteers to medical

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missions are adequately prepared. This is especially critical for high risk deployments. Effective policies and practices need to be developed and implemented in order to protect the health and well-being of health care volunteers to the fullest extent possible.

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Research Article

[Reporting of Adverse Events in Published and Unpublished Studies of Health Care Interventions: A Systematic Review](#)

Su Golder , Yoon K. Loke, Kath Wright, Gill Norman

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Abstract

Background

We performed a systematic review to assess whether we can quantify the underreporting of adverse events (AEs) in the published medical literature documenting the results of clinical trials as compared with other nonpublished sources, and whether we can measure the impact this underreporting has on systematic reviews of adverse events.

Methods and Findings

Studies were identified from 15 databases (including MEDLINE and Embase) and by handsearching, reference checking, internet searches, and contacting experts. The last database searches were conducted in July 2016. There were 28 methodological evaluations that met the inclusion criteria. Of these, 9 studies compared the proportion of trials reporting adverse events by publication status.

The median percentage of published documents with adverse events information was 46% compared to 95% in the corresponding unpublished documents. There was a similar pattern with unmatched studies, for which 43% of published studies contained adverse events information compared to 83% of unpublished studies.

A total of 11 studies compared the numbers of adverse events in matched published and unpublished documents. The percentage of adverse events that would have been missed had each analysis relied only on the published versions varied between 43% and 100%, with a median of 64%. Within these 11 studies, 24 comparisons of named adverse events such as death, suicide, or respiratory adverse events were undertaken. In 18 of the 24 comparisons, the number of named adverse events was higher in unpublished than published documents. Additionally, 2 other studies demonstrated that there are substantially more types of adverse events reported in matched unpublished than published documents. There were 20 meta-analyses that reported the odds ratios (ORs) and/or risk ratios (RRs) for adverse events with and without unpublished data. Inclusion of unpublished data increased the precision of the pooled estimates (narrower 95% confidence intervals) in 15 of the 20 pooled analyses, but did not markedly change the direction or statistical significance of the risk in most cases.

The main limitations of this review are that the included case examples represent only a small number amongst thousands of meta-analyses of harms and that the included studies may suffer from publication bias, whereby substantial differences between published and unpublished data are more likely to be published.

Conclusions

There is strong evidence that much of the information on adverse events remains unpublished and that the number and range of adverse events is higher in unpublished than in published

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versions of the same study. The inclusion of unpublished data can also reduce the imprecision of pooled effect estimates during meta-analysis of adverse events.

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EDITORIAL

[Speaking of insects...](#)

May R. Berenbaum

Summary

Given that *Aedes aegypti*, the main mosquito vector of Zika virus, has been an intense focus of public health attention in the Americas, most recently in Florida, it seems apt that next week, 7000 entomologists from around the world will converge on Orlando, Florida, for the 25th International Congress of Entomology (ICE), where, among other activities, 175 discipline thought-leaders will join policy-makers and other experts to address “Improving the Human Condition through Insect Science.” The ICE summit’s goals are to define the major global insect-related challenges—from arthropod-borne diseases to the protection of beneficial

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species—and plan collaborative efforts to meet these challenges through research and technology. These “grand challenges” aren’t new. What’s new, however, is an explicit effort to address one of the greatest challenges: effective engagement with the public about the value of insect science.

Policy Forum

Toward strategic, coherent, policy-relevant arctic science

By Clive Tesar, Marc-Andre Dubois, Alexander Shestakov

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Summary

Later this month, government science officials from the Arctic and other nations will be in Washington, D.C., invited by the White House to the first ever Arctic Science Ministerial meeting (1). The event is framed as a response to rapid climate-driven change in the Arctic and impacts of that change on the rest of the world. Although the White House has grasped the urgency of scientific responses to the unprecedented change gripping the Arctic, we think the ministerial delegates could aspire to address “What science needs to be done?” and “How is it done?” There are opportunities to better shape aspects of the science that should be focused on the needs of Arctic policy and management, in addition to fundamental curiosity-driven science. Also critical is the question of how decisions the ministers make should be actualized, whether through the Arctic Council (AC), the most formalized body for Arctic cooperation, or through other existing or new mechanisms.

Plant diversity patterns in neotropical dry forests and their conservation implications

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Abstract

Seasonally dry tropical forests are distributed across Latin America and the Caribbean and are highly threatened, with less than 10% of their original extent remaining in many countries. Using 835 inventories covering 4660 species of woody plants, we show marked floristic turnover among inventories and regions, which may be higher than in other neotropical biomes, such as savanna. Such high floristic turnover indicates that numerous conservation areas across many countries will be needed to protect the full diversity of tropical dry forests. Our results provide a scientific framework within which national decision-makers can contextualize the floristic significance of their dry forest at a regional and continental scale

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