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**Period ending 28 January 2017**

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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.*

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*United Nations*

### **[Nikki R. Haley \(USA\) - Media Stakeout \(27 January 2017\)](#)**

[UN Web TV -Video: 4:24]

27 Jan 2017 - Informal comments to the media by H.E. Ms. Nikki R. Haley, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations

"...For those who don't have our backs, we are taking names..."

*[US Mission to the UN website not responding at several inquiries on 28 Jan 2017]*

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### **[JOINT IOM - UNHCR STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S REFUGEE ORDER](#)**

GENEVA - The needs of refugees and migrants worldwide have never been greater and the US resettlement program is one of the most important in the world.

The longstanding policy has offered a double win: first by rescuing some of the most vulnerable people in the world and second by enabling them to enrich their new societies. The contribution of refugees and migrants to their new homes worldwide has been overwhelmingly positive.

Resettlement places provided by every country are vital; The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, hope that the US will continue its strong leadership role and long tradition of protecting those who are fleeing conflict and persecution.

IOM and UNHCR remain committed to working with the US Administration towards the goal we share to ensure safe and secure resettlement and immigration programmes.

We strongly believe that refugees should receive equal treatment for protection and assistance, and opportunities for resettlement, regardless of their religion, nationality or race.

We will continue to engage actively and constructively with the U.S. Government, as we have done for decades, to protect those who need it most, and to offer our support on asylum and migration matters.

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### **[IRC: Decision to Suspend U.S. Refugee Resettlement is Hasty and Harmful](#)**

January 27, 2017 *Press Release*

### **[Mercy Corps: The U.S. Must Continue To Welcome Refugees](#)**

January 26, 2017

Global organization opposes executive order ending Syrian refugee program; Calls on public to sign online petition

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## [Save the Children Statement on U.S. Executive Order on Suspension of Refugee Resettlement](#)

January 28, 2017



### ***Editor's Note:***

We present below the full text of U.S. President Trump's Executive Order as published in the *New York Times* [27 Jan 2017]. Countries referenced in the Order include Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan Syria and Yemen. Text bolding is by the Editor.

## [Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States](#)

Executive Order

President of the United States

27 January 2017

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and to protect the American people from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals admitted to the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

*Section 1. Purpose.* The visa-issuance process plays a crucial role in detecting individuals with terrorist ties and stopping them from entering the United States. Perhaps in no instance was that more apparent than the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when State Department policy prevented consular officers from properly scrutinizing the visa applications of several of the 19 foreign nationals who went on to murder nearly 3,000 Americans. And while the visa-issuance process was reviewed and amended after the September 11 attacks to better detect would-be terrorists from receiving visas, these measures did not stop attacks by foreign nationals who were admitted to the United States.

Numerous foreign-born individuals have been convicted or implicated in terrorism-related crimes since September 11, 2001, including foreign nationals who entered the United States after receiving visitor, student, or employment visas, or who entered through the United States refugee resettlement program. Deteriorating conditions in certain countries due to war, strife, disaster, and civil unrest increase the likelihood that terrorists will use any means possible to enter the United States. The United States must be vigilant during the visa-issuance process to ensure that those approved for admission do not intend to harm Americans and that they have no ties to terrorism.

**In order to protect Americans, the United States must ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles. The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who do not support the Constitution, or those who would place violent ideologies over American law. In addition, the United States should not admit those who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred (including "honor" killings, other forms of violence against women, or the persecution of those who practice religions different from their own) or those who would oppress Americans of any race, gender, or sexual orientation.**

*Sec. 2. Policy.* It is the policy of the United States to protect its citizens from foreign nationals who intend to commit terrorist attacks in the United States; and to prevent the admission of foreign nationals who intend to exploit United States immigration laws for malevolent purposes.

*Sec. 3. Suspension of Issuance of Visas and Other Immigration Benefits to Nationals of Countries of Particular Concern.*

(a) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall immediately conduct a review to determine the information needed from any country to adjudicate any visa, admission, or other benefit under the INA (adjudications) in order to determine that the individual seeking the benefit is who the individual claims to be and is not a security or public-safety threat.

(b) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the President a report on the results of the review described in subsection (a) of this section, including the Secretary of Homeland Security's determination of the information needed for adjudications and a list of countries that do not provide adequate information, within 30 days of the date of this order. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence.

(c) To temporarily reduce investigative burdens on relevant agencies during the review period described in subsection (a) of this section, to ensure the proper review and maximum utilization of available resources for the screening of foreign nationals, and to ensure that adequate standards are established to prevent infiltration by foreign terrorists or criminals, pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), **I hereby proclaim that the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens from countries referred to in section 217(a)(12) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(12), would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and I hereby suspend entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of such persons for 90 days from the date of this order (excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas).**

(d) Immediately upon receipt of the report described in subsection (b) of this section regarding the information needed for adjudications, the Secretary of State shall request all foreign governments that do not supply such information to start providing such information regarding their nationals within 60 days of notification.

(e) After the 60-day period described in subsection (d) of this section expires, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the President a list of countries recommended for inclusion on a Presidential proclamation that would prohibit the entry of foreign nationals (excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas) from countries that do not provide the information requested pursuant to subsection (d) of this section until compliance occurs.

(f) At any point after submitting the list described in subsection (e) of this section, the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security may submit to the President the names of any additional countries recommended for similar treatment.

(g) Notwithstanding a suspension pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or pursuant to a Presidential proclamation described in subsection (e) of this section, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security may, on a case-by-case basis, and when in the national interest, issue visas or other immigration benefits to nationals of countries for which visas and benefits are otherwise blocked.

(h) The Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall submit to the President a joint report on the progress in implementing this order within 30 days of the date of this order, a

second report within 60 days of the date of this order, a third report within 90 days of the date of this order, and a fourth report within 120 days of the date of this order.

*Sec. 4. Implementing Uniform Screening Standards for All Immigration Programs.*

(a) The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall implement a program, as part of the adjudication process for immigration benefits, to identify individuals seeking to enter the United States on a fraudulent basis with the intent to cause harm, or who are at risk of causing harm subsequent to their admission. **This program will include the development of a uniform screening standard and procedure, such as in-person interviews; a database of identity documents proffered by applicants to ensure that duplicate documents are not used by multiple applicants; amended application forms that include questions aimed at identifying fraudulent answers and malicious intent; a mechanism to ensure that the applicant is who the applicant claims to be; a process to evaluate the applicant's likelihood of becoming a positively contributing member of society and the applicant's ability to make contributions to the national interest; and a mechanism to assess whether or not the applicant has the intent to commit criminal or terrorist acts after entering the United States.**

(b) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall submit to the President an initial report on the progress of this directive within 60 days of the date of this order, a second report within 100 days of the date of this order, and a third report within 200 days of the date of this order.

*Sec. 5. Realignment of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for Fiscal Year 2017.*

(a) The Secretary of State shall suspend the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for 120 days. During the 120-day period, the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Secretary of Homeland Security and in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, shall review the USRAP application and adjudication process to determine what additional procedures should be taken to ensure that those approved for refugee admission do not pose a threat to the security and welfare of the United States, and shall implement such additional procedures. Refugee applicants who are already in the USRAP process may be admitted upon the initiation and completion of these revised procedures. Upon the date that is 120 days after the date of this order, the Secretary of State shall resume USRAP admissions only for nationals of countries for which the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence have jointly determined that such additional procedures are adequate to ensure the security and welfare of the United States.

(b) Upon the resumption of USRAP admissions, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, is further directed to make changes, to the extent permitted by law, to **prioritize refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-based persecution, provided that the religion of the individual is a minority religion in the individual's country of nationality.** Where necessary and appropriate, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall recommend legislation to the President that would assist with such prioritization.

(c) Pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), **I hereby proclaim that the entry of nationals of Syria as refugees is detrimental to the interests of the United States and thus suspend any such entry until such time as I have determined that sufficient changes have been made to the USRAP to ensure that admission of Syrian refugees is consistent with the national interest.**

(d) Pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), **I hereby proclaim that the entry of more than 50,000 refugees in fiscal year 2017 would be detrimental to the**

**interests of the United States, and thus suspend any such entry until such time as I determine that additional admissions would be in the national interest.**

(e) Notwithstanding the temporary suspension imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security may jointly determine to admit individuals to the United States as refugees on a case-by-case basis, in their discretion, but only so long as they determine that the admission of such individuals as refugees is in the national interest — including when the person is a religious minority in his country of nationality facing religious persecution, when admitting the person would enable the United States to conform its conduct to a preexisting international agreement, or when the person is already in transit and denying admission would cause undue hardship — and it would not pose a risk to the security or welfare of the United States.

(f) The Secretary of State shall submit to the President an initial report on the progress of the directive in subsection (b) of this section regarding prioritization of claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-based persecution within 100 days of the date of this order and shall submit a second report within 200 days of the date of this order.

(g) It is the policy of the executive branch that, to the extent permitted by law and as practicable, State and local jurisdictions be granted a role in the process of determining the placement or settlement in their jurisdictions of aliens eligible to be admitted to the United States as refugees. To that end, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall examine existing law to determine the extent to which, consistent with applicable law, State and local jurisdictions may have greater involvement in the process of determining the placement or resettlement of refugees in their jurisdictions, and shall devise a proposal to lawfully promote such involvement.

Sec. 6. Rescission of Exercise of Authority Relating to the Terrorism Grounds of Inadmissibility. The Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall, in consultation with the Attorney General, consider rescinding the exercises of authority in section 212 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182, relating to the terrorism grounds of inadmissibility, as well as any related implementing memoranda.

#### *Sec. 7. Expedited Completion of the Biometric Entry-Exit Tracking System.*

**(a) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall expedite the completion and implementation of a biometric entry-exit tracking system for all travelers to the United States, as recommended by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.**

(b) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the President periodic reports on the progress of the directive contained in subsection (a) of this section. The initial report shall be submitted within 100 days of the date of this order, a second report shall be submitted within 200 days of the date of this order, and a third report shall be submitted within 365 days of the date of this order. Further, the Secretary shall submit a report every 180 days thereafter until the system is fully deployed and operational.

#### *Sec. 8. Visa Interview Security.*

(a) The Secretary of State shall immediately suspend the Visa Interview Waiver Program and ensure compliance with section 222 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1222, which requires that all individuals seeking a nonimmigrant visa undergo an in-person interview, subject to specific statutory exceptions.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of State shall immediately expand the Consular Fellows Program, including by substantially increasing the number of Fellows, lengthening or making permanent the period of service, and making language training at the Foreign Service Institute available to Fellows for assignment to posts outside of their area of core linguistic ability, to ensure that non-immigrant visa-interview wait times are not unduly affected.

*Sec. 9. Visa Validity Reciprocity.* The Secretary of State shall review all nonimmigrant visa reciprocity agreements to ensure that they are, with respect to each visa classification, truly reciprocal insofar as practicable with respect to validity period and fees, as required by sections 221(c) and 281 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1201(c) and 1351, and other treatment. If a country does not treat United States nationals seeking nonimmigrant visas in a reciprocal manner, the Secretary of State shall adjust the visa validity period, fee schedule, or other treatment to match the treatment of United States nationals by the foreign country, to the extent practicable.

*Sec. 10. Transparency and Data Collection.*

(a) To be more transparent with the American people, and to more effectively implement policies and practices that serve the national interest, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall, consistent with applicable law and national security, collect and make publicly available within 180 days, and every 180 days thereafter:

(i) information regarding the number of foreign nationals in the United States who have been charged with terrorism-related offenses while in the United States; convicted of terrorism-related offenses while in the United States; or removed from the United States based on terrorism-related activity, affiliation, or material support to a terrorism-related organization, or any other national security reasons since the date of this order or the last reporting period, whichever is later;

(ii) information regarding the number of foreign nationals in the United States who have been radicalized after entry into the United States and engaged in terrorism-related acts, or who have provided material support to terrorism-related organizations in countries that pose a threat to the United States, since the date of this order or the last reporting period, whichever is later; and

(iii) information regarding the number and types of acts of gender-based violence against women, including honor killings, in the United States by foreign nationals, since the date of this order or the last reporting period, whichever is later; and

(iv) any other information relevant to public safety and security as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, including information on the immigration status of foreign nationals charged with major offenses.

(b) The Secretary of State shall, within one year of the date of this order, provide a report on the estimated long-term costs of the USRAP at the Federal, State, and local levels.

*Sec. 11. General Provisions.*

(a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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**MacArthur Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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*From the field*

## **Tool Helps Immigrants Understand Rights, Access Legal Aid**

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A free online tool helps immigrants in the United States at risk of deportation understand their rights and access civil legal aid to protect their future. Created by Immigration Advocates Network and Pro Bono Net with support from MacArthur, the immi tool helps immigrants easily screen for their options for legally staying in the United States, learn about their rights under U.S. immigration law, and find referrals to local civil legal aid organizations that help eligible immigrants gain status. Studies suggest that more than 1.5 million undocumented immigrants may have avenues for legally staying in the country, such as family-based petitions, asylum, U visas, or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, but do not know that these options are available.



## **Ploumen urges international fund for safe abortion**

Government of the Netherlands

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

News item | 25-01-2017 | 14:34

Development minister Lilianne Ploumen has expressed disappointment at US President Donald Trump's decision to eliminate all funding for organisations that help women in developing countries with family planning if their range of services includes abortion. Mr Trump's presidential memorandum (the 'Global Gag Rule') was announced yesterday in Washington.

'This decision has far-reaching consequences,' said the minister. 'Above all for the women it affects, who should be able to decide for themselves if they want a child, but also for their husbands and children and for society as a whole. Banning abortion does not reduce the number of abortions. What it leads to is dangerous backroom procedures and higher maternal mortality.' Marie Stopes International, one of the affected organisations, estimates that the cut in their funding will result in 6.5 million additional unwanted pregnancies, 2.2 million additional abortions (many of them unsafe) and the needless death of 21,700 young mothers over the next four years.

The Netherlands will resolutely defend good healthcare for women, Ms Ploumen said, including abortion rights. 'Working with other countries and organisations, we've achieved a lot in recent years. Last year alone, Dutch support to women's organisations is estimated to have helped prevent over 6 million unwanted pregnancies and half a million abortions. The US decision threatens to undo these achievements. We must not let this happen.' To prevent this, the minister is taking the initiative to launch an international fund to give women in developing countries access to clear information, contraceptives and abortion.

'We have to make up as much as possible for this financial blow, with a broad-based fund that governments, companies and civil society organisations can donate to,' said Ms Ploumen. 'So that women can continue to make their own decisions about their own bodies.'



## **Emergencies**

### **WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 28 January 2017]

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## **Iraq –**

:: Efforts ongoing to provide trauma care to people in need in Mosul, Iraq

Cairo, 25 January 2017 – As the conflict in Mosul intensifies and greater numbers of civilians are caught in the crossfire, WHO and partners have increased trauma care services to ensure that patients requiring medical care for injuries have a greater chance of survival. However, additional funds are needed in order to provide a full scale of health services to the 2.7 million people affected.

## **South Sudan -**

:: WHO and partners scaling up measles vaccination to reach 2.3 million children in South Sudan

18 January 2017, Juba, South Sudan – WHO South Sudan in partnership with the MoH, UNICEF and other partners including state directors general for health and Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) officers of all states, gathered from 17 to 21 January 2017 at Juba Grand Hotel to plan on how to reach 2.3 million persons with measles vaccines in the face of a difficult operating environment.

The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

Nigeria - *See measles immunization campaign announcement above.*

UNICEF: 4.7 million children in vaccination campaign against measles in northeast Nigeria

26 January 2017 ABUJA, Nigeria, – In a major vaccination campaign concluding this week, 4.7 million children are being vaccinated in response to a measles outbreak in northeast Nigeria. The campaign is covering the three states most affected by the Boko Haram conflict – Adamawa, Borno and Yobe – where insecurity has limited vaccination efforts. In 2016, there were approximately 25,000 cases of measles among children in Nigeria; 97 per cent of the cases were in children under the age of ten and at least a hundred children died.

## **WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 28 January 2017]

:: Responding to forgotten crises - Together with the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund

28 January 2017 -- With the number and scale of humanitarian crises around the world, some countries have fallen off the global radar. That is the case for countries like the Central African Republic, Libya and Sudan, where pressing needs don't seem to garner the world's attention. This can make it difficult to raise the funding necessary to carry out humanitarian response plans.

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified.*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new announcements identified.*

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified.*

Libya - *No new announcements identified.*

Myanmar - *No new announcements identified.*

Niger - *No new announcements identified.*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified.*

## **UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

*The UN and its humanitarian partners are currently responding to three 'L3' emergencies. This is the global humanitarian system's classification for the response to the most severe, large-scale humanitarian crises.*

### **Iraq**

:: [Iraq: Mosul Humanitarian Response Situation Report No. 17 \(16 January - 22 January 2017\) \[EN/AR/KU\]](#)

### **Syria**

:: [Syria Arab Republic: Deir-ez-Zor Flash Update No. 2, 28 January 2017](#)

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### **Yemen**

:: [Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on Yemen, New York, 26 January 2017](#)

:: 26 Jan 2017 [Launch of the 2017-2018 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan](#)

### **Corporate Emergencies**

#### **Haiti**

:: [Haiti: Hurricane Matthew - Situation Report No. 33 \(25 January 2017\)](#)

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### **[Security Council Press Statement on Destruction of Cultural Heritage, Executions in Palmyra](#)**

SC/12690 20 January 2017

*The following Security Council press statement was issued today by Council President Olof Skoog (Sweden):*

The members of the Security Council were alarmed by reports, including from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), of the destruction of cultural heritage in Palmyra, Syria, including the tetrapylon and parts of the theatre, with satellite imagery by United Nations Institute for Training and Research-Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNITAR-UNOSAT) confirming the destruction.

The members of the Security Council were alarmed by reports of executions in the theatre of Palmyra and expressed deep concern for the safety of thousands of Palmyra residents inside the city.

The members of the Security Council strongly condemned these ongoing terrorist acts by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) in Syria.

The members of the Security Council reaffirmed their grave concern for the protection of the World Heritage Site of Palmyra and the systematic campaign of destruction of cultural heritage in Syria by ISIL/Da'esh.

The members of the Security Council reiterated their condemnation of the destruction of cultural heritage in Syria by ISIL/Da'esh, including targeted destruction of religious sites and objects, and noted with concern that ISIL and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida have generated income from engaging directly or indirectly in the looting and smuggling of cultural heritage items from archaeological sites, museums,

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libraries, archives and other sites in Syria, which is being used to support their recruitment efforts and to strengthen their operational capability to organize and carry out terrorist attacks. The members of the Security Council underlined the need to bring perpetrators of these acts to justice.

The members of the Security Council stressed again that ISIL must be defeated and that the intolerance, violence and hatred it espouses must be stamped out.

The members of the Security Council noted the statement of UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova that “this destruction is a new war crime and an immense loss for the Syrian people and for humanity”, and voiced their support for the efforts by UNESCO to address the destruction and looting of cultural heritage, including efforts to assist in the implementation of relevant provisions of United Nations Security Council resolution 2199 (2015).

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### **[UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – achievements and challenges over the past 10 years - Press Conference \(26 January 2017\)](#)**

[Video: 47:33]

*Press Conference on the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – achievements and challenges over the past 10 years.*

Speakers included: Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Albert Barume, Chair of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Leslie Malezer, Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

More: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/Pages/Declaration.aspx>

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

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

### **United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly**

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*Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage*

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SC/12695

### **[Viable Peace Proposal within Reach of Both Parties to Yemen Conflict, despite Heavy Fighting, Special Envoy Tells Security Council](#)**

Heavy fighting in Yemen — notably around Sana’a, Taiz and the border with Saudi Arabia — was all the more tragic because a viable peace proposal was within reach of both parties to the conflict there, the Secretary-General’s Special Envoy told the Security Council today, while pressing both sides to demonstrate the political courage needed to stop the nearly two-year-long war

26 January 2017

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SC/12694

[Briefers Describe Syria's Grim Humanitarian Situation, Dire Food Insecurity, Urging Sustained Security Council Action to Sustain Ceasefire, End Conflict](#)

Describing reports of severe suffering, starvation and indiscriminate attacks on civilians amid the ongoing fighting in Syria, humanitarian officials briefed the Security Council today, offering glimpses of hope while urging sustained action to end the six-year-long conflict in that country.

24 January 2017

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[Security Council Press Statement on Attack against United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali](#)

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[Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein ahead of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, 27 January 2017, Geneva](#)

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[Mexico / Rights defenders: "The best way to protect them is fighting impunity" – UN expert](#)

[Azimjan Askarov verdict in Kyrgyzstan 'deeply troubling' – Zeid](#)

[UN human rights expert concerned about reprisals during recent visit to Myanmar](#)

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 28 January 2017]

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

25 January 2017

[Committee on the Rights of the Child reviews the report of Georgia](#)

[UN Child Rights Committee to review Malawi](#)

24 January 2017

[Committee on the Rights of the Child considers the report of Serbia](#)

24 January 2017

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

[to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSB/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 28 January 2017]

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

24 Jan 2017

[Annual Report to the Human Rights Council: Major Achievements Despite Ongoing Violations of Children's Rights 20 Years After the Creation of the Mandate of the SRSB for Children and Armed Conflict](#)

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 28 January 2017]

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

25 January 2017

[Dominican Republic: UN rights experts urge legislators to back President Medina's stand on abortion](#)

**SRSB/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 28 January 2017]

<http://www.unocha.org/media-resources/press-releases>

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28 Jan 2017

[Somalia: UK pledges further support to address humanitarian needs caused by drought in Somalia](#)

26 Jan 2017

[Yemen: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on Yemen, New York, 26 January 2017](#)

26 Jan 2017

[Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on Syria, New York, 26 January 2017](#)

25 Jan 2017

[Central African Republic: Humanitarian Coordinator calls on non-state actors to preserve humanitarian access in Bambari](#)

24 Jan 2017

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[World: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Remarks at the launch of the 2017-2018 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan and presentation of the 2017 humanitarian response priorities](#)

23 Jan 2017

[Iraq: Humanitarians fear for the 750,000 civilians in western Mosul \[EN/AR/KU\]](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Iraq (Baghdad, 24 January 2017): 100 days after military operations to retake Mosul started, humanitarian partners are expressing deep concern about the plight of the estimated 750,000 civilians who are currently living in the western sections of the city where fighting is expected to start in coming weeks.

**UNICEF** [to 28 January 2017]

[http://www.unicef.org/media/media\\_89711.html](http://www.unicef.org/media/media_89711.html)

26 January 2017

[4.7 million children in vaccination campaign against measles in northeast Nigeria](#)

ABUJA, Nigeria, – In a major vaccination campaign concluding this week, 4.7 million children are being vaccinated in response to a measles outbreak in northeast Nigeria. The campaign is covering the three states most affected by the Boko Haram conflict – Adamawa, Borno and Yobe – where insecurity has limited vaccination efforts. In 2016, there were approximately 25,000 cases of measles among children in Nigeria; 97 per cent of the cases were in children under the age of ten and at least a hundred children died.

[Schools reopen in East Mosul as violence subsides](#)

BAGHDAD, 24 January, 2017 — As fighting subsides in East Mosul, 30 schools reopened on Sunday with help from UNICEF, allowing over 16,000 children to resume their education.

[Humanitarians fear for the 750,000 civilians in western Mosul](#)

BAGHDAD, 24 January 2017 - 100 days after military operations to retake Mosul started, humanitarian partners are expressing deep concern about the plight of the estimated 750,000 civilians who are currently living in the western sections of the city where fighting is expected to start in coming weeks.

[UNICEF launches interactive glimpse into Syrian children's struggle for education](#)

BEIRUT, 23 January 2017 – A new interactive documentary providing an intimate look into the lives of Syrian school-aged children living as refugees in Lebanon was launched by UNICEF today. #ImagineaSchool provides a first-hand account of the challenges Syrian refugees face in their struggle to access education.

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Press releases and news comments*

[Joint IOM-UNHCR Statement on President Trump's Refugee Order](#) 28 Jan 2017

*[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

[UNHCR on US Government announcement of its intention to build a wall at its border with Mexico](#) 25 Jan 2017

"UNHCR has taken note of the announcement by the US Government of its intention to build a wall at the border with its neighbour, Mexico. UNHCR will closely follow the impact of this

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decision for people seeking refuge in the United States. UNHCR will continue to engage actively and constructively with the U.S. Government as we have done for decades.

At a time of enormous needs for the protection of refugees, we hope that the US will continue its strong leadership role and long tradition of protecting those who are fleeing conflict and persecution.”

[United Nations and Partners Strengthen Commitment to Syrians and Neighbours Affected by Syria Crisis](#) 24 Jan 2017

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 28 January 2017]

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

2017-01-28 10:36

[JOINT IOM - UNHCR STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S REFUGEE ORDER](#)

*[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 3,829 Deaths at Sea: 246](#)

2017-01-27 17:38

Switzerland - IOM reports that 3,829 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017, through 25 January, well over two thirds arriving in Italy and the rest in Greece.

[IOM Launches Displacement Tracking in Afghanistan as Humanitarian Crisis Looms](#)

2017-01-27 17:37

Afghanistan - In response to the recent dramatic increase of Afghans returning, IOM is launching a new displacement tracking system to better understand movements and needs.

[Humanitarian Agencies Fear for Safety of 750,000 Iraqis in West Mosul](#)

2017-01-24 17:13

Iraq - One hundred days after military operations to retake Mosul started, humanitarian partners are expressing deep concern about the plight of 750,000 civilians.

[IOM Launches Tuberculosis-Migration Portal](#)

2017-01-24 17:06

Switzerland - IOM, with financial support from the Stop TB Partnership, yesterday (19/01) launched the world's first dedicated TB and Migration Portal: The Knowledge Platform on Tuberculosis and Migration ([www.tbandmigration.iom.int](http://www.tbandmigration.iom.int))

**UNAIDS** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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*Update*

[Review panel meets to strengthen UNAIDS model](#)

A special panel has begun deliberations on how to strengthen UNAIDS' unique model and further align it to international efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Global Review Panel on the Future of the UNAIDS Joint Programme Model includes representatives of United Nations Member States, key populations affected by HIV, United Nations agencies and other multilateral organizations and private foundations. Established by the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board, the panel is co-convened by Helen Clark, Chair of the United Nations Development Group, and UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé and co-

chaired by Awa Coll-Seck, Health Minister of Senegal, and Lennarth Hjelmåker, Sweden's Ambassador for Global Health...

### **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 28 January 2017]

140th session of the Executive Board

23 January–1 February 2017, Geneva

*[see selected main documents summary and live webcast information above]*

Mahmoud Fikri appointed as Regional Director for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region

24 January 2017 -- WHO's Executive Board, currently holding its 140th session in Geneva, has appointed Dr Mahmoud Fikri, from United Arab Emirates (UAE) as WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO), following his nomination by the Regional Committee for EMRO in October last year.

### **:: WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

WHO African Region AFRO

*No new digest content identified.*

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

*No new digest content identified.*

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Scale up efforts against leprosy; focus on preventing disabilities in children

27 January 2017

WHO European Region EURO

:: WHO calls for heightened vigilance as avian influenza continues to spread in Europe 26-01-2017

:: First meeting of the Health and SDGs Expert Working Group provides input to roadmap for health and sustainable development in the Region 25-01-2017

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Mahmoud Fikri appointed as Regional Director for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region

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:: Trauma care now available in Bartalla 23 January 2017

:: Leishmaniasis continues to affect the lives of tens of thousands of Afghans 22 January 2017

WHO Western Pacific Region

*No new digest content identified.*

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 28 January 2017]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2016/>

27/01/17

[Alarm as lethal plague kills endangered Mongolian antelope](#)

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 28 January 2017]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Announcements*

[Helen Clark: Speech at the Supporting Syrians and the Region Event -- Humanitarian Priorities Briefing and Launch of the Regional Refugee & Resilience Plan 2017-2018 \(3RP\)](#)

Jan 24, 2017 House of Estates - Helsinki, Finland

[United Nations and Partners Strengthen Commitment to Syrians and Neighbours Affected by Syria Crisis](#) Jan 24, 2017

United Nations agencies and NGO partners today appealed for US\$4.63 billion in new funding to continue vital work in addressing the growing needs of refugees from Syria and communities hosting them in neighbouring countries.

[Helen Clark: Opening speech at Launch of the Report on Lessons Learnt for the Post-Agreement Reconstruction of Syria](#)

Jan 23, 2017 Helsinki, Finland

[Helen Clark: Keynote Speech at Side Event on "How to Support Bottom-Up Community Resilience in Syria"](#)

Jan 23, 2017 Marina Congress Center - Helsinki, Finland

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 28 January 2017]

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

January 23 2017

[Public Consultation on Oil and Gas Companies, SDGs, & Paris Agreement](#)

The Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI) and SDSN have published a briefing note entitled "How Oil and Gas Companies Can Help Meet the Global Goals on Energy and Climate Change," summarizing the ways in which international oil and gas companies can help expand access to affordable, clean energy and take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. A public consultation on briefing note will run until March 15, 2017.

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 28 January 2017]

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

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[New York Pension Fund joins multi-billion-dollar international investors to reduce carbon footprint](#)

Fund joins a coalition of 28 international investors controlling over \$3 trillion in assets

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 28 January 2017]

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

27 Jan 2017

[Russian municipalities join UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient campaign](#)

Russia's oldest city and another that will host matches in the 2018 football World Cup are among the first six communities in the Russian Federation to join UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient...

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 28 January 2017]

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

23 January 2017, New York

[UN Forum sets landmark target to increase world's forests by 120 million hectares by 2030](#)

Countries reached agreement last Friday on a plan that would significantly improve the outlook for the world's forests, including a target that would expand the world's forests by 120 million hectares—an area about the size of South Africa—by 2030.

The agreement, on the first-ever UN Strategic Plan for Forests, was forged at a special session of the UN Forum on Forests and provides an ambitious vision for global forests in 2030. The Plan features a set of six Global Forest Goals and associated targets to be reached by 2030, which are voluntary and universal.

Forests presently cover 30 per cent of the Earth's land area, or nearly 4 billion hectares. Sustainably managed forests are healthy, productive, resilient and renewable ecosystems which provide essential goods and services to people worldwide. An estimated 1.6 billion people – 25 per cent of the global population – depend on forests for subsistence, livelihood, employment and income generation...

**UNESCO** [to 28 January 2017]

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

24 January 2017

[UNESCO Director-General calls for stronger sanctions against trafficking and destruction of heritage](#)

On 13 January 2017, the Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova took part in a colloquy on offences related to Cultural Property organized jointly by the Cypriot chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers and its Secretary General, Thorbjørn Jagland, in Strasbourg, France. Representatives from international organizations and governments, as well as academic experts, discussed ways to strengthen co-operation to protect cultural heritage from destruction and illicit trafficking, including by organized crime and terrorist groups.

In her keynote speech, Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova called for more coordination among all partners to bolster accountability for those who destroy heritage. "The destruction of heritage is a war crime, and it has become a tactic of war and propaganda to weaken resolve, to incite hatred and revenge ... when illicit trafficking is exploited to finance criminal activities, we must ensure everyone understands looting and trafficking is a criminal offense ... The fight against impunity is clearly one of the key issues we must address, and one where our legal arsenal is the weakest." she said...

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/allpress.html?ref=fp>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://unhabitat.org/media-centre/news/>  
Posted January 27, 2017

[UN-Habitat to partner with Cape Verde for sustainable communities](#)

Praia 27 January 2017—UN-Habitat is keen to work together with the government of Cape Verde to build stronger communities, the Director of the Regional Office for Africa, Oyebanji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka has said. The director visited Cape Verde to...

[UN-Habitat launches Human Development Initiative Project](#)

Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka 26 January 2017 – UN-Habitat officially launched the 'Human Development Initiative through Empowerment and Settlement Improvement in the Plantation Settlements in Sri Lanka (HDI)' project in Nuwara Eliya district with the participation of key...  
Posted January 26, 2017

[UN-Habitat and Catalonia sign MoU for advanced resilient sustainable urban development](#)

Barcelona 23 January 2017 – the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Territory and Sustainability of the Government of Catalonia and UN-Habitat took place recently. The main objective of this MoU is...  
Posted January 23, 2017

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2016/en/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>  
*Abusive recruitment practices*

[GLA and ILO join forces in tackling abusive recruitment practices](#)

26 January 2017

The ILO and the GLA have been collaborating closely in the fight against fraudulent and abusive recruitment practices, forced labour and trafficking in persons over the past few years.

*European Commission*

[International labour standards should be an important reference point for the European Pillar of Social Rights](#)

23 January 2017

A strong social dimension of European governance should be at the heart of the roadmap for the future of the EU and would help to reconnect with citizens.

*Syrian refugees*

[ILO's Ruba Jaradat: We must create decent jobs, not any jobs, for Syrian refugees and host communities](#)

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The ILO's Regional Director for Arab States Ruba Jaradat participated in a high-level panel on jobs and economic opportunities during the Helsinki Conference on Supporting Syrians and the Region from 23-24 January, at which the UN appealed for over \$4.6 billion to help Syrians and host communities.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 28 January 2017]

[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)

Publish Date: 18 January 2017

*Press Release*

[Climate change poses risks for ecosystems, human health and economy in Europe](#)

Publish Date: 26 January 2017

Europe's regions are facing rising sea levels and more extreme weather, such as more frequent and more intense heatwaves, flooding, droughts and storms due to climate change, according to a European Environment Agency report. The report assesses the latest trends and projections on climate change and its impacts across Europe and finds that better and more flexible adaptation strategies, policies and measures will be crucial to lessen these impacts.

[Research Groups from USA, Finland and UK Announced as Recipients of UAE Rain Enhancement Program's 5 Million Dollar Grant](#)

Publish Date: 23 January 2017

Abu Dhabi-UAE: 17 January, 2017 – Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs of the UAE, the awardees of the Second Cycle of the UAE Research Program for Rain Enhancement Science were announced and honored this afternoon at an exclusive ceremony held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) during the 2017 Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW).

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 28 January 2017]

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

Friday, 27 January 2017

[Role models can inspire Zambian women to pursue careers at quality infrastructure institutions](#)

LUSAKA, 27 January 2017 – A new publication, titled Promoting Gender Equality in Trade Capacity Building: The Case of Zambia, showcases inspiring profiles of female quality professionals from Zambia.

[UNIDO and partners to create more than 6,000 jobs for young people in Tunisia](#)

TUNIS, 24 January 2017 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Italian Development Cooperation and the HP Foundation today launched the second phase of UNIDO's youth employment

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project. "Mashrou3i" ("My project" in Arabic) aims to create more than 6,000 jobs for young people in Tunisia over the next five years.

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 28 January 2017]

[http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news\\_index.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm)

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**USAID** [to 28 January 2017]

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information>

*No new digest content identified.*

**DFID** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

[Priti Patel statement in response to \\$8bn appeal for Syria in 2017](#)

24 January 2017 DFID Press release

**ECHO** [to 28 January 2017]

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

25/01/2017

[EU-UNICEF project to help more than 6 000 refugee and migrant children in Greece](#)

A new joint action between UNICEF and the European Union will support more than 6000 refugee and migrant children, including unaccompanied minors, across Greece. The €8.5 million initiative will be financed through the EU Emergency Support...

[Commissioner Stylianides announces EU support for refugees in Serbia](#)

23/01/2017

Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides visited Belgrade, Serbia, on the 21st and 22nd January to discuss EU humanitarian support for refugees in the country. He visited a reception centre in the Belgrade area...

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**African Union** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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[The African Peer-Review Mechanism Forum of Heads of State and Government 28 January 2017 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**European Commission** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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25/01/2017

[Managing migration along the Central Mediterranean Route – Commission contributes to Malta discussion](#)

- Ahead of the meeting of Heads of State or Government in Malta on 3 February 2017, the Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President have today set out their contribution to the discussion on how to better manage migration and save lives along the Central Mediterranean route.

[Back to Schengen: Commission proposes that the Council allows Member States to maintain temporary controls for another three months](#)

25/01/2017 - The European Commission has today recommended the Council allows Member States to maintain the temporary controls currently in place at certain internal Schengen borders in Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway for a further period of three months.

[Questions & Answers: Migration on the Central Mediterranean route](#)

25/01/2017 - What has the Commission adopted today?

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 25 January 2017 What has the Commission adopted today? The European Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President presented today a number of additional measures to strengthen the work along the Central Mediterranean migration route, including with and around Libya.

[Questions & Answers: A coordinated EU approach for temporary internal border controls](#)

25/01/2017 - What has the Commission recommended today?

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 25 January 2017 What has the Commission recommended today? The Commission has today recommended that the Council allow Member States to maintain for a further period of three months the temporary controls currently in place at certain internal Schengen borders, namely those in Austria,...

**OECD** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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[OAS Deploys Observation Mission for the Local and Legislative Elections in Haiti](#)

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]*

22/01/2017

[OIC Secretary General Expresses Satisfaction with the Peaceful Resolution of the Political Crisis in The Gambia](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, has expressed his satisfaction on the peaceful resolution of the protracted political crisis in the Gambia leading to the successful handover of power to HE President Adama Barrow who was earlier sworn in on 19 January 2017.

**Group of 77** [to 28 January 2017]

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

24 Jan 2017

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Mr. Horacio Sevilla Borja, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations, at the High-level Dialogue of the General Assembly on "Building Sustainable Peace for all: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace" \(New York, 24 January 2017\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 28 January 2017]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)

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[Azevêdo underscores growing importance of services in world trade](#)

Speaking at the launch at the WTO of the "Research Handbook on Trade in Services" published by Edward Elgar Press on 26 January, WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo

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highlighted the increasing contribution of services to world trade and said that the services sector is an essential tool of economic development and connectivity.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 28 January 2017]

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

24 January 2017

[IPU welcomes peaceful end of crisis in The Gambia](#)

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is pleased the crisis in The Gambia was peacefully resolved following the departure of former President Yahya Jammeh. Mr. Jammeh left the country over the weekend after 22 years in power and went into exile in Equatorial Guinea.

IPU once again congratulates President Adama Barrow on his election victory. IPU also looks forward to his rapid return to the country, enabling him to proceed with the business of delivering on Gambians' expectations for a democratic future. IPU expresses its full support for the new President and offers its assistance as the country emerges from the crisis...

**International Court of Justice** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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

24 January 2017

[Japanese delegation unveils artwork donation to International Criminal Court](#)

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**World Bank** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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[Statement on Killing of 5 Iraqi contractors working on the World Bank-financed Reconstruction Project in Diyala](#)

The World Bank has learned with great sadness about the kidnapping and subsequent killing of five local workers in the town of Khanaqin in the Diyala Governorate of Iraq on Wednesday. While the motives...

Date: January 27, 2017 Type: Press Release

[The Platform for Collaboration on Tax Invites Comments on a Draft Toolkit Designed to Help Developing Countries Address the Lack of Comparables for Transfer Pricing Analyses](#)

January 24, 2017 – Responding to a request by the Development Working Group of the G20, the Platform for Collaboration on Tax – a joint initiative of...

Date: January 24, 2017 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 28 January 2017]

<http://www.imf.org/external/what/whatsnewenglish/what.aspx>

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**African Development Bank Group** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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

[AfDB approves US \\$90-million financial package to boost Commercial Bank of Africa's funding of SMEs in Kenya and grow trade finance in Africa](#)

25/01/2017 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank has approved a US \$90-million financial package comprising a US \$50-million Line of Credit and US \$40-million Trade Finance Line of Credit to Commercial Bank of Africa Limited (CBA), Kenya.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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

Beijing, January 24, 2017

[AIIB launches final round of consultation on draft energy strategy](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has today begun a final round of public consultations on its energy sector strategy. Interested parties are invited to view the draft strategy published today and submit comments by March 6, 2017.

The Bank is developing an energy sector strategy in order to guide its future engagement with and investments in the energy sector. The strategy will be consistent with the Bank's 'Lean, Clean and Green' core values. Consequently, the strategy is being developed in a transparent and collaborative way with two rounds of public consultation.

...The draft AIIB Energy Strategy and the consultation schedule is available on the website: <https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/strategies/.content/index/Energy-Strategy-Discussion-Draft.pdf>

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 28 January 2017]

[https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press\\_release/list/tags/y2016](https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press_release/list/tags/y2016)

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[New network aims to help bridge multi-billion-dollar financing gap in rural areas](#)

Rome, 27 January 2017 – The establishment of a new network to help bridge the estimated US\$150 billion financing gap that prevents small rural producers and businesses in developing countries from growing their operations and strengthening rural economies, was announced today.

The announcement, made by Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Enrico Morando, Italy's Deputy Minister of Economy and

Finance, came at the end of a three-day international conference in Rome focused on finding new ways to finance rural development.

Poverty and lack of economic opportunities in rural areas result in migration to cities and beyond, contributing to global instability and food insecurity. The *Smallholder Agriculture Finance and Investment Network (SAFIN)* will bring together private, public and philanthropic sectors and rural farmers and enterprises to resolve rural financing challenges with coordinated action and investment.

"It is not just more finance that is needed, but smarter and more targeted finance," said Nwanze. "The result will not only improve the lives and livelihoods of rural people, it will truly be a greater global good – contributing to a world of greater prosperity, well-being and security," he added.

"The setting up of SAFIN is an important step," said Morando. "For the very first time, high level representatives of governments, international institutions, NGOs, civil society and private partners will work shoulder-to-shoulder to share good ideas and best practices to make finances and financial services available to smallholder farmers."

The announcement to create SAFIN comes at a critical time, with political changes and humanitarian crises - such as war, migration and natural disasters - reshaping global priorities and potentially diverting money away from rural development...

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[US\\$13.3 million IFAD grant gives boost to food security, drought resilience and poverty reduction in Sudan](#)

26 January 2017

[Billions needed to eradicate poverty and hunger – IFAD conference looks for new ways of financing](#)

23 January 2017

[Cuba to benefit from US\\$50 million project to revitalize the livestock sector and boost incomes and employment](#)

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

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*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 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CARE International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

23rd Jan 2017

**No Time for Humanitarian Paralysis**

CARE urges donors meeting in Helsinki to ensure the implementation of commitments made at the London Conference last year. [Syria]

23rd Jan 2017

**Syria Peace Talks Must Unlock Humanitarian Access**

Joint statement by CARE and 96 aid groups on the Astana conference on Syria

**Clubhouse International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 28 January 2017]

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

26.01.2017

**Call to Action: Horn of Africa Drought Crisis**

The Horn of Africa is experiencing a devastating drought, which has left more than 15 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia facing food and water shortages and in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) joined other 13 NGOs in re-issuing an urgent Call to Action on the ongoing drought situation with the latest alert from FEWS NET indicating that the possibility of a famine occurring in Somalia this year.

**ECPAT** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Handicap International** [to 28 January 2017]

[http://www.handicap-international.us/press\\_releases](http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles*

24-01-2017 | News release

**[Nigeria: ICRC delivers food to 25,000 people in Rann](#)**

More than 25,000 people in Rann received food during a three-day distribution by the ICRC that ended on Monday.

**IFRC** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Statements*

*Press Release*

**[IRC: Decision to Suspend U.S. Refugee Resettlement is Hasty and Harmful](#)**

January 27, 2017

*Statement*

**[Statement from David Miliband on U.S. Resettlement](#)**

January 25, 2017

*Press Release*

**[Non-governmental organisations collectively call for immediate cessation of armed conflict and protection of civilians in Kachin and Northern Shan States, Myanmar](#)**

January 25, 2017

**IRCT** [to 28 January 2017]

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

News 26 Jan 2017

**[IRCT saddened by death of Sir Nigel Rodley](#)**

The IRCT is deeply saddened to learn of the death of Sir Nigel Rodley KBE yesterday. Sir Nigel was a leading figure in the anti-torture movement for decades, a leader in the defense of torture victims everywhere. Countless women and men, and a multitude of organizations spanning UN treaty bodies to academic institutions benefited from his keen intellectual abilities, untiring support and professional commitment to our work...

**Islamic Relief** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.islamic-relief.org/category/news/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Landsea** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news-stories/press/press-releases>  
*Press release*

**[Doctors Without Borders Statement on the Reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy on Abortion](#)**

NEW YORK, JANUARY 25, 2017—The reinstatement of the US government’s Mexico City Policy by President Donald J. Trump, which prohibits nongovernmental organizations that receive US funding from either performing or providing counseling or information on abortion, will undermine access to safe abortion services and endanger the lives of women, said Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Wednesday.

*Press release*

**[Health Groups Welcome Johns Hopkins University and Medicines Patent Pool Agreement for Development of Promising New TB Drug](#)**

January 24, 2017

While deal marks a critical step in the fight against TB, health groups warn that the deal lacks safeguards that would ensure worldwide affordability

**Mercy Corps** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases>  
January 26, 2017

**[Mercy Corps: The U.S. Must Continue To Welcome Refugees](#)**

Global organization opposes executive order ending Syrian refugee program; Calls on public to sign online petition

**Operation Smile** [to 28 January 2017]  
<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 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Published 26 Jan 2017*

### **Syrian refugees' documentation crisis**

Samer Aburass

A documentation crisis is taking shape among Syrian refugees in the region, threatening to leave hundreds of thousands in legal limbo, with dire consequences for their ability to access services and have a durable return to Syria.

### **More refugees flee to Uganda than across Mediterranean**

Press release|Published 25. Jan 2017

*Uganda welcomed more refugees last year than the total number of refugees and migrants crossing the Mediterranean into Europe.*

"Europe should learn from the way Uganda and other African countries are keeping their borders open as the Refugee Convention prescribes, instead of specializing in barbed wire and walls," said Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council Jan Egeland.

**Pact** [to 28 January 2017]

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

January 27, 2017

### **Christian Loucq appointed Pact chief operating officer**

Christian Loucq, M.D., who joined Pact nearly two years ago as its officer in charge of global engagement and strategy, has been appointed the international NGO's chief operating officer. Pact president and CEO Mark Viso made the announcement today to Pact staff in more than 30 countries.

**Partners In Health** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**PATH** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Press release | January 23, 2017*

### **Quansys Biosciences launches Q-Plex (TM) Micronutrient Array to combat malnutrition**

*Effective and affordable new tool can identify up to seven key nutrition markers and malaria infection with a single test.*

...The Q-Plex™ Micronutrient Array responds. Developed through a collaboration between the global health nonprofit PATH and bioscience developer and manufacturer Quansys, the test can simultaneously measure up to seven nutrition-related biomarkers in a single sample of human serum. Using the test, countries and researchers can gather national data on micronutrient deficiency status and use it to implement and assess targeted interventions. Results also help leaders accurately establish the magnitude of the deficiency, identify subpopulations

**Plan International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 28 January 2017]

[http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9506653/k.C303/Press Releases 2017/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9506653/k.C303/Press_Releases_2017/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp)

*Selected Press Releases*

**[Save the Children Statement on U.S. Executive Order on Suspension of Refugee Resettlement](#)**

January 28, 2017

**[Drought Leaves an Estimated 6.5 Million Children at Risk of Hunger in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya](#)**

January 27, 2017

**[Refugee and Migrant Children Injured in Illegal Border Push-Backs Across Balkans](#)**

January 24, 2017

**[New Deluge of Rain with Potential Landslides and Flash Flooding Threaten Families in Southern Thailand](#)**

January 23, 2017

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

27 January 2017

**[Partnering with local businesses to help young people on their way to independence](#)**

Finding work and becoming independent is not easy for young people in Peru. SOS Children's Villages Peru has paired up with a local company to provide young people who cannot count on the support network of a family with internship opportunities.

**Tostan** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Freedom House** [to 28 January 2017]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Transparency International** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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## **Explanation of how individual country scores of the Corruption Perceptions Index are calculated**

Transparency International, the global anti-corruption organisation, released its 22nd annual Corruption Perceptions Index on 25 January 2017. The FYR of Macedonia ranked 90th with a score of 37, indicating a serious corruption problem in the country.

25 Jan 2017

## **Corruption Perceptions Index 2016: Vicious circle of corruption and inequality must be tackled**

2016 showed that around the world systemic corruption and social inequality reinforce each other, leading to popular disenchantment with political establishments and providing a fertile ground for the rise of populist politicians.

24 Jan 2017

## **Transparency International confirms the disaccreditation of its chapter in the US**

Transparency International confirmed that its International Board of Directors decided on 10 January 2017 to disaccredit Transparency International-USA as the National Chapter in the United States.

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 28 January 2017]

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

January 26, 2017

### **Call for nominations Children's Peace Prize 2017 now open**

by Diana Quick

ChildFund Alliance encourages you to nominate a boy or girl for the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize.

## **UN Secretary-General's letter to ChildFund Alliance**

January 24, 2017

by UN Secretary-General

UN Secretary-General António Guterres writes in a letter to the ChildFund Alliance Secretary General: "I am heartened by the commitment that the ChildFund Alliance has shown in support of children, youths and families in preventing and overcoming poverty around the world. We all must play a role and work together to deliver on our global commitments to protect and enhance human rights and to ensure sustainable development, climate mitigation and adaption, as well as peace and security for everyone, in particular, the most vulnerable. The dreams and aspirations of the founders of the United Nations are yet to be fulfilled. I am looking forward to embarking jointly with you on the path of bringing lasting well-being to humanity.

*UN Secretary-General's letter to ChildFund Alliance*

**CONCORD** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*[European NGO confederation for relief and development]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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*[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 28 January 2017]

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

*Press release 25 January 2017*

### **[The Elders urge bold steps to reach Universal Health Coverage in India](#)**

The Elders commend India's political leaders for progress in reforming its health system, and urge them to ensure greater action and commitment to reach full Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

*News 24 January 2017*

### **[The challenge of migration and security: a call for a rights-based response](#)**

Speaking at Sciences Po's Youth & Leaders Summit, Lakhdar Brahimi highlights the importance of security within the wider debate on migration and calls for nuanced, long-term policymaking.

**END Fund** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Evidence Aid** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*27 January 2017*

### **[CAF and African football stars team-up to promote immunisation for children at 2017 Total Africa Cup of Nations](#)**

*"Africa United" campaign highlights power of vaccination to save children's lives in Africa*

**Global Fund** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*26 January 2017*

### **[New Global Fund Results Show Further Progress Against HIV, TB and Malaria](#)**

GENEVA – Latest results [Results Factsheet - Mid-2016] show that programs supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria have achieved significant increases in the number of people receiving treatment for HIV, diagnosis and treatment for TB and having an insecticide treated net to prevent malaria.

The new results, highlighting cumulative progress by programs supported by the Global Fund since 2002, show that the number of people currently on antiretroviral therapy increased 8.5 percent to 10 million. New smear-positive TB cases detected and treated rose by 9.4 percent to

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more than 16.6 million. Over 713 million insecticide treated nets were distributed to help families protect themselves from malaria, an increase of 8.1 percent. The results are based on data from the first half of 2016.

"These figures represent 15 years of impressive impact," said Mark Dybul, the Executive Director of the Global Fund. "Global investments in programs that free communities from the burden of these diseases are achieving results that have saved more than 20 million lives." Additional results include: 3.8 million HIV-positive women receiving services to prevent transmission of HIV to unborn children; 334,000 people treated for multidrug-resistant TB; 626 million cases of malaria treated...

### **Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients*

*Selected News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 28 January 2017]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest Resources*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **InterAction** [to 28 January 2017]

<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 unique digest content identified.*

### **Start Network** [to 28 January 2017]

[http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U\\_O7FR98E](http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_O7FR98E)

*[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Muslim Charities Forum** [to 28 January 2017]

<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.*

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**Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CHS Alliance** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**The CHS Alliance welcomes new full members Danish People's Aid and Nordisk Hjalp**

The CHS Alliance is pleased to welcome two new full members: Danish People's Aid and Nordisk Hjalp.

**EHLRA/R2HC** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**Calling Innovators: take part in our Sanitation Challenge**

OPEN NOW: our latest WASH Challenge to understand how to design, implement, and evaluate approaches to user-centred sanitation that incorporate rapid community engagement and are appropriate for the first stage.

**Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA)** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Sphere Project** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 28 January 2017]

<https://phap.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Center for Global Development**

<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>

*Accessed 28 January 2017*

**A Global Treaty to Reduce Antimicrobial Use in Livestock**

1/25/17

Kimberly Ann Elliott , Charles Kenny and Janeen Madan

While the misuse of antimicrobials in human health is a key factor accelerating the emergence of drug resistance, we should not overlook the role of agriculture. This paper makes the case for a global treaty to reduce antimicrobial use in livestock.

## **[Temporary Work Visas as US-Haiti Development Cooperation: A Preliminary Impact Evaluation](#)**

1/23/17

[Michael Clemens](#) and [Hannah Postel](#)

We report a small-sample, preliminary evaluation of the economic impact of temporary overseas work by Haitian agricultural workers. We find that the effects of matching new seasonal agricultural jobs in the US with Haitian workers differs markedly from the effects of more traditional forms of assistance to Haiti, in three ways: The economic benefits are shared roughly equally between Haiti and the United States; these benefits are very large, including raising the value of Haitian workers' labor by a multiple of fifteen; and the portion of the benefits accruing to Haiti is uncommonly well-targeted for the direct benefit of poor Haitian households.

## **[Shared Harvest: Temporary Work Visas as US-Haiti Development Cooperation](#)**

1/23/17

[Michael Clemens](#) and [Hannah Postel](#)

We estimate the economic effects of short-term work by a small sample of farmers from Haiti in the United States, where no US workers are available. We then compare these to the effects of more traditional assistance. We find that these work opportunities benefit Haitian families much more directly, and to a dramatically greater extent, than more traditional forms of assistance—raising workers' current earnings on average by multiple of 15.

## **[Expanding Women's Role in Developing Technology: Increasing Productivity, Improving Lives](#)**

1/19/17

[Charles Kenny](#) and [Megan O'Donnell](#)

Just as the evidence suggests that a more gender-inclusive political system may lead to better policies for women and girls and integrating women into corporate boards may mean reaching new consumers, there is a case to be made for increasing women's presence in developing technology and innovation. Incorporating more women into technology sectors is likely to 1) increase productivity, 2) offers women a source of high-quality jobs, and 3) may have knock-on benefits for female consumers of technology, whose needs are more likely to be taken into account.

**ODI** [to 28 January 2017]

<https://www.odi.org/media-hub/press-room>

*Selected Research Reports and Studies*

### **[Cash transfers for refugees: the economic and social effects of a programme in Jordan](#)**

Research reports and studies | January 2017 | [Jessica Hagen-Zanker](#), [Martina Ulrichs](#), [Rebecca Holmes](#) and [Zina Nimeh](#)

This report looks at the effect of cash transfers on Syrian refugees' access to basic services and employment in Jordan.

### **[Cash transfers for refugees: an opportunity to bridge the gap between humanitarian assistance and social protection](#)**

Briefing papers | January 2017 | [Martina Ulrichs](#), [Jessica Hagen-Zanker](#) and [Rebecca Holmes](#)

This briefing looks at the effect of cash transfers on Syrian refugees' access to basic services and employment in Jordan, and offers policy recommendations.

## **[A mapping of social protection and humanitarian assistance programmes in Jordan](#)**

Working and discussion papers | January 2017 | Hanna Röth, Zina Nimeh and Jessica Hagen-Zanker

This working paper maps existing national social protection and humanitarian assistance programmes run by the Jordanian Government, donors and INGOs/NGOs.

## **[Africa's new climate economy: economic transformation and social and environmental change](#)**

Research reports and studies | January 2017 | Milan Brahmbhatt and Russell Bishop with Xiao Zhao, Alberto Lemma, Ilmi Granoff, Nick Godfrey and Dirk Willem te Velde.

This report offers insights for policy makers seeking to deliver better growth and a better climate in African countries.

## **[Youth on the margins: in search of decent work in northern Uganda](#)**

Research reports and studies | January 2017 | Richard Mallett, Teddy Atim and Jimmy Opiio

Bad work – forms of labour that are precarious, underpaid and exploitative – are increasingly common, as this study of young people in Lira, Uganda, shows.

## **[Tracking change in livelihoods, service delivery and governance: Evidence from a 2012-2015 panel survey in South Kivu, DRC](#)**

Working and discussion papers | January 2017 | Adriaan J. E. Ferf and Evelien E. Thieme Groen, with Murhega Mashanda, Patrick Milabyo and Georgina Sturge

This working paper is based on a survey conducted in South Kivu, DRC, measuring changes in livelihoods and access to services.

**Urban Institute** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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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 28 January 2017]

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

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## **[The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat \(including FOCUS\) and USAID sign agreement to create resilient communities in Shimshal Valley](#)**

Islamabad, Pakistan, 20 January 2017 - The Department of Emergency Management (formerly FOCUS) of the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund Program initiated a project "Creating Resilient Communities in Shimshal Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan". The project, which aims to build resilience against the threat of glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) events in Shimshal valley, will build the capacity of community members in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM).

The project also aims to conduct hazard and risk assessment of four glaciers in the valley and improve risk anticipation through the establishment of an Early Warning System (EWS). The proposed Early Warning System will be linked with the existing Early Warning Centre (EWC) in Gilgit to monitor potential risk in the GLOF areas, which will not only benefit the Shimshal valley but many other villages located along the Hunza river downstream...

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

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**[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation boosts vital work of the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation](#)**

SEATTLE (January 25, 2017) – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) announced today the foundation's commitment to invest \$279 million in IHME to expand its work over the next decade.

The investment will allow IHME to build on its work providing independent health evidence to improve population health. The award complements other investments from the Gates Foundation to further the work of the University of Washington's Population Health Initiative, which was launched in May 2016 and is establishing a university wide, 25-year vision to advance the health and well-being of people around the world...

**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Ford Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*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.*

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**Grameen Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>  
January 23, 2017  
**[Organizational Learning Officer](#)**

The Organizational Learning Officer reports to the Director of the Effective Philanthropy Group. Her or his function is to foster a vibrant culture of learning at the foundation, ensuring that staff members learn from each other and from those outside the foundation. The Organizational Learning Officer supports learning from both data and experience and focuses ...

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>  
*Press Release*  
**[Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Joins Forces with Public and Private Partners during the 2017 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos with the Common Goal of Accelerating the End of Neglected Tropical Diseases](#)**

(LOS ANGELES) Jan. 23, 2017 – On Jan. 20, during the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation joined forces with The END Fund and other key partners committed to accelerating progress on neglected tropical diseases, including Bill Gates, co-founder, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Ken Frazier, chairman and CEO at Merck; and Tsitsi Masiyiwa, executive chair, Higherlife Foundation; and more.

**IKEA Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]  
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 28 January 2017]  
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]  
<http://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media#pp=10&p=1&f1=news>  
Jan. 24, 2017  
**[Partnership improves health care in Haiti](#)**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – A coalition of organizations including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the GE Foundation announced a public/private partnership benefiting the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation (SBHF) last week during a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince. The partnership provides financial, in-kind and technical support for the Reparation Pou Amelyore Ekipman Medikal

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(REPARE) program, enabling the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation to create a regional model for biomedical equipment management in Haiti.

Under the REPARE project, a training program is in place for biomedical technicians at St. Boniface Hospital and the University Teaching Hospital of Mirebalais, which will be used as a replicable model for expanding training opportunities to additional facilities in Haiti. The program is aimed toward enhancing the availability and skills of local biomedical technicians in Haiti, increasing the ability to provide high quality care in Haiti's hospitals.

"The REPARE program will revolutionize the standard of care in Haiti," said CEO and president of SBHF, Conor Shapiro. "There are closets full of broken medical equipment throughout the country, and this project will ensure that this equipment can be repaired and maintained by local technicians and put back to work caring for patients. It will ensure the ability to diagnose illnesses and provide care." Mr. Shapiro emphasized the importance of biomedical training. "This program will truly save lives," he says...

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*From the field*

### **Tool Helps Immigrants Understand Rights, Access Legal Aid**

Published January 27, 2017

A free online tool helps immigrants in the United States at risk of deportation understand their rights and access civil legal aid to protect their future. Created by Immigration Advocates Network and Pro Bono Net with support from MacArthur, the immi tool helps immigrants easily screen for their options for legally staying in the United States, learn about their rights under U.S. immigration law, and find referrals to local civil legal aid organizations that help eligible immigrants gain status. Studies suggest that more than 1.5 million undocumented immigrants may have avenues for legally staying in the country, such as family-based petitions, asylum, U visas, or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, but do not know that these options are available.

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 28 January 2017]

<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 28 January 2017]

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

January 23, 2017

### **New partnership and online tool will increase transparency and traceability and help meet zero-deforestation commitments**

Through our Forests and Agricultural Markets Initiative, the foundation has been supporting World Resources Institute to improve transparency and enable measurement of financial institutions' and companies' progress toward deforestation-free commodity commitments.

At the World Economic Forum, 20 of the largest commodity producers, traders, manufacturers, consultants and retailers launched a new partnership with research institutions and banks to monitor deforestation and manage sustainability throughout the supply chain. The partnership, led by WRI's Global Forest Watch team and supported in part through Moore's

funding, will create an online global decision-support tool to increase transparency and traceability.

*Read the press release [here](#).*

**Open Society Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 28 January 2017]

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

*Press Release*

### **[Five States Lead the Way in Pursuing Evidence-Based Policymaking](#)**

*New 50-state study assesses how states use research to identify and fund programs that work*

Washington—Five states lead the way in using evidence-based policymaking—employing research that can help inform their budget and policy decisions—according to a new report from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative. The report, *How States Engage in Evidence-Based Policymaking: A National Assessment*, categorizes each state by its level of engagement in six key actions across four policy areas: behavioral health, child welfare, criminal justice, and juvenile justice.

While the term “evidence-based policymaking” is growing in popularity in state capitols, limited information exists about the extent to which states create the tools and processes that help them incorporate findings from program evaluations and outcome analyses—the “evidence” in evidence-based policymaking—into their policy and funding decisions. The report finds:

:: The five leading states—Connecticut, Minnesota, Oregon, Utah, and Washington—have developed tools and initiatives that facilitate the use of research in policy and funding decisions.

:: Another 11 states demonstrate established levels of evidence-based policymaking by pursuing more actions than most states—but either not as frequently or not in as advanced a manner as the five leading states.

:: The District of Columbia and 27 states demonstrate modest levels of evidence-based policymaking, engaging in the actions less frequently and in less advanced ways.

:: Seven states show trailing levels of evidence-based policymaking, taking very few such actions...

Report: [How States Engage in Evidence-Based Policymaking](#)

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

January 25, 2017

### **[New Research Highlights Potential Vulnerabilities of Urban Food Systems to Natural Disasters](#)**

BOSTON, MA—The Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) today released new research in a report titled, *The Resilience of America’s Food Systems: Evidence from Five Cities*.

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Supported by a grant from The Rockefeller Foundation, the study finds that natural disasters could create extended food supply disruptions in U.S. cities, especially in neighborhoods with limited food retail options and food insecure populations. The main findings of the report are informed by a comprehensive analysis of food systems in Los Angeles, New Orleans, and New York City using a seminal framework developed by ICIC. The report also highlights Madison, Wisconsin as a city that should be recognized for the resilience of its food system, and Portland, Maine is presented as a case study for the economic resilience of food-based economies...

### **[The Rockefeller Foundation Grants \\$4.6M to Bay Area Leaders to Tackle Climate Change through Innovative Design Competition](#)**

January 23, 2017

*Through the Support of The Rockefeller Foundation, Bay Area: Resilient by Design Challenge Aims to Tackle Regions Toughest Infrastructure Needs*

*The Foundation Brings Model of Award-Winning, 'Rebuild by Design Hurricane Sandy Design Competition,' to Bay Area*

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 28 January 2017]

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

January 24, 2017 Issue Brief

### **[How Accessible and Affordable were Individual Market Health Plans before the Affordable Care Act?](#)**

This brief discusses how the affordability and accessibility of health plans on the individual market varied greatly from state to state before the implementation of the ACA.

### **Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 28 January 2017]

<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..."*

*No unique new content identified.*

### **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).*

*No unique new content identified.*

### **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**

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

*No unique new content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 28 January 2017]

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>

*Opinion* / Published: 27 January 2017

### **Britain must stay open to scientists**

Jeremy Farrar and Harpal Kumar, chief executive of Cancer Research UK, say there are two crucial issues that need to be resolved if the UK is to continue to attract the world's finest scientists....

*News* / Published: 24 January 2017

### **New partnerships to tackle health and environmental issues**

*We've awarded four new research partnerships a total of £29m to tackle global environmental and health challenges.*

The scientists – from Australia, South America and the UK – are receiving the funding as part of Wellcome's £75m commitment to population and planetary health.

Two of the partnerships will focus on the health challenges of diverse urban environments.

:: Professor Ana Diez Roux, at Drexel University in the USA, will study the links between health and the physical, natural and economic environments in highly urbanised Latin America.

:: Prof Rebekah Brown, at Monash University in Australia, will investigate how nature-based solutions can help to improve the sanitation and environment of people living in informal urban settlements in Fiji and Indonesia.

The other two partnerships will focus on food systems and choices.

:: Prof Charles Godfray, at Oxford University, will look at the environmental and health impacts of animal-sourced food, mainly in the UK, and what their future could look like.

:: Prof Alan Dangour, at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, will build on work we've already funded to explore what factors form sustainable and healthy food systems in India and South Africa...

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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**

January 2017 Volume 45, Issue 1, p1-104, e1-e22

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

January 2017 Volume 52, Issue 1, p1-134, e1-e32

<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

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[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 107, Issue 1 (January 2017)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

January 2017; 96 (1)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

[No new content]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

*Research article*

#### **[The Child and Youth Mental Health Assessment \(ChYMH\): An examination of the psychometric properties of an integrated assessment developed for clinically referred children and youth](#)**

Shannon L. Stewart and Chloe A. Hamza

BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:82

Published on: 26 January 2017

*Abstract*

Background

The Child and Youth Mental Health (ChYMH) assessment system was developed by interRAI (i.e., an international collective of researchers and clinicians from over thirty countries) in response to the unprecedented need for a coordinated approach to delivery of children's mental health care. Many interRAI instruments are used across Canada and internationally, but the ChYMH represents the first assessment specifically for children and youth. In the present paper, a short overview of the development process of the ChYMH is provided, and then the psychometric properties of several embedded scales on the ChYMH are examined.

Methods

Participants included 1297 children and youth and their families who completed the ChYMH after being referred to mental health agencies within Ontario, Canada. In addition, smaller subsets of participants (N = 48–53) completed additional criterion measures, including the Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS), the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS), the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL), and the Brief Child and Family Phone Interview (BCFPI).

Results

Results demonstrated that the ChYMH subscales had strong internal-consistency (Cronbach's higher than .70), and correlated well with the criterion measures.

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Findings support the clinical utility of the ChYMH for use among clinically referred children and youth. Implications for children's mental health assessment and practice are discussed.

*Study protocol*

**[Reaching the unreached through trained and skilled birth attendants in Ethiopia: a cluster randomized controlled trial study protocol](#)**

*Despite improvements since 1990 to 2014, maternal mortality ratio (MMR) remains high in Ethiopia. One of the key drivers of maternal mortality in Ethiopia is the very low coverage of Skilled Birth attendance (...)*

Taddese Alemu Zerfu, Henok Taddese, Tariku Nigatu, Girma Tenkolu, Joshua P. Vogel, Dina Khan-Neelofur, Sibhatu Biadgilign and Amare Deribew

BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:85

Published on: 26 January 2017

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

*Research article*

**[Dynamic Consent: a potential solution to some of the challenges of modern biomedical research](#)**

Isabelle Budin-Ljøsne, Harriet J. A. Teare, Jane Kaye, Stephan Beck, Heidi Beate Bentzen, Luciana Caenazzo, Clive Collett, Flavio D'Abramo, Heike Felzmann, Teresa Finlay, Muhammad Kassim Javaid, Erica Jones, Višnja Katić, Amy Simpson and Deborah Mascalzoni

BMC Medical Ethics 2017 18:4

Published on: 25 January 2017

*Abstract*

Background

Innovations in technology have contributed to rapid changes in the way that modern biomedical research is carried out. Researchers are increasingly required to endorse adaptive and flexible approaches to accommodate these innovations and comply with ethical, legal and regulatory requirements. This paper explores how Dynamic Consent may provide solutions to address challenges encountered when researchers invite individuals to participate in research and follow them up over time in a continuously changing environment.

Methods

An interdisciplinary workshop jointly organised by the University of Oxford and the COST Action CHIP ME gathered clinicians, researchers, ethicists, lawyers, research participants and patient representatives to discuss experiences of using Dynamic Consent, and how such use may facilitate the conduct of specific research tasks. The data collected during the workshop were analysed using a content analysis approach.

Results

Dynamic Consent can provide practical, sustainable and future-proof solutions to challenges related to participant recruitment, the attainment of informed consent, participant retention and consent management, and may bring economic efficiencies.

Conclusions

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Dynamic Consent offers opportunities for ongoing communication between researchers and research participants that can positively impact research. Dynamic Consent supports inter-sector, cross-border approaches and large scale data-sharing. Whilst it is relatively easy to set up and maintain, its implementation will require that researchers re-consider their relationship with research participants and adopt new procedures.

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

*Research article*

#### **[Beliefs and perception of ill-health causation: a socio-cultural qualitative study in rural North-Eastern Ethiopia](#)**

*Understanding perceptions of the causes of ill-health common in indigenous communities may help policy makers to design effective integrated primary health care strategies to serve these communities. This stud...*

Mesfin H. Kahissay, Teferi G. Fenta and Heather Boon

BMC Public Health 2017 17:124

Published on: 26 January 2017

*Research article*

#### **[Demography, maternal health and the epidemiology of malaria and other major infectious diseases in the rural department Tsamba-Magotsi, Ngounie Province, in central African Gabon](#)**

*Sub-Saharan Africa is undergoing an epidemiological transition from a predominance of infectious diseases to non-communicable and lifestyle related conditions. However, the pace of this transition and the patt...*

R. Zoleko Manego, G. Mombo-Ngoma, M. Witte, J. Held, M. Gmeiner, T. Gebru, B. Tazemda, J. Mischlinger, M. Groger, B. Lell, A. A. Adegnika, S. T. Agnandji, P. G. Kremsner, B. Mordmüller, M. Ramharter and P. B. Matsiegui

BMC Public Health 2017 17:130

Published on: 28 January 2017

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 28 January 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Open**

2017, Volume 7, Issue 1

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 95, Number 1, January 2017, 1-84

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/11/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Care, Health and Development**

January 2017 Volume 43, Issue 1 Pages 1–159

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v43.1/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

January 2017 Volume 39, Issue 1, p1-230

[http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918\(16\)X0015-X](http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918(16)X0015-X)

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

### **Complexity**

November/December 2016 Volume 21, Issue S2 Pages 1–642

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.S2/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 28 January 2017]

[No new content]

### **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

February 2017 - Volume 30 - Issue 1 pp: v-vi,1-142

<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

December 2016 Volume 16, Issue 3 Pages 121–180

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2016.16.issue-2/issuetoc>

***Special Issue: Ethics of Health Systems Research in Low and Middle Income Countries***

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Development in Practice**

Volume 24, Number 8

<http://www.developmentinpractice.org/journals/volume-24-number-8>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Development Policy Review**

January 2017 Volume 35, Issue 1 Pages 1–133

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2017.35.issue-1/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 121, Issue 2, 2017

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 10 - Issue 6 - December 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Disasters**

January 2017 Volume 41, Issue 1 Pages 1–208

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2017.41.issue-1/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Emergency Medicine Journal**

December 2016, Volume 33, Issue 12

<http://emj.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 23, Number 1—January 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Epidemics**

Volume 17, In Progress (December 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/17554365>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **End of Life Journal**

2016, Volume 7, Issue 1

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<http://eolj.bmj.com/content/current>  
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## **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 145 - Issue 3 - February 2017

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=HYG&tab=currentissue>

REVIEW Poliovirus

### **[Wild and vaccine-derived poliovirus circulation, and implications for polio eradication](#)**

P. L. LOPALCO

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0950268816002569>

Published online: 21 November 2016, pp. 413-419

#### *Abstract*

Polio cases due to wild virus are reported by only three countries in the world. Poliovirus type 2 has been globally eradicated and the last detection of poliovirus type 3 dates to November 2012. Poliovirus type 1 remains the only circulating wild strain; between January and September 2016 it caused 26 cases (nine in Afghanistan, 14 in Pakistan, three in Nigeria). The use of oral polio vaccine (OPV) has been the key to success in the eradication effort. However, paradoxically, moving towards global polio eradication, the burden caused by vaccine-derived polioviruses (VDPVs) becomes increasingly important. In this paper circulation of both wild virus and VDPVs is reviewed and implications for the polio eradication endgame are discussed. Between April and May 2016 OPV2 cessation has been implemented globally, in a coordinated switch from trivalent OPV to bivalent OPV. In order to decrease the risk for cVDPV2 re-emergence inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been introduced in the routine vaccine schedule of all countries. The likelihood of re-emergence of cVDPVs should markedly decrease with time after OPV cessation, but silent circulation of polioviruses cannot be ruled out even a long time after cessation. For this reason, immunity levels against polioviruses should be kept as high as possible in the population by the use of IPV, and both clinical and environmental surveillance should be maintained at a high level.

## **Ethics & International Affairs**

Fall 2016 (Issue 30.3)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2016/fall-2016-issue-30-3/>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 26, Issue 6, 1 December 2016

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Food Policy**

Volume 66, Pages 1-108 (January 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192/66>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Food Security**

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Volume 8, Issue 6, December 2016  
<http://link.springer.com/journal/12571/8/6/page/1>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 43, Issue 3, 2016  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Genocide Studies International**

Volume 10, Issue 1, Spring 2016  
<http://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

December 2016 | Volume 4 | Issue 4  
<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Public Health**

Volume 12, 2017 Issue 2  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Globalization and Health**

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>  
[Accessed 28 January 2017]

*Research*

#### **[Challenges newly-arrived migrant women in Montreal face when needing maternity care: Health care professionals' perspectives](#)**

Sandra Peláez, Kristin N. Hendricks, Lisa A. Merry and Anita J. Gagnon

Globalization and Health 2017 13:5

Published on: 25 January 2017

*Abstract*

Background

People who leave their country of origin, or the country of habitual residence, to establish themselves permanently in another country are usually referred to as migrants. Over half of all births in Montreal, Canada are to migrant women. To understand healthcare professionals' attitudes towards migrants that could influence their delivery of care, our objective was to explore their perspectives of challenges newly-arrived migrant women from non-Western countries face when needing maternity care.

Method

In this qualitative multiple case study, we conducted face-to-face interviews with 63 health care professionals from four teaching hospitals in Montreal, known for providing maternity care to a high volume of migrant women. Interviews were transcribed and thematically analysed.

Results

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Physicians, nurses, social workers, and therapists participated; 90% were female; and 17% were themselves migrants from non-Western countries. According to participants, newly-arrived migrant women face challenges at two levels: (a) direct care (e.g., understanding Canadian health care professionals' expectations, communicating effectively with health care professionals), and (b) organizational (e.g., access to appropriate health care). Challenges women face are strongly influenced by the migrant woman's background as well as social position (e.g., general education, health literacy, socio-cultural integration) and by how health care professionals balance women's needs with perceived requirement to adhere to standard procedures and regulations.

#### Conclusions

Health care professionals across institutions agreed that maternity care-related challenges faced by newly-arrived migrant women often are complex in that they are simultaneously driven by conflicting values: those based on migrant women's sociocultural backgrounds versus those related to the implementation of Canadian guidelines for maternity care in which consideration of migrant women's particular needs are not priority.

### **Health Affairs**

January 2017; Volume 36, Issue 1

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/current>

***Issue Focus: Coverage Expansion, Accountable Care & More***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 18, Issue 2, December 2016

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

***Special Section: Universal Health Coverage and Human Rights***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 12 - Issue 1 - January 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Policy and Planning**

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#### **Large HIV Vaccine Trial Launches in South Africa**

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Jennifer Abbasi

*Full Text*

A vaccine that prevents HIV infection may be a step closer to reality with the launch of the large HVTN 702 clinical trial in South Africa late last year. The trial will test the safety and efficacy of a new version of a candidate vaccine studied in the landmark RV144 clinical trial in Thailand.

In 2009, the RV144 vaccine regimen was found to be 31.2% effective at preventing HIV infection over the 3.5-year follow-up period. Now researchers hope a modified version of the vaccine will improve on the modest results of the Thai trial and provide a longer-lasting immune response against the virus that causes AIDS.

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Research paper

### **[Enriching and enhancing digital cultural heritage through crowd contribution](#)**

[Dinesh K. Gupta](#), [Veerbala Sharma](#) (pp. 14 - 32)

#### *Abstract*

#### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to identify the status of digitization of manuscripts in India and to give suggestions to transcribe these manuscripts easily, effortlessly and expeditiously.

#### Design/methodology/approach

The study is based on the analytical study of the literature available on global efforts in respect of documentation, preservation, conservation and digitization of manuscripts with special emphasis on the efforts of "namami" (acronym for National Manuscript Mission) for Indian manuscripts.

#### Findings

Meticulous analysis of literature and case studies give an overview of the diverse practices of public participation/crowd collaboration to transcribe and tagging of the rare and old historical documents around the globe. However, Indian libraries are far behind in adopting such practices.

#### Practical implications

India has a very rich cultural, educational and research heritage preserved in the form of manuscripts. These thousands of manuscripts are significant source of knowledge base for many researchers, however, despite their heritage value, these remain inaccessible to the researchers because of their being scattered and unpublished form. Moreover, even the digitized manuscripts remain difficult to use by the researchers because of immense linguistic diversity and scripts. Documentation and digitization of these manuscripts will not only preserve the invaluable heritage of India but also will enable their easy and vast access by the researchers globally. With the rapid growth in digital information and web-based technology, galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAM) around the world encourage and engage public participation in various digitization projects to enrich and enhance their digital collections and place them on the web. However, Indian GLAM still refrains to accept and adopt such practices. Thus this paper will encourage and motivate the Indian GLAM to expedite their digitization and uploading them on web for tagging and transcribing.

#### Originality/value

This is an original paper and has great implementation value. During the study enormous literature was available on digitization of Indian manuscripts. However, not even a single study could be found on tagging and transcription of these manuscripts, specifically crowd

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contribution in this area. Hence, the paper, by presenting the evidences of crowd participation for the tagging and transcription of manuscripts globally, proposes the Indian GLAM to exploit the benefits of this practice for Indian manuscripts also in order to expedite the tagging process to enhance their usage.

*Research paper*

**[Interpretive approach to applied archaeology and its status in Iran](#)**

Behrouz Afkhami (pp. 57 - 71)

*Abstract*

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to present an approach to applied archaeology and interpretive methods for Iranian traditional archaeology. Applied archaeology is based on a holistic approach providing rational approaches in the field of cultural heritage preservation and sustainable use of the potential of cultural heritage with the participation of the people. This paper aims to create social good standing archaeology knowledge with respect to Iranian archaeology experts.

Design/methodology/approach

In this survey study, data collection was accomplished using a questionnaire. The sample consists of professors, PhD students, post-graduate fellows, and educated experts of the Iranian Tourism, Handicrafts and Cultural Heritage Organization.

Findings

Applied archaeology as a provider of situations, positions and employment opportunities for archaeologists has not been considered seriously in the Iranian archaeological education. Traditional education emphasizes the cultural history and field techniques; hence it does not consist of critical areas of heritage codes, protection and budget management, business skill and the most important, interpretation and consequently sustainable development. Iranian archaeologists agree with the findings of the applied archaeology. Evaluation of their opinions reveals that they agree with all applied archaeology items of the questionnaire.

Originality/value

As an approach, applied archaeology can be proactive and improve the status of archaeology in the Iranian field of cultural heritage, and representations of outputs such as site-museum and sustainable use of them which ultimately fulfil social, economic and even political-identity purposes, then applied archaeology can be a constructive element in archaeology and prevent vandalism and looting in cultural heritage.

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### **JME symposium 'The benefit/risk ratio challenge in clinical research, and the case of HIV cure.'**

*Paper*

#### **[The benefit/risk ratio challenge in clinical research, and the case of HIV cure: an introduction](#)**

Nir Eyal, Professor Nir Eyal, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard

*[Full text; References at link above]*

There is now hope to find a cure for HIV someday, or at least to accomplish long-term remission of the virus absent antiretroviral treatment (ART). Timothy Brown, the 'Berlin Patient', appears to have been completely cured of HIV. Six years after a curative intervention, Brown has no detectable level of the virus, and no need for ART. Patients undergoing a variety of other interventions in France, Boston, and Mississippi developed stable remission of the virus without taking antiretrovirals, typically until a final viral rebound.

While continued ART nearly eliminates morbidity and markedly prolongs life for people living with HIV, ART is treatment, not a cure. Under ART, the virus persists indefinitely in latent reservoirs in the patient's body; upon ART interruption, it rebounds. And even under ART, some co-morbidities, stigma, costs, and burdens continue to affect patients, and life-long treatment cost prevents adequate coverage for the 35 million people living with HIV.<sup>[1](#), [2](#)</sup>

An emphasis area for the International AIDS Society and the US National Institutes of Health, work toward a cure and long-term sustainable remission of HIV is currently the focus of 19 completed studies and at least 35 ongoing or planned ones.<sup>[3](#)</sup> Complementing old, recent, and planned treatment and prevention strategies to fight HIV, these clinical studies work toward the development of either:

:: A literal 'cure' (sometimes called a sterilising cure), namely, eradication of all replication-competent HIV in a patient's body, or:

:: 'Long-term remission', that is, the absence of viral rebound after ART cessation for a period of several years.<sup>[1](#)</sup>

But progress toward a cure and long-term remission comes with a serious ethical challenge.<sup>[4–6](#)</sup> Many early-phase cure and remission studies would impose substantial risks, uncertainties, and invasive procedures on some participants. Some studies include interventions with high

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mortality, such as stem cell transplantation. Some include interventions never before tested in (immunocompromised) patients, which are therefore shrouded in complete uncertainty. Some necessitate a clinically-unnecessary interruption of ART in patients who are doing well on ART, potentially leading to morbidity or ART resistance. Some require invasive and clinically-unnecessary exams and biopsies, for example, ones to identify the internal tissue in which latent HIV reservoirs are hiding away from the impact of ART.

In many areas of medicine, early-phase studies to characterise toxicity and pharmacokinetics involve risks and, very rarely, severe adverse events,<sup>7</sup> with only little hope for clinical effect. But the challenge in HIV cure studies is special. Many patients who consider joining risky early-phase studies for cancer, for instance, are doing poorly, arguably with sound reason to try just about anything. HIV patients tend nowadays to have good alternatives to study participation, namely, remaining on ART. While being cured without side effects would be even better than remaining on ART, severe side effects may accompany having been cured and even without side effects, being cured does not seem medically far superior to being stable on standard ART—to taking one pill a day with small expected morbidity; the superiority of mere durable remission to remaining stable on ART is even smaller.

Compare the use of stem cell transplantation in early-phase HIV cure studies to its occasional use in early-phase studies for chronic diseases with little short-term mortality, such as sickle cell disease,<sup>8</sup> Type I diabetes,<sup>9</sup> chronic granulomatous disease,<sup>10</sup> and thalassaemia.<sup>11</sup> Use of life-risking stem cell transplantation for these chronic diseases was often controversial. While untreated HIV clearly results in serious morbidity and mortality, these chronic diseases may well involve greater morbidity than HIV managed with ART. Since the use of stem cell transplantation for managing these chronic diseases was controversial, its use, and the use of other high-risk strategies, in HIV cure and remission studies pose a serious challenge. Differently put, a small chance of a slight improvement, accompanied by a greater chance of gaining nothing or being severely burdened or harmed, seems on the face of it like a bad 'gamble' for patients. It fails to maximise their medical prospects. A decision to join some early-phase HIV cure and remission trials may appear irrational for patients who are doing well on ART.

Hence, an ethical challenge. We want to identify and hone cure and remission strategies for HIV—we owe as much to patients. But to do so we need study participants, and we must treat these particular patients right too. Is there a way to make trial participation an advantageous 'gamble' for all cure study participants? If not, can these studies remain ethical?

This is not the sheer pragmatic challenge, of how to convince enough patients to join cure- and remission studies. In a recent survey of American HIV patients, a majority expressed willingness to participate in all 14 types of HIV cure study.<sup>12</sup> Though the per cent who would be willing and able to participate will be much smaller for any actual study, early-phase studies require only few participants. Nor is our challenge simply the ethical concern that, subjectively, patients might not fully comprehend the risks of study participation, or that they must be overestimating the medical benefits to them, so they are choosing a perfectly advantageous option non-autonomously.

The challenge is both ethical and objective. It is the concern that in many early-phase HIV cure and remission studies, a standard requirement in research ethics for a favourable benefit/risk ratio is transgressed.<sup>13–15</sup> Are we giving candidate participants a fair 'bargain'? Or are we inviting them to substitute what are objectively rather good medical prospects by worse ones? And if that is what we do when we conduct some early-phase cure and remission studies, are

we acting wrongfully, or is this to some degree our prerogative given the vast global need for these interventions? Could we do things differently in these studies and in their administration, to keep them robustly ethical?

Call this the benefit/risk ratio challenge in early-phase HIV cure- and remission studies.<sup>5</sup> Addressing this challenge is the business of contributions to this JME symposium, guest edited by ethicist Nir Eyal. Discussing a breadth of strategies for coping with this challenge turns out to cast light not only on the way forward in HIV research, but on the philosophical foundations of research ethics in general: What is an acceptable deal for the individuals who participate in our clinical studies? What is unacceptable, even in studies that advance science, healthcare, and human welfare?

The symposium starts with a descriptive background. Cure researcher Daniel Kuritzkes makes the fuller case for seeking a cure for HIV while laying out some of the serious risks to study participants in many early-phase HIV cure studies. HIV clinicians and investigators Paul Sax and Kenneth Freedberg provide greater detail on the likelihood of specific curative strategies, if found effective and safe, to become cost-effective and potentially scalable on a population level. A third piece, by the symposium editor, outlines the rest of the discussion. It catalogues candidate ethical solutions for the benefit/risk ratio challenge to early-phase HIV cure and remission studies. In so doing, it also presents the rest of the symposium. Consequent sections discuss some candidate solutions to the challenge. A short afterward notes wider implications for research ethics.

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*Comment*

#### **[Essential medicines for universal health coverage](#)**

Pamela Das, Richard Horton

*Summary*

Access to medicines has long been a potent flashpoint in global health, from antiretrovirals to drugs that cure hepatitis C. Indeed, as a new Lancet Commission report, Essential Medicines for Universal Health Coverage,<sup>1</sup> asserts, essential medicines should be at the centre of our vision for global health, affecting, as they do, the lives and dignity of people worldwide. Led by Veronika Wirtz, Hans Hogerzeil, and Andy Gray, the Commission identifies lessons learned from 30 years of implementing essential medicines policies.

*The Lancet Commissions*

#### **[Essential medicines for universal health coverage](#)**

Veronika J Wirtz, Hans V Hogerzeil, Andrew L Gray, Maryam Bigdeli, Cornelis P de Joncheere, Margaret A Ewen, Martha Gyansa-Lutterodt, Sun Jing, Vera L Luiza, Regina M Mbindyo, Helene Möller, Corrina Moucheraud, Bernard Pécou, Lembit Rägo, Arash Rashidian, Dennis Ross-Degnan, Peter N Stephens, Yot Teerawattananon, Ellen F M 't Hoen, Anita K Wagner, Prashant Yadav, Michael R Reich

*Summary*

Essential medicines satisfy the priority health-care needs of the population. Essential medicines policies are crucial to promoting health and achieving sustainable development. Sustainable Development Goal 3.8 specifically mentions the importance of “access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all” as a central component of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and Sustainable Development Goal 3.b emphasises the need to develop medicines to address persistent treatment gaps.

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*Editorials*

### **Scientists must fight for the facts**

President Trump's unconventional stances cannot go unchallenged.

### **Vaccine initiative marks bold resolution**

Preparation against future epidemic threats is a welcome and essential move.

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## **New England Journal of Medicine**

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*Original Article*

### **A Recombinant Vesicular Stomatitis Virus Ebola Vaccine**

Jason A. Regules, M.D., John H. Beigel, M.D., Kristopher M. Paolino, M.D., Jocelyn Voell, R.N., M.S., Amy R. Castellano, L.P.N., Zonghui Hu, Ph.D., Paula Muñoz, B.S., James E. Moon, M.D., Richard C. Ruck, M.D., Jason W. Bennett, M.D., Patrick S. Twomey, M.D., Ramiro L. Gutiérrez, M.D., Shon A. Remich, M.D., Holly R. Hack, M.S., Meagan L. Wisniewski, Ph.D., Matthew D. Josleyn, M.S., Steven A. Kwilas, Ph.D., Nicole Van Deusen, B.S., Olivier Tshiani Mbaya, M.D., Yan Zhou, Ph.D., Daphne A. Stanley, M.S., Wang Jing, M.S., Kirsten S. Smith, Ph.D., Meng Shi, M.A., Julie E. Ledgerwood, D.O., Barney S. Graham, M.D., Nancy J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Linda L. Jagodzinski, Ph.D., Sheila A. Peel, M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Judie B. Alimonti, Ph.D., Jay W. Hooper, Ph.D., Peter M. Silvera, Ph.D., Brian K. Martin, Ph.D., Thomas P. Monath, M.D., W. Jay Ramsey, M.D., Ph.D., Charles J. Link, M.D., H. Clifford Lane, M.D., Nelson L. Michael, M.D., Ph.D., Richard T. Davey, Jr., M.D., and Stephen J. Thomas, M.D., for the rVSVΔG-ZEBOV-GP Study Group\*

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N Engl J Med 2017; 376:330-341 January 26, 2017 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1414216

Abstract

Background

The worst Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in history has resulted in more than 28,000 cases and 11,000 deaths. We present the final results of two phase 1 trials of an attenuated, replication-competent, recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV)-based vaccine candidate designed to prevent EVD.

[Full Text of Background...](#)

Methods

We conducted two phase 1, placebo-controlled, double-blind, dose-escalation trials of an rVSV-based vaccine candidate expressing the glycoprotein of a Zaire strain of Ebola virus (ZEBOV). A total of 39 adults at each site (78 participants in all) were consecutively enrolled into groups of 13. At each site, volunteers received one of three doses of the rVSV-ZEBOV vaccine (3 million plaque-forming units [PFU], 20 million PFU, or 100 million PFU) or placebo. Volunteers at one of the sites received a second dose at day 28. Safety and immunogenicity were assessed.

[Full Text of Methods...](#)

Results

The most common adverse events were injection-site pain, fatigue, myalgia, and headache. Transient rVSV viremia was noted in all the vaccine recipients after dose 1. The rates of adverse events and viremia were lower after the second dose than after the first dose. By day 28, all the vaccine recipients had seroconversion as assessed by an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) against the glycoprotein of the ZEBOV-Kikwit strain. At day 28, geometric mean titers of antibodies against ZEBOV glycoprotein were higher in the groups that received 20 million PFU or 100 million PFU than in the group that received 3 million PFU, as assessed by ELISA and by pseudovirion neutralization assay. A second dose at 28 days after dose 1 significantly increased antibody titers at day 56, but the effect was diminished at 6 months.

[Full Text of Results...](#)

Conclusions

This Ebola vaccine candidate elicited anti-Ebola antibody responses. After vaccination, rVSV viremia occurred frequently but was transient. These results support further evaluation of the vaccine dose of 20 million PFU for preexposure prophylaxis and suggest that a second dose may boost antibody responses. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and others; rVSVΔG-ZEBOV-GP ClinicalTrials.gov numbers, [NCT02269423](#) and [NCT02280408](#).)

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*Research Article*

### **[Rapid Molecular Detection of Zika Virus in Acute-Phase Urine Samples Using the Recombinase Polymerase Amplification Assay](#)**

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Background: Currently the detection of Zika virus (ZIKV) in patient samples is done by real-time RT-PCR. Samples collected from rural area are sent to highly equipped laboratories for screening. A rapid point-of-care test is needed to detect the virus, especially at low resource settings.

Methodology/Principal Findings: In this report, we describe the development of a reverse transcription isothermal recombinase polymerase amplification (RT-RPA) assay for the identification of ZIKV. RT-RPA assay was portable, sensitive (21 RNA molecules), and rapid (3-15 minutes). No cross-reactivity was detected to other flaviviruses, alphaviruses and arboviruses. Compared to real-time RT-PCR, the diagnostic sensitivity was 92%, while the specificity was 100%.

Conclusions/Significance: The developed assay is a promising platform for rapid point of need detection of ZIKV in low resource settings and elsewhere (e.g. during mass gathering).

## **PLoS Medicine**

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*Health in Action*

### **[Bolstering Community Cooperation in Ebola Resurgence Protocols: Combining Field Blood Draw and Point-of-Care Diagnosis](#)**

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*Research Article*

**[A Comparison of the Quality of Informed Consent for Clinical Trials of an Experimental Hookworm Vaccine Conducted in Developed and Developing Countries](#)**

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*Abstract*

Informed consent is one of the principal ethical requirements of conducting clinical research, regardless of the study setting. Breaches in the quality of the informed consent process are frequently described in reference to clinical trials conducted in developing countries, due to low levels of formal education, a lack of familiarity with biomedical research, and limited access to health services in these countries. However, few studies have directly compared the quality of the informed consent process in developed and developing countries using the same tool and in similar clinical trials. This study was conducted to compare the quality of the informed consent process of a series of clinical trials of an investigational hookworm vaccine that were performed in Brazil and the United States. A standardized questionnaire was used to assess the ethical quality of the informed consent process in a series of Phase 1 clinical trials of the Na-GST-1/Alhydrogel hookworm vaccine that were conducted in healthy adults in Brazil and the United States. In Brazil, the trial was conducted at two sites, one in the hookworm non-endemic urban area of Belo Horizonte, Minas, and one in the rural, resource-limited town of Americaninhas, both in the state of Minas Gerais; the American trial was conducted in Washington, DC. A 32-question survey was administered after the informed consent document was signed at each of the three trial sites; it assessed participants' understanding of information about the study presented in the document as well as the voluntariness of their decision to participate. 105 participants completed the questionnaire: 63 in Americaninhas, 18 in Belo Horizonte, and 24 in Washington, DC. Overall knowledge about the trial was suboptimal: the mean number of correct answers to questions about study objectives, methods, duration, rights, and potential risks and benefits, was 45.6% in Americaninhas, 65.2% in Belo Horizonte, and 59.1% in Washington, DC. Although there was no difference in the rate of correct answers between participants in Belo Horizonte and Washington, DC, there was a significant gap between participants at these two locations compared to Americaninhas ( $p = 0.0002$  and  $p = 0.0001$ , respectively), which had a lower percentage of correct answers. Attitudes towards participating in the clinical trial also differed by site: while approximately 40% had doubts about participating in Washington, DC and Belo Horizonte, only 1.5% had concerns in Americaninhas. Finally, in Belo Horizonte and Washington, high percentages cited a desire to help others as motivation for participating, whereas in Americaninhas, the most common reason for participating was personal interest ( $p = 0.001$ ). Understanding of information about a Phase 1 clinical trial of an experimental hookworm vaccine following informed consent was suboptimal, regardless of study site. Although overall there were no differences in knowledge between Brazil and the US, a lower level of understanding about the trial was seen in participants at the rural, resource-limited Brazilian site. These findings demonstrate the need for educational interventions directed at potential clinical trial participants, both in developing and developed countries, in order to improve understanding of the informed consent document.

*Author Summary*

Informed consent is an essential element of the ethical conduct of clinical trials of new vaccines, regardless of the study setting. However, the quality of informed consent is often suboptimal.

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Some research has suggested that the quality of the informed consent process may be reduced in resource-limited areas compared to developed country settings. To test this, we conducted a study of the quality of the informed consent process in two similar Phase 1 clinical trials of the Na-GST-1/Alhydrogel hookworm vaccine that were conducted in healthy adult volunteers in Brazil and in the United States. In Brazil, the trial was conducted at two sites, one a large urban area (Belo Horizonte), and the other a rural, resource-limited region of the state of Minas Gerais; in the United States, the trial was conducted in Washington, DC. A structured questionnaire was administered after the informed consent document was signed at each of the three clinical trial sites, which tested understanding about the information contained in the document and attitudes toward the volunteers' participation in the clinical trial. The results indicate that there were no substantial differences between the overall quality of the informed consent obtained from participants in the United States and in Brazil. However, a significant association was found between the particular site where the trial was conducted and the quality of the informed consent process, with residents of the site in rural Brazil having the lowest percentage of correct answers on the informed consent questionnaire. The informed consent process should therefore take into account the specific characteristics of the population in which the trial is being conducted.

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*Research Article*

### **[Justice Is the Missing Link in One Health: Results of a Mixed Methods Study in an Urban City State](#)**

Tamra Lysaght, Benjamin Capps, Michele Bailey, David Bickford, Richard Coker, Zohar Lederman, Sangeetha Watson, Paul Anantharajah Tambyah  
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#### *Abstract*

##### Background

One Health (OH) is an interdisciplinary collaborative approach to human and animal health that aims to break down conventional research and policy 'silos'. OH has been used to develop strategies for zoonotic Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID). However, the ethical case for OH as an alternative to more traditional public health approaches is largely absent from the discourse. To study the ethics of OH, we examined perceptions of the human health and ecological priorities for the management of zoonotic EID in the Southeast Asia country of Singapore.

##### Methods

We conducted a mixed methods study using a modified Delphi technique with a panel of 32 opinion leaders and 11 semi-structured interviews with a sub-set of those experts in Singapore. Panellists rated concepts of OH and priorities for zoonotic EID preparedness planning using a series of scenarios developed through the study. Interview data were examined qualitatively using thematic analysis.

##### Findings

We found that panellists agreed that OH is a cross-disciplinary collaboration among the veterinary, medical, and ecological sciences, as well as relevant government agencies encompassing animal, human, and environmental health. Although human health was often framed as the most important priority in zoonotic EID planning, our qualitative analysis suggested that consideration of non-human animal health and welfare was also important for an effective and ethical response. The panellists also suggested that effective pandemic planning demands regional leadership and investment from wealthier countries to better enable international cooperation.

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## Conclusion

We argue that EID planning under an OH approach would benefit greatly from an ethical ecological framework that accounts for justice in human, animal, and environmental health.

### **[Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Workers Is an Important Approach for Reducing Transmission of Influenza from Staff to Vulnerable Patients](#)**

Andrew C. Hayward

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### **[Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Workers: Critical Analysis of the Evidence for Patient Benefit Underpinning Policies of Enforcement](#)**

Gaston De Serres, Danuta M. Skowronski, Brian J. Ward, Michael Gardam, Camille Lemieux, Annalee Yassi, David M. Patrick, Mel Krajden, Mark Loeb, Peter Collignon, Fabrice Carrat

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### **[Barriers of Influenza Vaccination Intention and Behavior – A Systematic Review of Influenza Vaccine Hesitancy, 2005 – 2016](#)**

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#### *Abstract*

#### Background

Influenza vaccine hesitancy is a significant threat to global efforts to reduce the burden of seasonal and pandemic influenza. Potential barriers of influenza vaccination need to be identified to inform interventions to raise awareness, influenza vaccine acceptance and uptake.

#### Objective

This review aims to (1) identify relevant studies and extract individual barriers of seasonal and pandemic influenza vaccination for risk groups and the general public; and (2) map knowledge gaps in understanding influenza vaccine hesitancy to derive directions for further research and inform interventions in this area.

#### Methods

Thirteen databases covering the areas of Medicine, Bioscience, Psychology, Sociology and Public Health were searched for peer-reviewed articles published between the years 2005 and 2016. Following the PRISMA approach, 470 articles were selected and analyzed for significant barriers to influenza vaccine uptake or intention. The barriers for different risk groups and flu types were clustered according to a conceptual framework based on the Theory of Planned Behavior and discussed using the 4C model of reasons for non-vaccination.

#### Results

Most studies were conducted in the American and European region. Health care personnel (HCP) and the general public were the most studied populations, while parental decisions for children at high risk were under-represented. This study also identifies understudied concepts. A lack of confidence, inconvenience, calculation and complacency were identified to different extents as barriers to influenza vaccine uptake in risk groups.

#### Conclusion

Many different psychological, contextual, sociodemographic and physical barriers that are specific to certain risk groups were identified. While most sociodemographic and physical variables may be significantly related to influenza vaccine hesitancy, they cannot be used to explain its emergence or intensity. Psychological determinants were meaningfully related to

uptake and should therefore be measured in a valid and comparable way. A compendium of measurements for future use is suggested as supporting information.

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*Policy Forum*

### **Challenges in researching terrorism from the field**

By Scott Atran, Robert Axelrod, Richard Davis, Baruch Fischhoff

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Research must focus on how youth are engaged

*Summary*

Despite intense efforts by intelligence agencies and countless conferences, articles, and books, fundamental aspects of terrorism remain unclear: What identifies terrorists before they act; how do they radicalize; what motivates their violence; when do they act; what countermeasures are most effective? These efforts to find answers have fallen short in part because of flaws in program design, despite commitment and courage from many people involved. We propose an alternative design, driven by theoretically informed field research and integrated with policy-making. Better progress to inform and test hypotheses is possible by using field data, collected in scientifically reliable ways from terrorists, supporters, and host populations.

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Winter 2017 Volume 15, Number 1

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Laws and programs designed to benefit vulnerable groups, such as the disabled or people of color, often end up benefiting all of society. From affirmative action to wheelchair friendly sidewalks, examples all around us show that investing in equity isn't a zero-sum game. That's the message of the cover story in the winter 2017 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, "[The Curb-Cut Effect](#)," by Angela Glover Blackwell.

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### ***Human Rights***

This issue assesses progress in promoting and protecting human rights throughout the world. Prepared in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, both adopted in 1966, the articles examine, among other things, the responsibility of the United Nations to protect vulnerable populations from genocide, the evolving role of the Human Rights Council, the global problem of digital bullying, and advancing the rights of women in the aftermath of the Arab Spring.

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

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### **World Heritage Review**

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### ***African Heritage and its sustainable development***

In this issue we are pleased to focus on the heritage of Africa and its sustainable development. The diversity and wealth of African heritage is extraordinary, from its large-scale ecosystems to modern architecture; from the memory of slavery and colonial heritage to cultural landscapes and sacred sites.

### ***From Google Scholar & other sources: Selected Journal Articles, Newsletters, Dissertations, Theses, Commentary***

### **Current Psychiatry Reports**

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### **[Interventions for Children Affected by Armed Conflict: a Systematic Review of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)**

Mark J. D. Jordans, Hugo Pigott, Wietse A. Tol

#### *Abstract*

Over one billion children under the age of 18 live in countries affected by armed conflict. This systematic review replicates an earlier study, aiming to provide a comprehensive update of the most current developments in interventions for children affected by armed conflict. For the period 2009–2015, a total of 1538 records were collected from PubMed, PsycINFO, and PILOTS. Twenty-four studies met the inclusion criteria, and the included interventions involve data from 4858 children. Although the number of publications and level of evidence has improved since the previous review, there is still a general lack of rigor and clarity in study design and reported results. Overall, interventions appeared to show promising results demonstrating mostly moderate effect sizes on mental health and psychosocial well-being. However, these positive intervention benefits are often limited to specific subgroups. There is a need for increased diversification in research focus, with more attention to interventions that focus at strengthening community and family support, and to young children, and improvements in targeting and conceptualizing of interventions.

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