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Period ending 18 August 2018

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To Our Readers: The Sentinel will resume publication with this edition following the Editor's annual leave.

:: Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across 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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Kofi Atta Annan, diplomat, born 8 April 1938; died 18 August 2018

Please also see statements by a number of UN agencies, IGOs and other organizations throughout this edition.

The Elders mourn the loss of Kofi Annan

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Press release 17 August 2018

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A founding member of The Elders, Kofi Annan succeeded Archbishop Desmond Tutu as Chair in May 2013. He played a vital role in leading The Elders' work, and was a voice of great authority and wisdom in public and private, most recently on visits to South Africa and Zimbabwe in July 2018.

As the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2006, he was a constant advocate for human rights, development and the rule of law. The first Secretary-General to reach the post from within an organisation he served for over 40 years, Kofi Annan had a life-long commitment to the cause of peace and was known for his staunch opposition to military aggression, notably the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The great respect for him and his essential work was illustrated when he, together with the United Nations as a whole, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001.

Gro Harlem Brundtland, Deputy Chair of The Elders, said:

"We are devastated at the loss of our dear friend and fellow Elder. Kofi was a strong and inspiring presence to us all, and The Elders would not be where it is today without his leadership. Throughout his life, Kofi worked unceasingly to improve the lives of millions of people around the world. While we mourn his passing today, we resolve as Elders to continue to uphold his values and legacy into the future".

In retirement, Kofi Annan continued where he had left off at the United Nations, founding and leading the work of the Kofi Annan Foundation, based in Geneva, and maintaining a hectic international schedule. His quiet advice on how best to defuse impending crises was in constant demand from all corners of the globe, in particular from Africa.

All of the Elders and their Advisory Council and staff team members send their heartfelt condolences to Kofi's family: his wife Nane, his children and grandchildren. They have lost a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

The world has lost an inspiring figure – but one whose achievements will never be forgotten, and whose commitment to peace and justice will endure to inspire future generations.

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Opinion by Kofi Annan 30 July 2018

[Donald Trump's deal must put Palestinian rights centre stage](#)

Writing in the [Financial Times](#), Kofi Annan welcomes fresh approaches to peacemaking but warns that any deal that does not address the root causes of the conflict will be doomed to failure.

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[UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on the dynamic, irreplaceable Kofi Annan](#)

18 August 2018

"I am grief-stricken over the death of Kofi Annan. Kofi was humanity's best example, the epitome, of human decency and grace. In a world now filled with leaders who are anything but that, our loss, the world's loss becomes even more painful.

He was a friend to thousands and a leader of millions. To me — like to so many in the UN, he was my immediate boss when I was thirty-one years of age — and what a boss! He was always courageous, direct in speech, but never discourteous — never discourteous. Later, when I was an ambassador at the UN he inspired us, by being a dynamic and charismatic leader in his capacity as Secretary-General. And most of all, he was a friend and counsel — to me and to so many others. Whenever — as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, I felt isolated and alone politically (which, in the last four years, was often) I would go for long walks with him around Geneva — and listen.

When I told him once how everyone was grumbling about me, he looked at me — like a father would look at a son — and said sternly: "you're doing the right thing, let them grumble." Then he grinned!

There are some human beings who will seem irreplaceable to us, rare human beings. Kofi Annan is high among them.

Goodbye my dear friend ... goodbye Kofi."

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Human Rights – Governance

[Secretary-General Appoints Michelle Bachelet of Chile United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#)

10 August 2018

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United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, following approval by the General Assembly, has appointed Michelle Bachelet of Chile the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. She will succeed Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein of Jordan, to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for his commitment and dedicated service to the United Nations.

Ms. Bachelet ended her second four-year term as President of Chile in March 2018, having already held the position between 2006 and 2010. The first woman elected to Chile's highest office, after her first term, she joined the United Nations as the first Executive Director of the newly established United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

A long-time human rights champion and ground-breaking leader, Ms. Bachelet is a paediatrician who began her Government career as an adviser in the Ministry of Health, rising quickly to become the first woman to lead Chile's Health Ministry in 2000 and its Defence Ministry in 2002.

Ms. Bachelet became involved in Chilean human rights activism in the early 1970s. She and her parents were political prisoners, and her father, a general in the air force, died in prison. After their release, Ms. Bachelet and her mother spent several years in exile. She returned to Chile in 1979, finished school and became a paediatrician and public health advocate.

The holder of a medical degree, Ms. Bachelet also studied military strategy at Chile's National Academy of Strategy and Policy and at the Inter-American Defense College in the United States.

[Zeid warmly welcomes appointment of new UN Human Rights Chief](#)

GENEVA (10 August 2018) – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on Friday warmly welcomed the UN General Assembly's appointment of Michelle Bachelet to succeed him when his mandate comes to an end on 31 August 2018.

"I am truly delighted by the appointment of Michelle Bachelet as the next UN High Commissioner for Human Rights," Zeid said. "She has all the attributes – courage, perseverance, passion, and a deep commitment to human rights – to make her a successful High Commissioner. The UN Human Rights Office looks forward to welcoming her and working under her leadership for the promotion and protection of all human rights, for everyone, everywhere."

Bachelet most recently served as President of Chile (from 2014 to 2018, and 2006 to 2010). She was the first Executive Director of UN-Women between 2010 and 2013. She has also served as Minister of Defence and Minister of Health in Chile. The UN General Assembly today approved the UN Secretary-General's appointment of Bachelet for a four-year term as High Commissioner.

Michelle Bachelet will be the seventh High Commissioner since the Office was created in 1993. Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein has been in office since 1 September 2014. His predecessors are: José Ayala-Lasso (1994-97); Mary Robinson (1997-2002); Sergio Vieira de Mello (2002-03); Louise Arbour (2004-08); and Navi Pillay (2008-14).

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Irregular Migration/Deportations - Children

Children returned to Central America and Mexico at heightened risk of violence, stigma and deprivation

UNICEF Child Alert report shows dangerous journeys and deportations intensify root causes of irregular migration

NEW YORK/PANAMA CITY, 16 August 2018 – Extreme violence, poverty and lack of opportunity are not only powerful drivers of irregular child migration from northern Central America (El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras) and Mexico, but also consequences of deportations from Mexico and the United States – UNICEF said today in a new report. The children’s agency also urged governments to work together in implementing solutions shown to help alleviate the root causes of irregular and forced migration and safeguard the wellbeing of refugee and migrant children along the journey.

Uprooted in Central America and Mexico examines the array of challenges and dangers faced by migrant and refugee children and families during the arduous process of migration and return.

“As this report shows, millions of children in the region are victims of poverty, indifference, violence, forced migration and the fear of deportation,” said María Cristina Perceval, UNICEF Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. “In many cases, children who are sent back to their countries of origin have no home to return to, end up deep in debt or are targeted by gangs. Being returned to impossible situations makes it more likely that they will migrate again.”

More specifically, the report’s findings include:

Poverty – El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras are among the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, with 44, 68 and 74 per cent of children living in poverty in each country respectively. Poor children and families often take out loans to finance their irregular migration to the U.S., leaving them in an even more precarious financial situation when they are apprehended and sent back without money and unable to repay their loans. This economic pressure can leave children and families without homes or the resources to pay for essentials.

Violence – Gang violence is pervasive in many communities across northern Central America, with children targeted for recruitment, abuse and even murder. Between 2008 and 2016 in Honduras, for instance, roughly one child fell victim to homicide each day. Likewise, in El Salvador, 365 children were murdered in 2017, while in Guatemala 942 violent deaths of children were reported last year. Children and families who migrate due to the threat of violence may be at even greater risk if they are forcibly returned without any support or protection to these communities where they were previously in danger. Many returnees end up being internally displaced because it is unsafe for them to return home.

Stigmatization – Returned children and families face stigmatization within the community because of their failed attempts to make it to Mexico or the U.S. This can make it harder for returning children to reintegrate into school and for adults to find employment.

Separation and detention – Detention and family separation by migration authorities are deeply traumatizing experiences that can adversely affect a child’s long-term development. Keeping families together and supporting alternatives to detention are key measures to ensure the best interest of migrant and refugee children.

The report also outlines a series of recommendations to keep refugee and migrant children safe and reduce the factors that push families and children to leave their homes in search of safety or a more hopeful future via irregular and dangerous migration routes.

"It's essential to address the risks faced by migrant and refugee children and the root causes that contribute to large-scale population movements," said Perceval. "Government leaders have an opportunity now to do the right thing. This means implementing proven approaches that can help alleviate the root causes; protect children in transit and upon reaching their destinations; provide children with access to essential services throughout the migration journey; ensure that deportation and return take place only when they are in the best interest of the child; and provide them with the protection and support needed to successfully reintegrate."

UNICEF-supported programmes in northern Central America and Mexico are making a difference, but while many young migrants, refugees and returnees are benefitting, these initiatives would have to be scaled up enormously to meet all of the challenges facing the region's children at risk.

Key Data

:: 68,409 migrant children were detained in Mexico between 2016 and April 2018 – 91 per cent of whom were deported to Central America.

:: Some 96,216 migrants from northern Central America, including 24,189 women and children, were returned from Mexico and the U.S. between January and June of this year. More than 90 per cent were deported from Mexico

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Conflict – Displacement - Risk

Risk Preferences and the Decision to Flee Conflict

World Bank Policy Research Working Paper - Ceriani, Lidia; Verme, Paolo.

2018 :: 41 pages

Abstract

Despite the growing numbers of forcibly displaced persons worldwide, many people living under conflict choose not to flee. Individuals face two lotteries -- staying or leaving -- characterized by two distributions of potential outcomes. This paper proposes to model the choice between these two lotteries using quantile maximization as opposed to expected utility theory. The paper posits that risk-averse individuals aim at minimizing losses by choosing the lottery with the best outcome at the lower end of the distribution, whereas risk-tolerant individuals aim at maximizing gains by choosing the lottery with the best outcome at the higher end of the distribution. Using a rich set of household and conflict panel data from Nigeria, the paper finds that risk-tolerant individuals have a significant preference for staying and risk-averse individuals have a significant preference for fleeing, in line with the predictions of the quantile maximization model. These findings are contrary to findings on economic migrants, and call for separate policies toward economic and forced migrants.

Press Release

New Study Focuses on Risk Aversion to Understand Why Some People Flee Conflict, While Others Don't

Date: August 13, 2018

Despite growing numbers of people that are forcibly displaced due to conflict, the reality is that many do not flee and continue to live under difficult circumstances. To understand how people make this choice, a new World Bank working paper, "Risk Preferences and the Decision to Flee Conflict,"

examines the role of risk aversion and concludes that the risk-averse are the ones who prefer to flee, while the risk-tolerant stay in their own countries.

If confirmed more broadly, these findings contrast sharply with economic migrants, who are known to be risk takers seeking economic opportunities, underscoring the need to distinguish between these two groups with an appropriate policy response for each.

According to the paper, people living under conflict are faced with two choices or lotteries – staying or leaving – characterized by two distributions of potential outcomes. Using a Quantile Maximization (QM) model and risk aversion, it posits that risk-averse individuals aim to minimize losses by choosing the lottery with the best outcome at the lower end of the distribution, whereas risk-tolerant individuals aim to maximize gains by choosing the lottery with the best outcome at the higher end of the distribution.

A four-step approach was used to test the model with household and conflict panel data collected from Nigeria for the period 2010-2016, which coincides with the Boko Haram conflict:

Estimation of the distributions of outcomes (lotteries) for people living under conflict who decide to stay or leave.

Predictions of migration choices for people with different risk preferences based on the QM model.

Test whether the QM predictions match observed risk preferences among stayers and leavers.

Test for any confounding factors.

It found that risk-tolerant individuals preferred to stay, while risk averse individuals chose to flee, in line with its prediction.

While these are early results in an area that has received very little attention in the past, derived from a country case study, it calls attention to the difference between previous findings on economic migrants and risk preferences. Economic migrants tend to be risk-takers and move with the expectation that it would lead to an overall better quality of life.

On the other hand, the forcibly displaced are more risk-averse. They move to protect their lives and minimum living standards. Evidence has shown that economic migrants move with the intention of finding opportunities for growth far away from their home countries, while forcibly displaced persons want to settle close to the place of origin with the expectation of returning home.

These results need to be validated with further work in Nigeria and elsewhere, but if confirmed more broadly, this means that combining the two groups is not beneficial for the place of origin nor the place of destination. Separate policies by host governments should be considered for economic migrants and forcibly displaced persons.

This work is part of the program "Building the Evidence on Protracted Forced Displacement: A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership." funded by UK aid from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID).

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Governance – Census/Citizenship

[Packard Foundation Joins Over 300 U.S. Philanthropic Leaders to Call for Removal of Citizenship Question from 2020 Census](#) [U.S.]

Packard Foundation Joins Over 300 U.S. Philanthropic Leaders to Call for Removal of Citizenship Question from 2020 Census

August 16, 2018 (Los Altos, CA) —The Packard Foundation joined 303 other philanthropic leaders calling on the U.S. Department of Commerce to withdraw a citizenship question from the 2020 census, reflecting an unprecedented consensus in philanthropy from local foundations to national grantmaking organizations.

In a public comment letter submitted to the U.S. Commerce Department ahead of an August 7 deadline, the large collection of foundation presidents and chief executives, trustees and others speaking for their organizations said the question would “significantly undermine efforts to achieve a fair and accurate census in 2020.” The letter continues:

We have different funding priorities, are ideologically diverse, and do not always agree with each other. But we wholeheartedly agree that the citizenship question should not be part of the 2020 Census.

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#).

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[The State of Global Giving by U.S. Foundations, 2011-2015](#)

Foundation Center and the Council on Foundations

Published 13-8-2018 :: 36 pages

The State of Global Grantmaking Giving by U.S. Foundations is the latest report in a decades-long collaboration between Foundation Center and The Council on Foundations and aims to help funders and civil society organizations better navigate the giving landscape as they work to effect change around the world. The analysis reveals that global giving by U.S. foundations increased by 29% from 2011 to 2015, reaching an all-time high of \$9.3 billion in 2015. In addition to a detailed analysis of trends by issue area, geographic region, population group, and donor strategy, this analysis also relates these trends to key events and developments, including the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, the spread of Ebola in West Africa, and the increasing legal restrictions faced by civil society in countries around the world.

PDF: http://www.issuelab.org/requester/sdgs/id/31306?_ga=2.11085044.1123716257.1534702527-887887441.1512259776

Press Release

[New Report by Council on Foundations and Foundation Center Reveals Global Giving by U.S. Foundations Increased by 29% Over Five-Year Period](#)

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

... Key findings from this trends analysis include:

:: Just 12% of international grant dollars from U.S. foundations went directly to organizations based in the country where programs were implemented. The remaining 88% was channeled through organizations based elsewhere.

:: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation accounted for 51% of global giving by U.S. foundations from 2011 to 2015, with \$6.5 billion going to Sub-Saharan Africa.

:: Sub-Saharan Africa benefited from the largest share of global grantmaking by U.S. foundations, accounting for 25% of international grant dollars from 2011 to 2015.

:: Grants focused on climate change represented just 2% of global grantmaking by U.S. foundations.

Global giving by U.S. foundations for reproductive health care increased nearly threefold in the five years after the global gag rule, a U.S. rule forbidding the use of federal money to fund organizations that provide abortions or information on them, was reversed.

:: "U.S. foundations are making a tremendous impact in communities all over the world. By tracking trends in support for global programs, we play a valuable role in supporting and strengthening the sector's ability to continue to promote the common good globally" said Gene Cochrane, interim president and CEO of the Council on Foundations.



Indigenous Peoples

Organization of American States

[Statement of the OAS Secretary General on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)

August 9, 2018

The indigenous population of the world is approximately 370 million people, who live in more than 70 countries, according to estimates of international organizations. Today is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, but unfortunately many of them have little to celebrate. Despite the fact they represent 5 percent of the world's population, indigenous peoples make up 15 percent of the poorest people in the world and continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups. This situation of vulnerability is closely linked to colonization, racism, discrimination and the historic denial of their individual and collective rights.

ECLAC states that in Latin America there are 826 indigenous peoples, with a population nearing 45 million people, in addition to the 10 million that live in the United States and Canada, according to official data. These peoples are characterized by their broad demographic, social, territorial and political diversity, and include peoples living in voluntary isolation to those present in large urban settlements.

In the framework of the OAS we have advanced in the protection and recognition of the rights of these peoples. In 2016, after 17 years of negotiation with the active participation of the representatives of the indigenous peoples, the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted, the principal instrument for the promotion of the rights of the indigenous peoples in the Americas. The Inter-American Convention Against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Forms of Intolerance, adopted in 2013, is another important juridical tool to prevent, punish and eliminate racism and discrimination against indigenous peoples.

Additionally, in February 2018, the OAS Permanent Council resolved that each year the Inter-American Week for Indigenous Peoples would be held in the second week of August. We are celebrating the first edition this week.

However, there is still much to be done, especially to facilitate indigenous peoples' real and effective access to these rights. As with all members of our societies, with the inclusion of indigenous peoples we all win, our democracy wins, our ethnic-cultural diversity benefits, and our environment wins. Their inclusion makes us better societies. I invite you to join us to work for more rights for more indigenous people in the Americas.



Featured Journal Content

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 8, August 2018, 513-588

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/8/en/>

RESEARCH

[A post-conflict vaccination campaign, Central African Republic](#)

– Nicolas Peyraud, Michel Quéré, Geraldine Duc, Corinne Chèvre, Theo Wanteu, Souheil Reache, Thierry Dumont, Robin Nesbitt, Ellen Dahl, Etienne Gignoux, Manuel Albela, Anna Righetti, Marie-Claude Bottineau, Jean-Clément Cabrol, Micaela Sarafini, Samuel Nzalapan, Pauline Lechevalier, Clotilde Rambaud & Monica Rull

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.204321>

Abstract

Objective

To rapidly increase childhood immunization through a preventive, multi-antigen, vaccination campaign in Mambéré-Kadéï prefecture, Central African Republic, where a conflict from 2012 to 2015 reduced vaccination coverage.

Methods

The three-round campaign took place between December 2015 and June 2016 using: (i) oral poliomyelitis vaccine (OPV); (ii) combined diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP) vaccine, Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) and hepatitis B (DTP–Hib–hepatitis B) vaccine; (iii) pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV); (iv) measles vaccine; and (v) yellow fever vaccine. Administrative data were collected on vaccines administered by age group and vaccination coverage surveys were carried out before and after the campaign.

Findings

Overall, 294,054 vaccine doses were administered. Vaccination coverage for children aged 6 weeks to 59 months increased to over 85% for the first doses of OPV, DTP–Hib–hepatitis B vaccine and PCV and, in children aged 9 weeks to 59 months, to over 70% for the first measles vaccine dose. In children aged 6 weeks to 23 months, coverage of the second doses of OPV, DTP–Hib–hepatitis B vaccine and PCV was over 58% and coverage of the third doses of OPV and DTP–Hib–hepatitis B vaccine was over 20%. Moreover, 61% (5804/9589) of children aged 12 to 23 months had received two PCV doses and 90% (25933/28764) aged 24 to 59 months had received one dose.

Conclusion

A preventive, multi-antigen, vaccination campaign was effective in rapidly increasing immunization coverage in a post-conflict setting. To sustain high coverage, routine immunization must be reinforced.



Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Polio this week as of 14 August 2018](#) [GPEI]

:: Take a look at how the Papua New Guinea Government, the World Health Organization, and partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are responding to the country's recent outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus.

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan – one new case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) and one new WPV1 positive environmental sample.

Pakistan – four new WPV1 positive environmental samples.

Nigeria – one new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2).

Papua New Guinea – one new case of cVDPV1

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 18 Aug 2018]

Iraq

: Special health situation report from Mosulpdf, 543kb 27 July 2017

...WHO organized a 5-day polio data quality self-assessment training workshop in Erbil to support the five directorates of health of Erbil, Suleimaniya, Duhok, Kirkuk and Ninewa in the area of quality data collection and analysis...

Nigeria

:: Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 – Nigeria

Disease outbreak news 8 August 2018

On 5 June 2018, a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) outbreak was confirmed in Sokoto State, Nigeria. From 30 January through 23 May 2018, ten environmental samples collected from two collection sites all tested positive for genetically-related VDPV2 viruses. No associated cases of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) have been detected with this cVDPV2.

Nigeria is also affected by an ongoing separate cVDPV2 outbreak. A cluster of cVDPV2 was detected in Yobe State from a stool sample from an AFP case with onset on 16 June 2018, and an environmental sample collected on 31 May 2018. The same cVDPV2 was detected in Gombe State from an environmental sample collected on 9 April 2018. Previously, the same cVDPV2 was detected in Jigawa State from an AFP case with onset of paralysis on 15 April 2018 and six environmental samples collected from 10 January through 2 May 2018...

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 18 Aug 2018]

[Several emergency pages were not available at inquiry]

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.

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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.

Yemen

:: Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering 30 July – 9 August 2018 | Issue 23
Published on 09 Aug 2018

Syrian Arab Republic - No new announcements identified.

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

When the USG/ERC declares a Corporate Emergency Response, all OCHA offices, branches and sections provide their full support to response activities both at HQ and in the field.

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 61 | 30 July-12 August 2018 Published on 12 Aug 2018
Government continues peace and reconciliation process to return IDPs in Gedeo and Guji zones

Somalia - No new announcements identified.

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 18 Aug 2018]

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

17 August 2018

SG/SM/19171-IHA/1454-OBV/1813

Secretary-General, Commemorating World Humanitarian Day, Recalls Casualties Among Civilians, Aid Workers in 15 Years Since Attack on United Nations in Baghdad

10 August 2018

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Secretary-General Appoints Michelle Bachelet of Chile United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Secretary-General Nominates Michelle Bachelet of Chile as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Secretary-General, following consultations with the chairs of regional groups of Member States, today informed the General Assembly of his intention to appoint Michelle Bachelet of Chile as the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ms. Bachelet was most recently President of Chile between 2014 and 2018, having served previously from 2006 to 2010, the year in which she was appointed the first Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). Ms. Bachelet also held ministerial portfolios in the Government of Chile, serving as Minister for Defence (2002-2004) and Minister for Health (2000-2002).

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

[UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on the dynamic, irreplaceable Kofi Annan](#)

[Press briefing notes on Cambodia elections, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Libya attacks](#)

[Somalia: Respect for human rights vital for future elections - UN report](#)

[Zeid warmly welcomes appointment of new UN Human Rights Chief](#)

[Japan: Fukushima clean-up workers, including homeless, at grave risk of exploitation, say UN experts](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

[to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Friday, 17 August 2018

[UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Condemns Escalation of Violence Against Children](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

16 August 2018

[Japan: Fukushima clean-up workers, including homeless, at grave risk of exploitation, say UN experts](#)

15 August 2018

[UN experts call for immediate release of Oleg Sentsov](#)

SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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[Four years after Da'esh's attacks on the Sinjar region of Iraq, survivors of sexual violence still await justice](#)

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[Fighters in Afghanistan and international humanitarian law](#)

17 August 2018

[On Fifteenth Anniversary of Baghdad Bombing, UN Humanitarian Chief renews call for Protection of Aid Workers and Civilians](#)

08 August 2018

[Entry of emergency fuel urgently needed to avoid closure of hospitals and overflow of sewage in Gaza](#)

08 August 2018

[Incidents affecting civilians and humanitarian workers on the rise in the Central African Republic](#)

30 July 2018

[UN renews call for the safety and protection of local aid workers in Syria](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 18 Aug 2018]

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[Children at risk in DRC Ebola outbreak – UNICEF](#)

17/08/2018

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[UNICEF statement on violence against children in Afghanistan](#)

Statement attributable to Henrietta H. Fore, UNICEF Executive Director

15/08/2018

Press release

[Children returned to Central America and Mexico at heightened risk of violence, stigma and deprivation](#)

UNICEF Child Alert report shows dangerous journeys and deportations intensify root causes of irregular migration

15/08/2018

Press release

[UNICEF fears escalation in violence in Idlib, Syria will leave 350,000 children with no place to go](#)

10/08/2018

Press release

[Ebola outbreak in the DRC: UNICEF mobilizes communication specialists in support of the vaccination campaign](#)

10/08/2018

Statement

[Unconscionable attack on children should be turning point in Yemen's brutal war – enough is enough](#)

Statement from UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore

09/08/2018

Press release

[More children released from South Sudanese armed groups - UNICEF](#)

07/08/2018

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[New Ebola outbreak in the DRC: UNICEF mobilizes staff and supplies to help with the response](#)

03/08/2018

Statement

[Drinking water systems under repeated attack in Yemen](#)

UNICEF calls for immediate halt to attacks on water facilities and civilian infrastructure

01/08/2018

Press release

[3 in 5 babies not breastfed in the first hour of life](#)

Breastfeeding within an hour after birth is critical for saving newborn lives

30/07/2018

Press release

[Children account for nearly one-third of identified trafficking victims globally](#)

UNICEF and the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking urge Governments to adopt solutions shown to protect uprooted children

29/07/2018

Press release

[Rohingya refugee children face onset of deadly monsoon rains](#)

01/08/2018

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Press releases and news comments

[Statement by UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie on the death of former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan](#) 18 Aug 2018

[Statement of UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi on the death of the former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan](#) 18 Aug 2018

[UNHCR welcomes Aquarius resolution, but stresses need for more predictable approach to disembarkation](#) 15 Aug 2018

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[Militias evict and disperse 1,900 displaced people in Libya](#) 14 Aug 2018

[Paraguay adopts new law for the protection and naturalization of stateless people](#) 14 Aug 2018

[Rohingya refugee settlements in Bangladesh weather record rains; relocation efforts in full swing](#) 10 Aug 2018

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

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[UN Agencies, Government Distribute LPG Stoves to Rohingya Refugees, Bangladeshi Villagers to Save Remaining Forests](#)

2018-08-17 15:05

Cox's Bazar – A major environmental project to provide 250,000 families with liquid petroleum gas stoves and gas cylinders has been launched by UN agencies and the government.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 63,142 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,527](#)

2018-08-17 15:00

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 63,142 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 16 August, with 26,350 to Spain.

[Yemen: Hudaydah Displaced Population Now an Estimated 336,846](#)

2018-08-17 14:55

Yemen – IOM estimates Hudaydah's displaced population has now reached an estimated 336,846 people due to a flare up in violence that began two months ago.

[UN Migration Agency Helps More Than 30,000 Migrants Return Safely to Over 30 Countries of Origin](#)

2018-08-14 16:54

[IOM Responds to Ebola in DR Congo; Continues to Support Communities Affected by Previous Outbreaks](#)

2018-08-10 15:25

North Kivu – New cases of Ebola were reported in the North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on July 31, just days after the country's ninth epidemic was declared over in the Equateur Province.

[IOM Medical Consultations Hit 500,000 as Demand for Healthcare Spikes in Waterlogged Rohingya Refugee Camps](#)

2018-08-10 15:20

Cox's Bazar – UN Migration Agency medical staff in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, have now carried out over half a million consultations since the Rohingya refugee crisis began nearly a year ago, as monsoon conditions sparked the busiest week of the year for doctors and nurses working...

[More than 13,000 Internally Displaced Persons Benefit from Environmental Clean-up Campaign in Somalia](#)

2018-08-10 15:08

Baidoa – On Saturday (04/08) more than 13,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) participated in an environmental clean-up campaign organized by IOM, the UN Migration Agency, in coordination with the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) outreach team in...

UNAIDS [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

14 August 2018

[Cities in Philippines pledge to lower HIV infections and improve their track record](#)

9 August 2018

[Youth voices count and safe spaces do too](#)

3 August 2018

[Progress, but still miles to go, to increase HIV prevention and treatment in Central African Republic](#)

1 August 2018

[Thailand brings PrEP to scale](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 18 Aug 2018]

WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

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Selected Featured News

:: [WHO Director General and Regional Director for Africa laud Uganda on Ebola outbreak operational readiness](#) 15 August 2018

:: [Elaboration of the first comprehensive Multi Year Plan on Immunization for Mauritius](#)

14 August 2018

:: [WHO supports Government to protect over 150,000 population at risk of Yellow fever in Katsina state](#) 13 August 2018

:: [WHO calls for free and secure access in responding to Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) 12 August 2018

:: [Ethiopia launches an integrated measles, vitamin A, and deworming campaign for displaced people in Gedeo Zone](#) 07 August 2018

:: [Frontline workers in Nigeria break down gender related barriers to reach children with vaccines](#) 01 August 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- *No new announcements identified.*

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new announcements identified.*

WHO European Region EURO

:: [World Humanitarian Day: Health workers build new lives serving their fellow citizens far from home](#) 17-08-2018

:: [Research demonstrates higher alcohol taxes help reduce alcohol consumption](#) 15-08-2018

:: [Annual meeting of ministers to set health priorities in Europe](#) 14-08-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [Third health worker killed in Gaza demonstrations](#) 12 August 2018

:: [WHO delivers trauma kits to Gaza](#) 9 August 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: [Polio case confirmed in Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea](#) 13 August 2018

Risk of further spread of polio within the country is high

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2018/>

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

10 August 2018 *Press Release*

[**Allegations against UNFPA staff member are unsubstantiated, independent investigation finds**](#)

UNITED NATIONS, New York—Following allegations of sexual misconduct made by a former employee of a UNFPA contractor in Bihar, India, against the UNFPA Representative in India, the independent investigative body of UNFPA

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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[**Ambassador Mirjana Spoljaric Egger joins UNDP senior leadership team**](#)

UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner welcomed the appointment to his senior leadership team today of Ambassador Mirjana Spoljaric Egger as the new Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional...
Posted on August 17, 2018

[**Ahunna Eziakonwa takes the helm of UNDP's Africa portfolio**](#)

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa officially began her role today as UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa. In this role she will lead UNDP's work supporting 46 countries in Africa to...
Posted on August 15, 2018

[**UNHCR and UNDP urge tangible progress to improve conditions in Myanmar's Rakhine State**](#)

Two months since the signing of the tripartite MoU between UNHCR, UNDP, and the Government of Myanmar, UNHCR and UNDP are both urging Myanmar authorities to make tangible progress to improve...

Posted on August 8, 2018

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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[Statement on the passing of former Secretary-General Kofi Annan](#)

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[Satellite imagery helps monitor Bavarian forest](#)

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

15 August 2018, New York

[Achieving clean water and safe sanitation for all](#)

There is an inescapable truth that we don't often hear in all the talk about technological advancement: while the world around us changes, we will be the same creatures we have always been. At least for the foreseeable future, robots are unlikely to outnumber human beings who, to survive, need water and somewhere to go to the toilet.

The 4th industrial revolution offers opportunities never seen before: blockchain-based technologies that can improve water use in agriculture; the Internet of Things and artificial intelligence that can scale wastewater solutions; Earth observation and satellite imagery that can track the quality of our ecosystems and foresee disasters.

But for all these new developments, the stark and unacceptable reality is that billions of people still live without water and sanitation services. Unaddressed, this growing challenge has the potential to stop human development in its track.

Today, more than 2 billion people lack access to safely managed water services. Around 4.5 billion children, women and men live without safely managed sanitation services. As a result, it is estimated that more than 340,000 children die every year from diarrhoeal diseases.

UN-Water's [SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018 on Water and Sanitation](#) shows that countries are facing a range of water issues, such as increasing water scarcity, water-related disasters, inadequate access to

safe water and sanitation, and cross-border water management. Water pollution is worsening, and water resource governance structures are weak and fragmented. Freshwater supplies are also under stress from agriculture, industry and population growth. Climate change is leading to more frequent and extreme weather events and causing greater levels of water pollution, water scarcity and flooding...

UNESCO [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

18 August 2018

[On the passing of Kofi Annan: the world loses a great defender of peace and modern multilateralism](#)

07 August 2018

[UNESCO launches the website for the International Year of Indigenous Languages \(IYIL2019\)](#)

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People's is well-timed for UNESCO to launch a special [website \(link is external\)](#) dedicated to the International Year of Indigenous languages (IY2019) which will be commemorated by UNESCO's members and partners throughout 2019.

The website will contribute to raising the awareness about this International Year and about the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages around the world. There are some 6.000-7.000 languages in the world today. About 97% of the world's population speaks only 4 % of these languages, while only 3 % of the world speak 96% of all remaining languages. A great majority of those languages, spoken mainly by indigenous peoples, will continue to disappear at an alarming rate. Without appropriate measure to address this issue, the further loss of languages and their associated history, traditions and memory would considerably reduce the rich tapestry of linguistic diversity worldwide...

31 July 2018

[Exploring the role of World Heritage in Sustainable Development](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Posted August 19, 2018

[Statement by UN-Habitat Executive Director Maimunah Moh'd Sharif on the passing of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan](#)

Posted August 8, 2018

[Asian-Pacific City Summit discuss sustainability](#)

Fukuoka 9 August 2018, Fukuoka – Thirty-two city leaders from 16 countries recently gathered for the 12th Asian-Pacific City Summit to discuss "sustainable cities and communities" addressing SDG11. The summit was co-organized by Fukuoka City and UN-Habitat...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/>
17-08-2018

[As millions experience increased food insecurity in the Sahel, UN food agency chiefs pledge to redouble efforts to reduce poverty and hunger](#)

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva, IFAD President Gilbert F. Houngbo, and WFP Executive Director David Beasley, made the commitment as they wrapped up a four-day visit to Niger that included meetings with President Mahamadou Issoufou and Prime Minister Brigi Rafini.

[Fall Armyworm likely to spread from India to other parts of Asia with South East Asia and South China most at risk](#)

Fall Armyworm could threaten the food security and livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers in Asia as the invasive crop-eating pest is highly likely to spread further from India, with South East Asia and South China most at risk, FAO warned today.

14-08-2018

[Healthy soils are essential to achieve Zero Hunger, peace and prosperity](#)

Graziano da Silva stressed the importance of sustainable soil management as an "essential part of the Zero Hunger equation" in a world where more than 815 million people are suffering from hunger and malnutrition.

13-08-2018

[A violet chair to give indigenous women a seat at the table](#)

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva has urged countries to unite behind a campaign to promote indigenous women's rights and encourage their participation in policy discussions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger.

8-08-2018

[Helping farmers helps peace](#)

FAO's new corporate framework (Corporate Framework to support sustainable peace in the context of Agenda 2030) allowing the agency to transform its engagements in conflict-affected situations into strategic and evidence-based approaches geared to supporting sustainable peace, is now operational.

7-08-2018

[FAO Food Price Index posts sharp drop in July](#)

Global agricultural food commodity prices fell sharply in July, as all the major traded items posted notable declines, led by dairy and sugar. The FAO Food Price Index averaged 168.8 points, 3.7 percent below their June level, the biggest monthly drop since late last year.

2-08-2018

[FAO sounds alarm on overlooked emergencies where humanitarian aid is urgently needed](#)

Without adequate funding, new challenges such as droughts, floods, lean seasons or conflicts in crisis-affected countries could push millions of people into acute hunger and food insecurity, jeopardizing their well-being, lives and future, FAO warned in a new report published today.

1-08-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>

Commission of Inquiry

[Commission of Inquiry for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela holds its first session](#)

13 August 2018

High-level investigation will ascertain facts and make recommendations to address the problems raised in the complaint.

Internships

[Paid and well-designed internships work](#)

10 August 2018

Unemployment and the proportion of young people not in employment, education or training are high, and new and emerging forms of 'non-standard' employment such as temporary, part-time and gig work are rapidly expanding.

Decent Work Country Programme

[ILO country programme to "ensure a future of social justice in the world of work for all Namibians"](#)

09 August 2018

New Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) set to promote employment, improve working conditions and strengthen social dialogue in Namibia.

Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Labour and Employment

[ILO head praises BRICS countries' commitment to social dialogue](#)

03 August 2018

Guy Ryder highlights the major contribution BRICS countries can make to social dialogue, social protection, gender equality and youth employment.

Our impact, Their voices

[Serving up success for disabled job seekers in Bangladesh](#)

01 August 2018

For people with disabilities in Bangladesh, finding a job can be a huge challenge. Yet attitudes are changing, as the private sector increasingly sees the benefits of hiring disabled workers.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release>

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

VIENNA, 7 August 2018

[Developing and emerging industrial economies account for more than half of the global production of mining and utilities](#)

Developing and emerging industrial economies contributed more than half of the global production of mining and utility products in 2017.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 18 Aug 2018]

https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/

By Clare Naden on 16 August 2018

[Ready for lift-off: first international guidelines for small spacecraft just published](#)

Space is all the rage, so it seems. The number of small spacecraft – including satellites – being manufactured has rocketed in recent years, and future forecasts are equally explosive. The first-ever internationally agreed requirements have just been published, enabling the industry to cruise even higher. [ISO/TS 20991](#), *Space systems – Requirements for small spacecraft*,

By Clare Naden on 9 August 2018

[You're hired! Finding the best for the job with new ISO guidelines](#)

An organization's greatest asset is its employees, but the impact that new recruits have on a company's success is sometimes less clear. Or is it? New international guidelines have just been published that give recruiters a metric to measure just how well they have done.

SO technical specification [ISO/TS 30411:2018](#), *Human resource management – Quality of hire metric*,

By Clare Naden on 3 August 2018

[Anchors aweigh: ISO guidelines for lifeboat safety just updated](#)

With more people heading out to sea over summer, safety onboard – and overboard – is under the spotlight. International guidelines for the effectiveness of sea anchors for rescue boats have just been updated. [ISO 17339:2018](#), *Ships and marine technology – Life saving and fire protection*

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

2018-08-02

Countries issue reports on the use of genetic resources in international commerce and research

Germany has published the first report on the utilization of genetic resources through the Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) Clearing-House by issuing a checkpoint communiqué concerning research on ants from South Africa. This was rapidly followed by checkpoint communiqués from Malta and Qatar.

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USAID [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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Statement by Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on World Humanitarian Day

August 17, 2018

This Sunday, August 19, marks World Humanitarian Day, a time to recognize aid workers who sacrifice their lives to help people affected by global crises. Since the deaths of 22 staff members from the United Nations and other relief agencies in a Baghdad bombing 15 years ago, each year on this day we honor the brave women and men who risk everything to help people in need. In disaster and conflict zones around the world, attacks on aid workers and civilians are making it more dangerous for humanitarians to deliver assistance. Last year, 313 aid workers were killed, injured, or kidnapped.

USAID Administrator Mark Green's Meeting with Nepal Finance Minister Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada

August 9, 2018

Readout

Today, U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green met with Nepal Finance Minister Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada during which Administrator Green reaffirmed USAID's commitment to its strong partnership with Nepal.

United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Aid for Venezuelans in Colombia

August 8, 2018

Fact Sheet

Today, the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Nikki Haley announced nearly \$9 million in additional humanitarian assistance to support Colombia's efforts to respond to an influx of people who have fled chaos and repression in Venezuela.

USAID Commits \$24 Million to Establish Research Technical Assistance Center

August 2, 2018

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has committed up to \$24 million to establish a Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC) at the University of Chicago's independent research organization, NORC. With today's announcement, USAID is awarding an initial \$2.5 million to launch the RTAC, with plans to increase support up to \$24 million - subject to the availability of funds -- during the life of the program. The RTAC is a new award under the portfolio of USAID's Higher Education Solutions Network program, and will run from 2018 until 2022.

DFID [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[International Development Secretary thanks British aid workers](#)

19 August 2018 DFID Press release

[New UK help to protect millions at risk from deadly airstrikes in North West Syria](#)

17 August 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

[UK response to the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu, DRC](#)

16 August 2018 DFID, DHSC and PHE Press release

[Minister for Africa announces funding boost for sexual health services in Malawi](#)

15 August 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

[New UK aid package will improve the quality of education in every primary and lower secondary school in Tanzania](#)

10 August 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

[UK launches largest tax partnership programme to help Ethiopia transition from aid](#)

8 August 2018 DFID Press release

[Government launches new plans to stamp out the illegal wildlife trade ahead of landmark UK conference](#)

1 August 2018 Defra, DFID and FCO Press release

[Funding boost for Scottish charity working in Yemen](#)

30 July 2018 DFID Press release

[UK aid support for those at risk from drought in Afghanistan](#)

30 July 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides on the World Humanitarian Day 2018](#)

17/08/2018

On the 15th anniversary of the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad, the European Union pays tribute to the commitment of aid workers who risk their lives to deliver humanitarian aid worldwide. The unequivocal respect of international law, the...

[The EU pledges €2 million to assist victims of violence in the Philippines](#)

16/08/2018

The European Commission has allocated €2 million in humanitarian aid funding to provide life-saving assistance to those most in need in the conflict-prone southern province of Mindanao. Home to several armed groups fighting against the government,...

[EU scales up humanitarian assistance to victims of Lombok earthquakes](#)

14/08/2018

The EU has announced a further €500 000 to step up its emergency response to meet the most pressing needs of those affected by the devastating earthquakes that struck the Indonesian island of Lombok in late July and early August. The latest...

EU provides emergency relief to flood victims in the Philippines

07/08/2018

Following the widespread flooding triggered by incessant monsoon rains in the Philippines, the European Commission is allocating €150 000 in humanitarian funding to bring emergency assistance to affected communities. The aid will directly help 30...

The largest EU civil protection operation helps Sweden fight forest fires

06/08/2018

Over 360 fire-fighting personnel, 7 planes, 6 helicopters and 67 vehicles were mobilised through the European Civil Protection Mechanism in the past three weeks to assist Sweden in combating unprecedented forest fires. This is the largest European...

The EU commits €6 million for disaster preparedness in South and Southeast Asia

01/08/2018

As Southeast Asia faces monsoon season and its potentially devastating effects, the European Commission has committed €6 million for disaster preparedness initiatives in the region. The funding comes on top of the €7 million announced in May to...

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African Union [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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August 18, 2018

Statement of the Chairperson of the Commission following the death of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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ASEAN Updates AEC 2025 Consolidated Strategic Action Plan (CSAP)

JAKARTA, 14 August 2018 – ASEAN updated the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Consolidated Strategic Action Plan (CSAP) to include action lines from sectoral work plans. Following its first publication on 6 February 2017, and as mandated by the AEC Council, the AEC 2025 CSAP was updated to include the Strategic Action Plan 2016-2025 for ASEAN [...]

European Commission [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

18/08/2018

[Statement by Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on the passing away of former UN Secretary General and Nobel Peace Prize winner Kofi Annan](#)

[Rule of Law: European Commission takes next step in infringement procedure to protect the independence of the Polish Supreme Court](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 14 August 2018 Today, the European Commission decided to send a Reasoned Opinion to Poland regarding the Polish law on the Supreme Court. The new Polish law on the Supreme Court lowers the retirement age of Supreme Court judges from 70 to 65, which...

[Updated Blocking Statute in support of Iran nuclear deal enters into force](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 6 August 2018 As the first batch of re-imposed US sanctions on Iran takes effect, the EU's updated Blocking Statute enters into force on 7 August to mitigate their impact on the interests of EU companies doing legitimate business in Iran.

[The EU mobilises €6 million for disaster preparedness in South and Southeast Asia](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 2 August 2018 As Southeast Asia is faced with the yearly monsoon season and its potentially devastating effects, the European Commission has released €6 million for disaster preparedness initiatives in the region.

OECD [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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Organization of American States (OAS) [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 10. 2018

[OAS Forum Highlights Advances and Challenges in Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

August 9. 2018

[Statement of the OAS Secretary General on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

August 2. 2018

[Resolution "Working Group on Nicaragua"](#)

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

18/08/2018

[OIC Mourns the Late Former UN Secretary General Kofi Anan](#)

The Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) mourns with heart-felt sorrow and sadness the passing away of former United Nations Secretary General, and noble peace laureate Kofi Anan, at age 80, after a brief illness.

Al-Othaimeen: Tackling Cancer Burden in the OIC Member States Demands Immediate and Coordinated Action

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen has stressed that the rising number of cancer cases in the OIC Member States demands immediate and coordinated action to stem the spread of the disease. OIC Assistant Secretary General for Science and Technology Amb. Naeem Khan stressed the point on behalf of Al-Othaimeen, during the First Ladies session of the High Level Regional Seminar on Promoting Awareness Against Cancer in OIC African Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 2 August 2018.

03/08/2018

Group of 77 [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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UNCTAD [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

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WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]

16 August 2018

China initiates dispute complaints against US solar cell duties, renewable energy measures

China has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States regarding US safeguard duties imposed on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products. China has also requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States regarding measures at the state and municipal level that provide incentives for the use of domestically sourced renewable energy products and technologies. The two requests were circulated to WTO members on 16 August.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 18 Aug 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

19 August 2018

[Statement of the International Criminal Court on the passing of Mr Kofi Annan](#)

7 August 2018

[The Scientific Advisory Board of the Office of the Prosecutor holds its 5th annual meeting](#)

... The Board provides recommendations to the ICC Prosecutor, Mrs Fatou Bensouda, on the latest developments in new and emerging technologies, and scientific methods and procedures that can further reinforce the Office's capabilities in the collection, management and analysis of scientific evidence relating to the investigation and prosecution of crimes listed in the Rome Statute. Adapting the Office's investigative and prosecutorial capabilities and networks to the rapidly-changing scientific and technological environment in which it operates is a strategic goal set by the Prosecutor for the Office...

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World Bank [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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

[Increasing Access to Healthcare for Uninsured Mothers in Argentina: \\$300 million in IBRD Sustainable Development Bonds](#)

Development Challenge Argentina's health sector is highly fragmented and is yet to adequately serve the poorest segments of the population (the unemployed, those in the informal sector, and indigenous...

Date: August 17, 2018 Type: Result Brief Language: English

[Why Strengthening Land Rights Strengthens Development](#)

Originally posted in Project Syndicate WASHINGTON, DC – For most of the world's poor and vulnerable people, secure property rights, including land tenure, are a rarely accessible luxury. Unless...

Date: August 16, 2018 Type: Opinion Language: English

[New Study Focuses on Risk Aversion to Understand Why Some People Flee Conflict, While Others Don't](#)

Despite growing numbers of people that are forcibly displaced due to conflict, the reality is that many do not flee and continue to live under difficult circumstances. To understand how people make this...

Date: August 13, 2018 Type: Publication Language: English

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

IMF [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.imf.org/en/News/Search?type=News+Article>

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

August 8, 2018

[India's Strong Economy Continues to Lead Global Growth](#)

African Development Bank Group [to 18 Aug 2018]

<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]

[African Development Bank Mourns Passing of former Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Kofi A. Annan](#)

18/08/2018 - The African Development Bank has learned with deep sadness the news of the death of Kofi A. Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations and Noble Peace Prize Laureate, at the age of 80 in Bern, Switzerland.

[African Development Bank and Canada share commitment to women's empowerment on the continent](#)

17/08/2018 - On her first visit to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire, Canada's Minister of International Development, Marie-Claude Bibeau and the President of the African Development Bank Akinwumi Adesina, shared a common vision and commitment to the advancement of women and girls on the continent.

[Assessing development effectiveness: 2017 Annual Report highlights IDEV's contribution to the Bank's delivery on the High 5s](#)

14/08/2018 - The Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) has presented its 2017 Annual Report to the African Development Bank Group Committee on Operations and Development Effectiveness.

[African Development Bank calls for greater push for breastfeeding to jumpstart wellbeing of future generation](#)

02/08/2018 - As World Breastfeeding Week kicks off this year, the African Development Bank calls on African countries to push breastfeeding as a means to give children a vital head start to their future wellbeing.

Asian Development Bank [to 18 Aug 2018]

<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]

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[ADB-Funded High-Tech, Low Emission Buses Rolled Out in Kathmandu](#)

A fleet of 17 new high-tech, low-emission buses to help reduce congestion and pollution in the capital city of Kathmandu has been rolled out as part of a project funded by ADB.

13 Aug 2018

[Youth Calls for Action to Build the Workforce of the Future](#)

Over 400 youth representatives from Asia and the Pacific launched the Incheon Youth Declaration on the Future of Work, which calls upon the international community to invest in more inclusive, large-scale, and market-relevant solutions...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news>

17 Aug 18

[As millions experience increased food insecurity in the Sahel, UN food agency chiefs pledge to redouble efforts to reduce poverty and hunger](#)

10 Aug 18

[UN Food Agencies' chiefs in Niger to support the Sahel's efforts to fight hunger](#)

02 Aug 18

[IFAD to fund project to help hurricane-damaged agricultural areas of Haiti recover](#)

01 Aug 18

[IFAD and Bangladesh invest US\\$109 million to increase incomes of rural households](#)

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:: *INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch*

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Thursday, 2 August, 2018

[Improving Sanitation through Partnerships, Innovation and Financial Inclusion in Busia County, Kenya](#)

Amref Health Africa in Kenya is working closely with the County Government of Busia to provide improved access to sanitation services.

Busia County was declared open defecation free (ODF) back in 2015 and since then, there has been a concerted effort to retain this status.

Amref Health Africa in Kenya is supporting Busia County to improve sanitation and hygiene through two water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) projects...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 19, 2018

[Skilling can unlock girls' potential – when we can get it right](#)

Young people in Bangladesh face a precarious future, despite living in one of the world's fastest growing economies.

CARE International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

15th Aug 2018

[Syria tops the list of deadliest places for aid workers for the second consecutive year](#) **[Global](#)**

Syria tops the list of deadliest places to be an aid worker for the second year in a row, an analysis by CARE International has found. 76 aid workers have been killed since January 2018, including 42 in Syria where war has been raging since 2011.

[World Humanitarian Day: Charter for Change](#)

14th Aug 2018

The signatories of the Charter for Change aid localisation movement call for obligations to be met for the protection of humanitarian actors across the globe, particularly local actors which face extreme risks in their daily delivery of humanitarian aid.

[Indonesia: One week after earthquake, thousands remain homeless as aftershocks continue](#)

13th Aug 2018

One week after a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the Indonesian island of Lombok, thousands remain homeless and in fear as aftershocks continue. CARE Indonesia is channelling assistance through its local partner Kopernik, who operate in Lombok and provides support to survivors.

[INGOs in Yemen condemn horrific attacks in Sa'ada](#)

10th Aug 2018

International non-government organisations (INGOs) in Yemen strongly condemn horrific Coalition airstrikes on a bus transporting school children in Yemen yesterday.

[One week after attacks on Hodeidah, dozens more killed in airstrike near Saudi border in Yemen](#)

9th Aug 2018

Exactly a week after dozens were killed in suspected mortar attacks in Yemen's Hodeidah city, at least 20 people have died after airstrikes hit a bus in the north of the country. Many of the dead were children travelling in a bus in Sa'ada, Dahian district, near the border with ...

[More bombs than passengers dropped at Yemen's main airport](#)

8th Aug 2018

Sana'a International Airport has been hit with an average of one bomb every fortnight, in the two years since it has been shut to all commercial traffic.

[D.R.Congo: Ebola virus outbreak endangers lives of 300,000 Congolese](#)

7th Aug 2018

CARE International is deeply concerned about a new Ebola virus outbreak in the North East of D.R.Congo, risking the lives of 300,000 Congolese. 37 cases, including 22 deaths, have been reported so far. Even though this is the tenth Ebola outbreak in the country since 1976, this time fears for ...

[Joint NGO Statement on Attack on Hodeidah on August 2](#)

6th Aug 2018

We, the undersigned humanitarian and human rights organisations, strongly condemn the major attacks that hit a fish market and the entrance to Yemen's largest hospital, Al Thawra, in Hodeidah on 2 August, which reportedly killed over 40 civilians, including children.

[Powerful earthquake hits Lombok in Indonesia](#)

6th Aug 2018

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Lombok yesterday at 18:45 local time, killing at least 91 people and injuring hundreds. Thousands of people have been injured and thousands have been displaced. Rescuers are still trying to reach some hard-hit areas to conduct loss and damage assessments.

[Airstrikes in Hodeidah mark fresh violence in vulnerable Yemen port city](#)

3rd Aug 2018

Almost two months after an offensive on the Yemen port city of Hodeidah began, last night airstrikes hit a fish market and the entrance to a hospital, injuring up to 70 people and killing at least 20, including medical staff.

Clubhouse International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

11.08.2018

NGOs in Yemen condemn horrific attacks in Sa'ada

International non-government organisations (INGOs) in Yemen strongly condemn horrific Coalition airstrikes on a bus transporting school children in Yemen yesterday. This bombing follows an unacceptable trend of attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure by parties to Yemen's conflict. The killing of dozens of children has escalated the depravity of a war creating untold loss and destruction for people in Yemen.

ECPAT [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Afghanistan: fuel, medicine and fresh water reach hospital in Ghazni

Kabul/Geneva – Since intense fighting broke out four days ago in Ghazni, Central Afghanistan, the ICRC has provided dressing packages and oral and intravenous medicine to treat wounded at the provincial hospital.

14-08-2018 | *News release*

IFRC [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Asia Pacific, DPRK

DPRK: Deadly heatwave threatening lives of children and elderly

Beijing/Geneva, 10 August 2018 – A heatwave in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) will have serious health consequences for children and elderly people unless urgent action is taken. There has been no rainfall in DPRK since early July and ...
10 August 2018

Indonesia

Indonesia: In wake of "exceptionally destructive" earthquake, Red Cross announces major recovery and rebuilding operation

Lombok/Kuala Lumpur/Geneva, 8 August 2018 – The head of a Red Cross assessment team on the Indonesian island of Lombok has described Sunday's magnitude 7 earthquake as "exceptionally destructive", warning that it may still take days for the full impact ...
8 August 2018

Democratic Republic of the Congo

DR Congo: Specialist Red Cross Ebola team arrives in North Kivu

Nairobi/Geneva, 7 August – A team of Red Cross experts has arrived in the town of Beni, close to the epicentre of the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). The 19-person multidisciplinary team is made up of ...
7 August 2018

Record-breaking heatwave in Europe sparks health warning from IFRC

Budapest/Geneva, 3 August 2018: Red Cross volunteers are working across Europe to help keep the public safe as temperatures threaten to top 48C in some countries. Spain and Portugal could face their hottest day in history and record Europe's highest temperature ...
3 August 2018

Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

"Highly complex" operation anticipated, as four cases test positive for Ebola in north-eastern DR Congo

Kinshasa/Nairobi/Geneva, 2 August – The response to the presumptive positive outbreak of Ebola in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will be "highly complex", according to a senior public health expert at the International Federation ...
2 August 2018

Tunisia

Tunisia: At end of two-week ordeal, IFRC welcomes decision by authorities to allow migrants to disembark from Sarost 5

Geneva, 1 August 2018 – The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) welcomes the decision taken by Tunisian authorities to allow 40 vulnerable migrants to finally disembark from the Sarost 5. The group was first picked up ...
1 August 2018

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Statement

[Attack today hitting school bus and killing children, another atrocity of Yemen war](#)

August 9, 2018

Perspective

[IRC condemns attack on fish market in Hodeidah City](#)

August 3, 2018

Press Release

[TripAdvisor and the International Rescue Committee launch 'Welcome Home' campaign to support refugee resettlement and integration in the U.S.](#)

July 31, 2018

Statement

[IRC staff member killed in attack in Jalalabad, Afghanistan](#)

July 31, 2018

IRCT [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

News 15 Aug 2018

[UN anti-torture body calls on Chile to improve existing rehabilitation services to torture survivors.](#)

Following a comprehensive review, the UN Committee against Torture called on the government of Chile to support victims of torture by improving existing rehabilitation services through increased resources, capacity building and services...

For over 30 years, Chilean IRCT member centre, CINTRAS, has helped victims of past and present-day torture to rebuild their lives. They do this by providing a tailored assistance to survivors including psychological counselling, social support and medical treatment.

In an effort to get the Chilean government to take more responsibility for providing rehabilitation support to torture victims, CINTRAS briefed the UN Committee against Torture to ensure that the experiences and needs of victims were adequately addressed in its review of Chile. Based on data collected from their clients, CINTRAS showed that more than two-thirds of its clients have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and are therefore in need of appropriate and specialised rehabilitation. CINTRAS stressed to the Committee that, although the state had implemented a national rehabilitation programme (known as PRAIS), there was a lack of adequate resources, excessive staff rotations and an absence of specialised trainings for medical professionals...

News 10 Aug 2018

[Michelle Bachelet nominated to be next UN human rights chief](#)

The IRCT welcomes the nomination of Michelle Bachelet as the next UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and urges the UN General Assembly to move swiftly to confirm her appointment.

Islamic Relief [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://www.islamic-relief.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Statements

Tuberculosis

[MSF applauds World Health Organization's recommendation of improved tuberculosis treatment options](#)

Press Release 17 Aug 2018

MSF calls on Johnson & Johnson to make key drug bedaquiline affordable for all people who need it.

Geneva – Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) today welcomed the new World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations for improved treatment for people with drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB), prioritising the use of several oral drugs, including the newer drug bedaquiline, and minimising the use of drugs that must be injected.

The newly recommended 18- to 20-month treatment regimen can help improve cure rates, decrease mortality and have far fewer side effects. For these recommendations to be put in place and for many more people with DR-TB to receive treatment, MSF today called on the US pharmaceutical corporation Johnson and Johnson (J&J), which produces bedaquiline, to take immediate steps to make the drug affordable for all who need it, in particular in low- and middle-income countries and high DR-TB burden countries...

Rohingya refugee crisis

[Crisis update – August 2018](#)

Crisis Update 16 Aug 2018

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreak

[MSF Ebola treatment centre opens in Mangina, North Kivu](#)

Project Update 16 Aug 2018

Lebanon

[One year after the battle, medical needs remain high in Arsal](#)

Project Update 16 Aug 2018

Chad

[Treating severely malnourished children in N'Djamena](#)

Project Update 10 Aug 2018

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreak

[MSF responds to new Ebola outbreak, the tenth in DRC](#)

Project Update 8 Aug 2018

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreak

[New Ebola outbreak declared in North Kivu](#)

Project Update 7 Aug 2018

Mercy Corps [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Press releases

[Statement on the Passing of Kofi Annan](#)

Rest in peace, Kofi. Your grace and humble greatness made the world better. You launched and led an international effort to eliminate poverty and hunger — known as the Millennium Development Goals. May your spirit continue to call the human family to a higher place — where unity, cooperation, and peace prevail.

[DR Congo: Mercy Corps Joins Efforts To Prevent Spread Of Ebola In DRC](#)

Global organization Mercy Corps is expanding its existing humanitarian response in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to help prevent the spread of Ebola. The tenth outbreak of the disease in the country has already killed 39 people.

[Yemen: Mercy Corps Statement On Yemen Attacks: 'Who Is Going To Speak Up For The Innocent Children?'](#)

Media are reporting that a coalition airstrike has struck a school bus and market in Saada province. The International Committee of the Red Cross has confirmed that an ICRC-supported hospital received many dead and wounded after the attack. Commenting on the reports, Omer Omer, Mercy Corps' acting Country Director in Yemen said: "It is hard to imagine this conflict could become any more depraved, but today we have been proved wrong.

[Mercy Corps Names Adrienne Karecki Chief Development & Marketing Officer](#)

PORTLAND, Ore. – The global organization Mercy Corps has appointed Adrienne Karecki to the position of Chief Development & Marketing Officer effective August 1, 2018. Karecki will head the Resource Development department and oversee its fundraising and strategic communications outreach. Her team includes several dozen gift officers, web developers, marketers and media relations strategists. Karecki will report directly to Mercy Corps Chief Executive Officer, Neal Keny-Guyer.

Operation Smile [to 18 Aug 2018]

<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.

LOCAL

[Special send off for Operation Smile nurse](#)

After 36 years of service, a nurse for the non-profit Operation Smile received a special send-off.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (WVEC) — After 36 years of service, Operation Smile held a special send-off for Cindi Raglin...

OXFAM [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Oxfam response to Kerala floods

18 August 2018

Oxfam India is preparing emergency relief and assistance for people affected by one of the worst floods in the history of Kerala.

More lifesaving aid needed urgently as a third big earthquake hits Lombok

9 August 2018

A third earthquake with a magnitude of 6 which struck Lombok earlier today has severely escalated the need for life-saving aid and has slowed down rescue efforts.

Oxfam provides drinking water and shelter to thousands of people as 600,000 are hit by Indonesia earthquake

6 August 2018

Many people are still reported buried due to landslides in the hills and the rubble of thousands of homes and buildings that have collapsed following the main earthquake and multiple aftershocks.

Oxfam responds to the new Ebola Outbreak in Beni, North Kivu, DRC

2 August 2018

Last night the Ministry of Health in the Democratic Republic of Congo announced four new confirmed cases of Ebola in Mangina area, in the territory of Beni, province of North Kivu. This comes only nine days after a similar outbreak in Equateur province in the western part of the country was officially declared over.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Published 15. Aug 2018

Women's inclusion in Myanmar's present and future

José Arraiza, NRC's legal assistance adviser in Myanmar.

While working toward ending seven decades of conflict, women's inclusion will increase the chances of peace in Myanmar.

South Sudan declared most violent for aid workers for third straight year

Published 13. Aug 2018

South Sudan again topped the list of most violent countries in the world in which to deliver aid in 2017, in a report launched by the Aid Worker Security Database today.

10 challenges of refugee youth

Roald Høvring | Published 09. Aug 2018

Refugee youth are seldom consulted and frequently overlooked. Their potential remains largely untapped.

Refugee youth are seldom consulted, frequently overlooked, and often unable to fully participate in decision making. Their talents, energy, and potential remain largely untapped, according to a report from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the Women's Refugee Commission (WRC).

In 2015 and 2016, UNHCR and WRC undertook [the Global Refugee Youth Consultations](#) (GRYC) to amplify "voices" of youth in decisions that affect them. The project engaged more than 1,200 young people, aged 15-24 years old, who participated in 56 national and sub-national consultations held in 22 countries.

The consultations were "the beginning of a process that will continue to develop the leadership, capacity, and futures of refugee youth everywhere," according to UNHCR and WRC.

Displaced in their own country

Thale Jenssen|Published 09. Aug 2018

Colombia's indigenous population has been among those most heavily affected by the 50-year conflict in the country. Even now, the peace is fragile, and many are still forced to flee.

Pact [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Aug 15, 2018

Building a Passionate Team: HR Manager Tholoana Mohapi Marks a Decade of Hires in Lesotho

Tholoana Mohapi said that when she was very young, she wanted to be a nurse one day. Instead, her career has led her to more than a decade of hiring nurses and other health professionals, as a leading member of the human resources team for Partners In Health in Lesotho.

Aug 09, 2018

Mojela Masupha Rides the Extra Mile for PIH

When Mojela Masupha was a site administrator for two rural health clinics in Lesotho, he needed a way to travel over steep mountain trails and rugged terrain. So, Partners In Health trained Masupha to ride off-road motorcycles—and a new passion was born.

Aug 02, 2018

'That's Where the Journey Begins': Data Specialist Starts Fellowship in Malawi

Themba Nyirenda was lying in bed at about 7 a.m. one morning this May, checking email on his laptop, when he got news he'd been hoping for since 2015. He immediately called his girlfriend, despite the early hour. "You cannot believe what I'm looking at," Nyirenda said.

Jul 30, 2018

PIH Model Transforms Health Care, Saves Lives in Rwanda, Madagascar

The movement toward universal health care is growing—no matter the setting. Two new studies highlight incredible improvements in child and maternal health in Rwanda and Madagascar in recent years, showing repeated success, in very different environments, for Partners In Health's ground-up model of building health systems and supporting universal care.

PATH [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Sunday 19 August 2018

[World Humanitarian Day: At home on the frontline](#)

Friday 17 August 2018

[DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: INSECURITY COULD SLOW THE CONTAINMENT OF NEW EBOLA OUTBREAK](#)

In response to the Ebola outbreak in conflict-hit DRC, which has already claimed at least 41 lives, Save the Children is urgently deploying its Emergency Health Unit and in country team to the area. They will help trace the contacts of confirmed cases and identify people who may have the disease, before referring them to Ebola treatment centres.

Friday 17 August 2018

[More than 230,000 people forced to flee homes as devastating flooding inundates India's Kerala state](#)

More than 160 people have died and large swathes of land have been inundated, after monsoon rains dumped more than 650mm of rain in parts of India's Kerala state.

At least 230,000 people have already fled their homes and there are reports that 10,000km of the state's roads have been damaged or destroyed. The full extent of the damage is unlikely to be known for several days or until the floodwaters recede.

Save the Children India's CEO Bidisha Pillai said Kerala hadn't seen flooding on this scale in decades.

Friday 10 August 2018

[Urgent de-escalation needed near Gaza border, Save the Children warns](#)

Over the past couple of days, we have seen a severe and deeply dangerous escalation on the Gaza-Israel border, with reports of dozens of casualties on both sides.

More than 180 rockets and mortar shells from Gaza have hit Israel, with 11 reported injuries including one woman with serious injuries. Gaza was hit more than 200 times throughout Wednesday night and into Thursday.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

International Youth Day – 10 August 2018

[Boosting young people's skills through training and mentoring](#)

In Brazil, many young people struggle to find decent work after leaving school. Youth employability particularly affects young people without parental care or who are at risk of losing it, as they often lack the resources, networks and opportunities that their peers may have.

As youth employability is a global challenge, taking action also requires a global approach. In 2017 SOS Children's Villages launched the [YouthCan! initiative](#), together with corporate partners. This initiative boosts access to training, mentoring and professional development opportunities, giving young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the chance to kick-start their careers by gaining skills and experience that are crucial to finding decent work.

Ukraine – 3 August 2018

Ukraine: Addressing a side-effect of conflict

SOS Children's Villages helps children with speech problems, but the need is growing. When conflict broke out in eastern Ukraine in 2014, three-year-old Yuriy would hide in fear during the fighting that engulfed his town.*

Tostan [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Aug 8, 2018

Sleeping Soundly in Support of Tostan

Diane Gillespie is donating all proceeds from her latest book *Stories for Getting Back to Sleep* to Tostan. As a long-standing Global Mobilizer, she is especially moved by the emerging women leaders in Tostan communities and by their commitment to a human rights...

Aug 8, 2018

Stories of success from the Prison Project, 2018

Living conditions in Senegal's state prisons are often very difficult: Access to water, toilets and medical services is limited, whilst living and recreation spaces are inadequate. Organized rehabilitation activities for prisoners are rare, increasing the likelihood...

Women for Women International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Press Release

Women for Women International's Statement on Honoring the Victims and Survivors of ISIS Attack on Sinjar

August 3, 2018, Washington, DC--- To remember the victims of the ISIS genocide perpetrated against Yezidis in Iraq on August 3rd, 2014, as well as the thousands of women and girls still held in ISIS captivity, Women for Women International's CEO, Laurie Adams, and Free Yezidi Foundation's Founder and Executive Director, Pari Ibrahim, released the following joint statement:

"Today marks the fourth anniversary of the ISIS genocidal attack on the Yezidi community in Sinjar, Iraq, during which thousands of unarmed civilians were killed and more than 6,000 were kidnapped. The attack forced hundreds of thousands of Yezidis to flee their homes. Four years later, the vast majority of Yezidis remain displaced, living in camps for internally-displaced people and unfinished buildings. They are in urgent need of support to rebuild economically, socially, and psychologically.

The fate of nearly half of those kidnapped remains unknown. We are deeply concerned about the lives of these missing Yazidis, especially because of the mass rape and sexual slavery and other forms of brutality reported by those who were able to escape. It is an immense and unacceptable shame that the global community has done so little to attain justice for the victims and survivors of this massacre.

While we continue our work on the ground to help Yazidi women and their families heal from the wounds of genocide through our economic and social empowerment programs and psychosocial therapy, we call on the international community to remember this atrocity and join us in efforts that support the many Yazidi survivors still suffering today.

Should the international community fail in delivering justice to the Yazidi community, its silence will embolden future acts of genocide. On August 3rd, we call upon governments, human rights advocates, and concerned citizens around the world to express support and compassion for Yazidis and redouble efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to this vulnerable minority community.”

World Vision [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://cmfr-phil.org/media-ethics-responsibility/>

Updated on: August 18, 2018, 2:20 pm

[Dengue After Dengvaxia: Media Focused on the Politics of it](#)

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | July 30, 2018

[Fair-Use Champion Stephanie Lenz, European Digital Rights Leader Joe McNamee, and Groundbreaking Content-Moderation Researcher Sarah T. Roberts Win EFF's Pioneer Awards](#)

San Francisco – The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) is honored to announce the winners of its 2018 Pioneer Awards: fair use champion Stephanie Lenz, European digital rights leader Joe McNamee, and groundbreaking content moderation researcher Sarah T. Roberts. The ceremony will be held September 27th in San Francisco.

Freedom House [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

[How India's Assam Register Is Weaponizing Citizenship](#)

Aug 16 2018 - 12:21pm

The Hindu nationalist government is moving to strip legal status from millions of Muslim residents.

Press Releases

Freedom House: Michael Chertoff to Lead Board of Trustees

August 9, 2018

Freedom House today announced that Michael Chertoff, a former Secretary of Homeland Security and former U.S. Court of Appeals judge, and Executive Chairman of the Chertoff Group, will become the new chairman of their Board of Trustees.

Press Releases

United States: Administration Should Not Tighten Eligibility for Citizenship

August 8, 2018

In response to press reports that the Trump administration is preparing new restrictions on immigrants legally residing in the United States, to make it more difficult for them to obtain citizenship if they have used public aid programs, Freedom House issued a statement.

Transparency International [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

7 Aug 2018

Transparency International sends the first complaint concerning Andrej Babiš's conflict of interest

Czech Republic - Transparency International Czech Republic filed a recent complaint about Andrej Babiš, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, and his conflict of interest in connection with Agrofert a.s., a Czech holding company based in Prague.

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Bond [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://www.bond.org.uk/news>

16 August 2018

3 ways the sector is leading change in safeguarding

Our survey shows NGOs' progress and determination in transforming safeguarding practices across their organisations, programmes and the wider sector.

Franziska Schwarz

ChildFund Alliance [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

August 17, 2018 / *In the News*

Senate Introduces Resolution to End Violence Against Children Worldwide

ChildFund International, Futures Without Violence, Save the Children and World Vision applaud today's introduction of S.Res.606 by Sen. John Boozman of Arkansas and Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, calling on Congress to recognize the harmful impact that violence has on the healthy development of children and youth. S.Res.606 condemns all forms of violence against children and youth globally – including physical, mental and sexual violence, neglect, abuse, maltreatment and exploitation. The introduction of the resolution lays the groundwork for future leadership and coordination across the U.S. government on this issue.

CONCORD [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://concordeurope.org/news-and-events/>
No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

*[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World
No new digest content identified.*

The Elders [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Press release 17 August 2018

[The Elders mourn the loss of Kofi Annan](#)

The Elders are shocked and deeply saddened at the passing of their dear friend and colleague Kofi Annan, who was the globally admired and respected Chair of The Elders.

Press release 1 August 2018

[Cease the violence and allow the democratic will of the people to prevail, The Elders urge Zimbabwe](#)

The Elders call on all parties in Zimbabwe to show restraint and calm as the country decides its future.

News Mary Robinson 31 July 2018

[Embracing Madiba's values: building a brighter future in Zimbabwe and South Africa](#)

Mary Robinson reflects on her recent visits to South Africa for Mandela's centenary and to Zimbabwe as the country decides its future.

Opinion Kofi Annan 30 July 2018

[Donald Trump's deal must put Palestinian rights centre stage](#)

Writing in the [Financial Times](#), Kofi Annan welcomes fresh approaches to peacemaking but warns that any deal that does not address the root causes of the conflict will be doomed to failure.

END Fund [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://end.org/media-hub/>

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
No new digest content identified.*

Evidence Aid [to 18 Aug 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

15 August 2018

[New initiative to bring vaccination to over 8 million people across Africa](#)

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance teams up with The Audacious Project to scale up immunisation across Africa through digitally-empowered community health programs.

31 July 2018

[Fingerprint records and digital health cards to help solve global identity crisis](#)

Four companies will receive Gavi support to help scale emerging digital identification technologies in developing countries.

Global Fund [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

News

[Remembering Kofi Annan](#)

18 August 2018

The Global Fund honors the memory and enormous contributions of Kofi Annan, former United Nations Secretary-General and Nobel Peace Laureate. Annan died in Switzerland on 18 August 2018.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

[Topic One Briefing Paper: The "nexus" explained](#)

August, 2018

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.ineesite.org/en/news>

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Aug 15, 2018

[To Protect the World's Humanitarians, Real Reform is Needed in the NGO Community](#)

World Humanitarian Day, celebrated on August 19th, was started to [commemorate those who died at the Canal Hotel Bombing](#) in Iraq on August 19, 2003. It is an annual occasion for us to recognize the sacrifices made by humanitarian aid workers. Unfortunately, their challenges and sacrifices are not limited to the extreme risks they face in the pursuit of efforts to save lives. Over the past year, the NGO community, like many sectors, has begun to confront cultural and organizational structures that have contributed to sexual harassment and abuse within its ranks. It is unacceptable that those who at

times risk everything for others should be afraid for their own safety among their peers. In the spirit of World Humanitarian Day, we must continue doing all we can to eliminate the chance that humanitarian aid workers, and other staff, may confront sexual harassment and abuse in our community...

Aug 8, 2018

Worker Rights Attacks Part of Human Rights Crackdown

Human rights activists around the world celebrated [the recent release from prison](#) of two union leaders in Kazakhstan who were convicted of bogus criminal charges after participating in a peaceful workers' protest against the forced closure of the country's main independent union group, the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Kazakhstan (CITUK/KNPRK).

Start Network [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

17 Aug 18

Localisation in practice

How Start Network has helped national NGO MANEPO access funds and earn recognition for crisis response

by Andrew Kavala Blog Post

MANEPO is an umbrella body coordinating over sixty (60) civil society organisations whose aim is to help older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives in Malawi. Here, Andrew Kavala, Executive Director of MANEPO explains why working with Start Network is important for MANEPO.

15 Aug 18

Islamic Relief helps survivors of Bangladesh floods

by Amrina Rana

News Article

Islamic Relief has been working in consortium with Start Network members Save the Children and Concern Worldwide, to implement a rapid response to floods which hit Bangladesh in early June. An alert was raised and funds were allocated as part of Start Fund Bangladesh – a national crisis response fund which operates through a decentralised model of the Start Fund. You can find [more information on the alert on our website](#) or browse through other Bangladesh alerts [using our interactive mapping tool...](#)

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.3ieimpact.org/en/about/>

No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Date published - 30 Jul 2018

Annual Report 2017-2018

44pp

CHS Alliance [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Jul 30, 2018

[Harpinder Collacott appointed to Bond board](#)

DI's Executive Director Harpinder Collacott has joined the board of Bond, the UK network for organisations working in international development.

As one of ten elected trustees, Harpinder will contribute to setting the strategy for Bond and supporting the organisation in its goal: to help eradicate global poverty, inequality and injustice.

With a membership of more than 400 civil society organisations, Bond is the largest international development network in the UK. The NGO aims to strengthen and champion the sector to make international development more efficient and effective...

EHLRA/R2HC [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 16, 2018

[Should the Randomistas \(Continue to\) Rule? - Working Paper 492](#)

The rising popularity of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) in development applications has come with continuing debates on the pros and cons of this approach. The paper revisits the issues.

[Martin Ravallion](#)

August 13, 2018

[The Risks of Dangerous Dashboards in Basic Education](#)

Many countries' systems of basic education are in "stall" condition.

A recent paper of Beatty et al. (2018) uses information from the Indonesia Family Life Survey, a representative household survey that has been carried out in several waves with the same individuals since 2000 and contains information on whether individuals can answer simple arithmetic questions. Figure 1, showing the relationship between the level of schooling and the probability of answering a typical question correctly, has two shocking results.

[Lant Pritchett](#)

August 7, 2018

[**What Are We Getting from Voluntary Sustainability Standards for Coffee?**](#)

Demand for and supply of “sustainable” coffee (and other commodities) have grown markedly for two decades, as has the literature analyzing the effects of voluntary sustainability standards for coffee. The evidence for assessing the impacts for smallholder producers and the environment remains relatively weak, however.

[Kimberly Ann Elliott](#)

August 6, 2018

[**Knowledge or its Adoption?**](#)

I argue that we did learn two very important things from growth research, and these were learned from research in the strong sense that they changed people’s views from a previous view that was incorrect.

[Lant Pritchett](#)

August 6, 2018

[**The Venezuelan Migrant Crisis: Forging a Model for Regional Response**](#)

An economic, political, and humanitarian crisis has driven more than one million Venezuelans across the border into Colombia in the past year. Countries hosting Venezuelans have done so with relative welcome, keeping their borders open and offering some services and protection to migrants. But additional significant financial and other support will be required to meet the needs of both migrants and hosts.

[Cindy Huang](#) and [Kate Gough](#)

ODI [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[**Humanitarian Policy Group Annual Report 2017–18**](#)

Publication series | August 2018

This Annual Report outlines our focus on key aspects of the international humanitarian system for 2017–18.

[**Setting the Paris Agreement in motion: key requirements for the implementing guidelines**](#)

Research reports and studies | August 2018 | Yamide Dagnet, Nathan Cogswell, Eliza Northrop, Joe Thwaites, Cynthia Elliott, Kelly Levin, Niklas Höhne, Neil Bird, Amy Kirbyshire, Sebastian Oberthür, Marcelo Rocha and Pedro Barata

This report analyses the remaining hurdles for negotiators in operationalising the Paris climate accords by the December 2018 deadline.

[**Aspirations matter: what young people in Ghana think about work**](#)

Research reports and studies | August 2018 | Ethel Seiwaa Boateng and Alexandra Löwe

This research explores the aspirations of youth in rural and urban Ghana, which are influential in shaping the life choices of young people.

[How does resilience change over time? Tracking post-disaster recovery using mobile phone surveys](#)

Working and discussion papers | August 2018 | Lindsey Jones, Paola Ballon and Johannes von Engelhardt

In this paper we track post-disaster recovery and changes in levels of resilience over time using events using a mobile phone panel survey of 1,200 people.

[Crossing boundaries in protecting civilians: mapping actors, insights and conceptual spaces](#)

Bibliography and literature reviews | July 2018 | Larissa Fast

This literature review explores the strengths and challenges of local protection, and identifies intersections between different actors and approaches.

Urban Institute [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 16, 2018

26, 2018

Brief

[Updated Estimates of the Potential Impact of Short-Term, Limited Duration Policies](#)

The Trump administration finalized regulations expanding access to short term limited duration policies in early August 2018. These new regulations increase the maximum length of short-term, limited-duration insurance policies to just less than one year. These plans, sold to individuals and families, are not federally required to comply with the ACA regulations that prohibit annual and lifetime benefit limits, require coverage

[Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Matthew Buettgens](#), [Robin Wang](#)

[Medicaid Real-Time Eligibility Determinations and Automated Renewals](#)

The Affordable Care Act provided funding to allow states to upgrade their Medicaid and CHIP enrollment and renewal systems. States have implemented electronic application, eligibility determination, and renewal systems in different ways, on different timelines, and with different levels of success. Urban Institute researchers conducted case studies of two states (Colorado and Washington) with high rates of "real-time" Medicaid

[Jane B. Wishner](#), [Ian Hill](#), [Jeremy Marks](#), [Sarah Thornburgh](#)

August 16, 2018

Research Report

[Views From the Market: Insurance Brokers' Perspectives on Changes to Individual Health Insurance](#)

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) ushered in a range of consumer protections designed to make it easier for individuals to obtain affordable, adequate health insurance in the individual market. In many states, however, individual market consumers have faced increasingly limited plan choices, relatively narrow provider networks, and rising unsubsidized premiums. In the past year, policy decisions made by Congress and the Trump

[Kevin Lucia](#), [Sabrina Corlette](#), [Dania Palanker](#), [Olivia Hoppe](#)

August 15, 2018

Research Report

Kentucky Medicaid Work Requirements: What are the Coverage Risks for Working Enrollees?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver in Kentucky that will require some Medicaid beneficiaries to work or fulfill qualifying community engagement activities to retain Medicaid coverage. In this brief, we investigate the work patterns of working Medicaid beneficiaries in Kentucky who are non-elderly, non-disabled, and who do not appear to qualify for student or

[Anuj Gangopadhyaya](#), [Emily M. Johnston](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#)

August 14, 2018

Research Report

Underwater on Student Debt

A quarter million federal direct student loan borrowers see their loans go into default for the first time every quarter, and an additional 20,000 to 30,000 borrowers default on their rehabilitated loans. Previous research shows that the likelihood of default is higher for certain borrowers, particularly black borrowers, borrowers who go to for-profit schools, those who leave school without a degree, and those from low-income

[Kristin Blagg](#)

August 13, 2018

Research Report

Housing for Young Adults in Extended Federally Funded Foster Care

In 2008, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act gave states the option to extend the age of eligibility for federally funded foster care to 21. Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia have extended or are in the process of extending federally funded foster care with a safe, stable, and developmentally appropriate place to live. There are gaps in our knowledge of best practices for housing young

[Amy Dworsky](#)

August 8, 2018

Research Report

Local Workforce Development Boards and Child Care

Many low-income Americans face challenges in the job market because of inadequate education and job skills and low-income parents face particular challenges enrolling in activities to improve their skills and education levels because of the lack of affordable, quality child care. Local workforce development boards (LWDBs) set policies for and oversee a set of workforce programs and services funded under the Workforce Innovation

[Gina Adams](#), [Semhar Gebrekristos](#)

August 8, 2018

Research Report

A Progress Report on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's Move to a Single Security

The FHFA and GSEs are one year away from moving Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to a single mortgage-backed security. The authors discuss the reasons for the effort, the final hurdles yet to be

cleared and the significance If they succeed. In short, the authors argue, it is likely to result in one of the most significant developments of housing finance reform since the crisis.

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Jim Parrott](#)

August 7, 2018

Brief

[Centering Grantees in Advocacy Grantmaking](#)

There is a growing movement in institutional philanthropy toward grantee inclusion, which encourages more collaboration between foundations and their grantees. Grantee inclusion is becoming especially relevant because more foundations are incorporating public policy advocacy into their philanthropy. When foundations involve their grantees' community input, they can bring more legitimacy to their role in policy debates. How

[Shena Ashley](#), [Joi James](#)

August 6, 2018

Research Report

[Medicaid/CHIP Participation Reached 93.7 Percent Among Eligible Children In 2016](#)

Children's participation in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) rose by 5 percentage points between 2013 and 2016. As a result, 1.7 million fewer Medicaid/CHIP-eligible children were uninsured in 2016. Participation was lower among adults than among children, and nearly 6 million Medicaid-eligible adults were uninsured in 2016. Click here to read the publication (Leaving Urban's website)

[Jennifer M. Haley](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Robin Wang](#), [Victoria Lynch](#), [Matthew Buettgens](#)

August 6, 2018

Journal Article

[Supporting Access to Opportunity with a Tiered-Evidence Grantmaking Approach](#)

Research demonstrates that living in neighborhoods that are safe, healthy, and connected to high quality services, schools, and jobs can improve outcomes and economic mobility for children—if their families can afford to live in them. But how can we better understand which interventions most effectively support access to high-opportunity neighborhoods? And how can the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) target

[Erika C. Poethig](#), [Justin Milner](#), [Keith Fudge](#), [Aaron Shroyer](#), [Ron Haskins](#)

August 1, 2018

Research Report

[Growing Wage Inequality, the Minimum Wage, and the Future Distribution of Retirement Income](#)

This study examines how rising wage inequality and a boost in the federal minimum wage might affect future retirement income. Projections from DYNASIM, the Urban Institute's dynamic microsimulation model, show that if the wage gap between college and high school graduates continues to grow, retirement incomes for high-wage workers would rise, worsening income inequality at older ages despite Social Security's progressive benefit

[Damir Cosic](#), [Richard W. Johnson](#), [Karen E. Smith](#)

July 31, 2018

Research Report

[Who Benefits from Expanding the EITC or CTC?](#)

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) missed an opportunity to help low-income childless workers, very low-income families with children, and families with young children – all groups where investments could be particularly productive. The child tax credit (CTC) and earned income tax credit (EITC) could be redesigned to lift millions of people out of poverty. Both could be highly-progressive policies designed to focus nearly all

[Elaine Maag](#)

July 30, 2018

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

News 15 Aug 2018

[Report: AI Creating Big Winners in Finance but Others Stand to Lose as Risks Emerge](#)

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is silently transforming the back office working of banks and insurers, leading to a few big winners but putting banks that try to excel at everything in the firing line, a new report finds
- Early big movers offer their AI applications as a “service” to their competitors; attracting users to accelerate their system’s learning, and turning cost centres into profit centres
- Bank customers are increasingly experiencing a “self-driving” AI finance world, which may come with systemic and security risks from being centralized with a few networked players, including, potentially, big tech
- Download the full report at <http://wef.ch/ai-in-finance>

News 14 Aug 2018

[Social Mobility and Stronger Private Sector Role are Keys to Growth in the Arab World](#)

- Over the past decade, governments in the Arab World have led investments in infrastructure and connectivity, turning some of their countries into global leaders in technology adoption
- Arab Economies urgently need to diversify and foster entrepreneurial freedom to increase opportunities for young people and prepare the region for the transformations of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- Further progress will require Arab societies to rethink their existing social and economic models in order to increase competitiveness
- Read the full report [here](#)

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://www.alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/news/>

UW Medicine | Newsroom

[Genome regulation of cell type cataloged in mouse at single-cell level](#)

August 2, 2018

Jay Shendure and his colleagues at our Allen Discovery Center for Cell Lineage Tracing studied nearly 100,000 cells to map the regulatory landscape of the mouse genome at a single-cell resolution.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 18 Aug 2018]

<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.

Clinton Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 18 Aug 2018]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

July 25, 2018

[Best Practices for Enduring Conservation: Five-Year Retrospective of the Hewlett Foundation's Western Conservation Grantmaking Strategy](#)

Hovland Consulting completed a retrospective analysis of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's 2013-2018 Western Conservation grantmaking program. More than 220 people provided input from the late fall of 2017 through the spring of 2018 via a detailed online grantee survey, conference calls and in-person convenings about individual campaigns, one-on-one interviews, and detailed outcome tracking,...

Environment August 17, 2018

[Anand Gopal joins Hewlett Foundation as program officer for clean transportation](#)

MENLO PARK, Calif. — Dr. Anand R. Gopal has joined the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation as a program officer on the Environment Program. Jonathan Pershing, the program's director, announced Anand's appointment: "We are thrilled to welcome Anand Gopal as the newest program officer at the Foundation. Anand comes to us from the Lawrence Berkeley..."

August 17, 2018

[How effective are former governors as legislators in Congress?](#)

Governors form a subset of senators with the unique experience of serving as chief executives of their states. Adapting to a legislative body requires a different way of solving problems and getting things done for their constituents. How do they stack up as legislators compared to senators with other backgrounds? The answer seems to be...

Madison Initiative

By Jean Parvin Bordewich

August 8, 2018

[Statement on rollback of vehicle standards](#)

MENLO PARK, Calif.— Statement of Environment Program Director Jonathan Pershing, former Special Envoy for Climate Change at the U.S. Department of State, on behalf of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation in response to the proposed rollback of federal clean car standards: "Yesterday the EPA announced its intention to roll back fuel efficiency standards and..."

Environment August 3, 2018

[Adam Fong joins Hewlett Foundation as program officer for performing arts](#)

MENLO PARK, Calif. — Adam Fong has joined the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation as a program officer in the Performing Arts Program. Emiko Ono, the program's director, announced Adam's appointment in an email to the foundation's staff, grantees, and colleagues: I am writing to share the exciting news that Adam Fong will join us...

Performing Arts August 1, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Press Release

[Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces Retirement of Ed Cain](#)

(Los Angeles) August 15, 2018 - The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation today announced the retirement of Edmund "Ed" Cain, vice president of grant programs, effective December 31, 2018. Cain joined the Foundation in 2006 and led all domestic and international grant program work as well as strategic planning for the organization...

IKEA Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 19, 2016

[How business and philanthropy can take a lead in responding to humanitarian and refugee crises](#)

On World Humanitarian Day (19 August), the IKEA Foundation is calling on businesses and foundations to support global and local efforts to help refugee families.

Next month, US President Obama will host the Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis during the high-level week at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. With more than 65 million people forced to flee their homes, the summit will call for all countries and sections of society to work together to tackle this issue.

The IKEA Foundation believes that businesses and foundations have an important role to play in strengthening the global response to refugee crises worldwide.

Per Heggenes, CEO of the IKEA Foundation, said: "The corporate sector must come together to support those caught up in one of the biggest displacements of people in history. It's not just up to governments and aid agencies. Businesses also have a responsibility to respond in their own way.

"Financial support, through giving grants to organisations working directly with refugees, is certainly one way they can help. But we believe businesses have much more to offer. Their expertise and ability to innovate can help make life better for refugees, and they can use their influence to galvanise others to help."...

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Research Aug 14 2018

[Protein Droplets Keep Neurons at the Ready and Immune System in Balance](#)

Discoveries by two HHMI investigators show how proteins that organize into liquid droplets inside cells make certain biological functions possible.

Research Aug 02 2018

[Cell Atlas Reveals Landscape of Open Chromatin in 100,000 Cells](#)

By probing how DNA is packaged in single mouse cells, scientists have uncovered how different types of cells distinguish themselves. The resulting atlas could lead to clearer views of tissue development and how diseases take hold.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 13, 2018 *News Release*

[Analysis: For Patients with Large Employer Coverage, About 1 in 6 Hospital Stays Includes an Out-of-Network Bill](#)

A new Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of medical bills from large employer plans finds that a significant share of inpatient hospital admissions includes bills from providers not in the health plan's networks, generally leaving patients subject to higher cost-sharing and potential additional bills from providers. Almost 18 percent of inpatient...

August 7, 2018 *News Release*

[Does Employment Lead to Improved Health? New Research Review Finds Mixed Evidence with Caveats that Could Impact Applicability to Medicaid Work Requirements](#)

With nearly a dozen states seeking or implementing waivers to add work requirements for some Medicaid beneficiaries, a central question is whether such policies promote health and therefore promote the goals of the Medicaid program. A new Kaiser Family Foundation report reviews research about the relationship between work and health...

July 31, 2018 *News Release*

[Enrollment in the Individual Insurance Market Continued to Fall in the First Quarter of 2018, With the 12 Percent Overall Decline Concentrated in Off-Exchange Plans](#)

Enrollment in the individual insurance market continued to shrink in the first quarter of 2018, declining by 12 percent compared to the first quarter of 2017, according to a new analysis from the Kaiser Family Foundation. The decline was concentrated in off-exchange plans where enrollees are not eligible for Affordable...

July 30, 2018 *News Release*

[Four in 10 Women Voters Age 18-44 Are "More Enthusiastic" to Vote in Mid-Terms This Year, Almost Three Times Higher than the Last Mid-Term](#)

With the 2018 primary election season concluding in August and the general congressional mid-term election season ramping up, Kaiser Family Foundation polling finds younger women (ages 18-44) voters are more enthusiastic about voting this year than in previous mid-term elections. In a new data note about KFF's June Health Tracking...

July 30, 2018 *News Release*

[Community Health Centers Have Seen an Increase in the Share of Patients with Opioid Addiction](#)

A majority of community health centers have seen a rising number of patients with opioid addiction over the last three years, according to a new issue brief released by the Kaiser Family Foundation. Nearly seven in 10 (69%) health centers reported an increase in patients with an addiction to prescription...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>

11 August 2018

[President Higgins of Ireland receives the Aga Khan](#)

Kellogg Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Aug. 17, 2018

[#GirlBosses and gains for children](#)

Secure Families

Aug. 3, 2018

[Reading advancements and raises for everyone](#)

Racial Equity

MacArthur Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Grantee Research

[Mental Health Intervention Points in the Criminal Justice System](#)

August 13, 2018

[Report Evaluates Access to Cooling](#)

August 13, 2018

Grantee Research

[Index Encourages Energy Efficiency in Indian States](#)

August 8, 2018

Grantee Research

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Voices

[How a New Board Game Exposes Authoritarianism's Folly](#)

July 30, 2018 Sharan Srinivas

Due to the widespread adoption of false and malicious narratives, a politics of xenophobia and brutality is on the rise. Here's how a small group in Bulgaria are using creativity and fun to change the terms of the debate.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 16, 2018

[Packard Foundation Joins Over 300 U.S. Philanthropic Leaders to Call for Removal of Citizenship Question from 2020 Census](#)

Packard Foundation Joins Over 300 U.S. Philanthropic Leaders to Call for Removal of Citizenship Question from 2020 Census

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Opinions

Opinion

August 14, 2018

[Using Data To Improve Policy Decisions](#)

Opinion

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[Congress: Stop Kicking the Can on Flood Insurance Reform](#)

Press Releases & Statements

August 2, 2018

[Pew Report: Financial Innovation Calls for Balanced Regulation](#)

U.S. can promote development of beneficial new products and still ensure a safe, efficient marketplace

Opinion

July 31, 2018

[Why Our Public Pensions Need Stress Tests](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/about-us/news-media/>

July 30, 2018

[The Rockefeller Foundation Names Louise Shea as New Managing Director for Human Capital Management](#)

July 30, 2018

[The Rockefeller Foundation Names Deborah Wright as New Managing Director for U.S. Jobs and Economic Opportunity](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

August 17, 2018 *News Release*

[Comments from Richard Besser, MD, on Kentucky Medicaid Waiver](#)

RWJF submitted comments in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services invitation to submit comments regard Kentucky's demonstration project "Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health" (Kentucky HEALTH).

[A Journey From Philanthropy to Public Health and Back Again](#)

August 15, 2018 *Blog Post* [Joe Marx](#)

Brian Castrucci traces his path to CEO of the de Beaumont Foundation back to a "life-changing" internship at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

[Views from the Market](#)

August 15, 2018 *Brief*

This brief examines brokers' role in the individual market, consumer purchasing decisions and views about how the market and consumers are responding to adjustments to the ACA.

To Improve Health Disparities, Focus on Oral Health

August 9, 2018 *Blog Post* [Charles Moore](#)

A team from our Clinical Scholars program believes that addressing oral health disparities can improve overall health and well-being, and help end cycles of poverty.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 18 Aug 2018]

<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..."

August 10, 2018

Blavatnik Family Foundation Pledges \$10 million to Stanford Medicine Graduate Research

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

*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 new digest content identified.*

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

August 2, 2018

Statement on Bipartisan Bill to Honor Women of Hidden Figures with Congressional Gold Medals

(NEW YORK) — The statement below is in response to Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), and 45 additional cosponsors [introducing a bipartisan bill](#) (S. 3321) to award the women of Hidden Figures with Congressional Gold Medals. The statement can be attributed to Doron Weber, Vice President and Program Director, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The Sloan Foundation funded author Margot Lee Shetterly's book, Hidden Figures, which propelled the story of these women into the public consciousness...

Wellcome Trust [to 18 Aug 2018]

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

Explainer / Published: 26 July 2018

Human Cell Atlas: we're funding scientists at six UK research institutes

Wellcome is committing £7 million to the Human Cell Atlas, a global endeavour to map every single cell type in the human body. Dr Katrina Gold, from the Genetics and Molecular Sciences team, explains why Wellcome is backing this ambitious project.

Published: 8 August 2018

[**How we judge research outputs when making funding decisions**](#)

Robert Kiley, Head of Open Research, and Jim Smith, Director of Science, discuss the steps Wellcome is taking to fulfil the principles of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).

When we published our [open access policy](#) over a decade ago, we made it clear that what counts when we make funding decisions is the intrinsic merit of the work and not the journal or publisher.

Despite significant progress in making our research open access, we know many researchers remain unconvinced that it's the work that counts and not where it's published. We're worried about this and so we're continuing our efforts to promote best practice in research assessment.

What we're doing

Funding for DORA

We were one of the first funders to sign the [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(opens in a new tab\)](#) (DORA), publicly committing that we will consider all research outputs and look at a broader range of qualitative measures of impact, such as influence on policy and practice. In partnership with other funders and publishers, we are providing funding to DORA to help promote the broad adoption of these principles and to collect evidence of good practice...

Published: 1 August 2018

[**Professor Bongani Mayosi \(1967–2018\): a tribute**](#)

This week we heard the deeply sad news that Professor Bongani Mayosi has died. Wellcome's Director of Science Jim Smith pays tribute to a world-renowned scientist.

Bongani was a highly regarded clinical research scientist from South Africa who made a huge contribution to the inception of the [H3Africa \(opens in a new tab\)](#) initiative, which is jointly funded by Wellcome and the US National Institutes of Health.

In his most recent role as Dean at the University of Cape Town, Bongani led the faculty of health sciences. He was also an adviser on policy and strategy for health research to the South African Ministry of Health...

Published: 31 July 2018

[**Putting research at heart of response to epidemics like Ebola saves lives**](#)

With the recent outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared officially over, Michael Regnier looks at how Wellcome's support has helped the people of DRC – and the rest of the world – to be better prepared for the next one.

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Foundation Center [to 18 Aug 2018]

<http://foundationcenter.org/about-us/press-room>

August 14, 2018

[**New Report by Council on Foundations and Foundation Center Reveals Global Giving by U.S. Foundations Increased by 29% Over Five-Year Period**](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Council on Foundations [to 18 Aug 2018]

www.cof.org

Thursday, August 16, 2018 - 9:00am

[Impact Investing - Beyond Program Related Investments](#)

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 - 10:00am

[New Report by Council on Foundations and Foundation Center Reveals Global Giving by U.S. Foundations Increased by 29% Over Five-Year Period](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

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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

August 2018 Volume 46, Issue 8, p851-960, e65-e74

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

August 2018 Volume 55, Issue 2, p133-280, e19-e52

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

August 2018 108(8)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 98, Issue 6, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/98/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

7 August 2018 Vol: 169, Issue 3

<http://annals.org/aim/issue>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

July 2018 - Volume 3 - 4

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

Research article

[Views and perceptions about locally manufactured medicines in Ethiopia: a qualitative study of physicians, patients and regulatory authorities](#)

Because of their cost, the use of locally produced, bioequivalent, generic drugs is universally recommended. In Ethiopia, while the government is committed to raising the market share and use of locally produc...

Authors: Chalachew Alemayehu, Geoff Mitchell, Jane Nikles, Abraham Aseffa and Alexandra Clavarino

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:624

Published on: 8 August 2018

Research article

[Assessment of select electronic health information systems that support immunization data capture – Kenya, 2017](#)

Although electronic health information systems (EHIS) with immunization components exist in Kenya, questions and concerns remain about their use and alignment with the Kenya Ministry of Health's (MOH) National...

Authors: Apophia Namageyo-Funa, Millicent Aketch, Collins Tabu, Adam MacNeil and Peter Bloland

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:621

Published on: 8 August 2018

Research article

Research article

[What value for whom? – provider perspectives on health examinations for asylum seekers in Stockholm, Sweden](#)

In Sweden asylum seekers are offered a voluntary health examination, free-of-charge (HE). The HE coverage is low. The organization and implementation of the HE involves collaboration between different agencies...

Authors: Sara Delilovic, Asli Kulane, Nina Åsbring, Anneli Marttila and Knut Lönnroth

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:601

Published on: 3 August 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

Research article

[Vaccination demonstration zone successfully controls rabies in Guangxi Province, China](#)

Guangxi is the province most seriously affected by rabies virus (RABV) in China. Those most affected by RABV each year are people in rural areas, where dogs are the main cause of human infection with the virus.

Authors: Xian-Kai Wei, Yi Xiong, Xiao-Ning Li, Min Zheng, Yan Pan, Xiao-Xia He, Jing-Jing Liang, Cheng Liu, Yi-Zhi Zhong, Lian-Bin Zou, Lie-Feng Zheng, Jian-Gang Guo, Chang-Ting Li, Sheng-Bin Huang, Jia-Zhong Gan, Zhen-Mu Meng...

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2018 18:386

Published on: 10 August 2018

Research article

[A review of documents prepared by international organizations about influenza pandemics, including the 2009 pandemic: a bibliometric analysis](#)

World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, UN System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC) and other international organizations released a series of documents to fight against the influenza pandemic.

Authors: Feng Liang, Peng Guan, Wei Wu, Jing Liu, Ning Zhang, Bao-Sen Zhou and De-Sheng Huang

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2018 18:383

Published on: 8 August 2018

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

Research article

[Simultaneously characterizing the comparative economics of routine female adolescent nonavalent human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccination and assortativity of sexual mixing in Hong Kong Chinese: a modeling analysis](#)

Although routine vaccination of females before sexual debut against human papillomavirus (HPV) has been found to be cost-effective around the world, its cost-benefit has rarely been examined. We evaluate both ...

Authors: Horace C. W. Choi, Mark Jit, Gabriel M. Leung, Kwok-Leung Tsui and Joseph T. Wu

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:127

Published on: 17 August 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

Research article

[Systematic review of community participation interventions to improve maternal health outcomes in rural South Asia](#)

This is a systematic review on the effectiveness of community interventions in improving maternal health care outcomes in South Asia.

Authors: Binod Bindu Sharma, Lisa Jones, Deborah Joanne Loxton, Debbie Booth and Roger Smith

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:327

Published on: 10 August 2018

Research article

[A qualitative analysis of decision-making among women with sexual violence-related pregnancies in conflict-affected eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

Sexual violence is prevalent in conflict-affected settings and may result in sexual violence-related pregnancies (SVRPs). There are limited data on how women with SVRPs make decisions about pregnancy continuation...

Authors: Jennifer Scott, Monica A. Onyango, Gillian Burkhardt, Colleen Mullen, Shada Rouhani, Sadia Haider, Katherine Albutt, Ashley Greiner, Michael VanRooyen and Susan Bartels

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:322

Published on: 8 August 2018

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

Debate

[Migration and health: a global public health research priority](#)

With 244 million international migrants, and significantly more people moving within their country of birth, there is an urgent need to engage with migration at all levels in order to support progress towards ...

Authors: Kolitha Wickramage, Jo Vearey, Anthony B. Zwi, Courtland Robinson and Michael Knipper

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:987

Published on: 8 August 2018

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 18 Aug 2018)

Research note

[A qualitative study of refugee families' experiences of the escape and travel from Syria to Sweden](#)

Research shows that, depending on the route of travel during the escape, the journey presents the refugees with different health risks. Traumatic events during flight may have long-lasting physical and psychological...

Authors: Elisabeth Mangrio, Slobodan Zdravkovic and Elisabeth Carlson

Citation: BMC Research Notes 2018 11:594

Published on: 17 August 2018

Research note

[Factors associated with latrine utilization among model and non-model families in Laelai Maichew Woreda, Aksum, Tigray, Ethiopia: comparative community based study](#)

The study was conducted on 313 model and 313 non model households to assess latrine utilization and factors affecting among model and non-model families.

Authors: Gidey Gebremedhin, Desalegn Tetemke, Meresa Gebremedhin, Gizienesh Kahsay, Hiwot Zelalem, Hailay Syum and Hadgu Gerensea

Citation: BMC Research Notes 2018 11:586

Published on: 13 August 2018

BMJ Open

August 2018 - Volume 8 - 8

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

(17 August, 2018)

[Digital health app development standards: a systematic review protocol](#)

There is currently a lack of clear and accepted standards for the development (planning, requirement analysis and research, design and application testing) of apps for medical and healthcare use which poses different risks to developers, providers, patients and the public. The aim of this work is to provide an overview of the current standards, frameworks, best practices and guidelines for the development of digital health apps. This review is a critical 'stepping stone' for further work on producing appropriate standards that can help mitigate risks (eg, clinical, privacy and economic risks).

Michelle Helena Van Velthoven, James Smith, Glenn Wells, David Brindley

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 8, August 2018, 513-588

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/8/en/>

RESEARCH

[A post-conflict vaccination campaign, Central African Republic](#)

– Nicolas Peyraud, Michel Quéré, Geraldine Duc, Corinne Chèvre, Theo Wanteu, Souheil Reache, Thierry Dumont, Robin Nesbitt, Ellen Dahl, Etienne Gignoux, Manuel Albela, Anna Righetti, Marie-Claude Bottineau, Jean-Clément Cabrol, Micaela Sarafini, Samuel Nzalapan, Pauline Lechevalier, Clotilde Rambaud & Monica Rull

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.204321>

Abstract

Objective

To rapidly increase childhood immunization through a preventive, multi-antigen, vaccination campaign in Mambéré-Kadéï prefecture, Central African Republic, where a conflict from 2012 to 2015 reduced vaccination coverage.

Methods

The three-round campaign took place between December 2015 and June 2016 using: (i) oral poliomyelitis vaccine (OPV); (ii) combined diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP) vaccine, Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) and hepatitis B (DTP–Hib–hepatitis B) vaccine; (iii) pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV); (iv) measles vaccine; and (v) yellow fever vaccine. Administrative data were

collected on vaccines administered by age group and vaccination coverage surveys were carried out before and after the campaign.

Findings

Overall, 294,054 vaccine doses were administered. Vaccination coverage for children aged 6 weeks to 59 months increased to over 85% for the first doses of OPV, DTP–Hib–hepatitis B vaccine and PCV and, in children aged 9 weeks to 59 months, to over 70% for the first measles vaccine dose. In children aged 6 weeks to 23 months, coverage of the second doses of OPV, DTP–Hib–hepatitis B vaccine and PCV was over 58% and coverage of the third doses of OPV and DTP–Hib–hepatitis B vaccine was over 20%. Moreover, 61% (5804/9589) of children aged 12 to 23 months had received two PCV doses and 90% (25933/28764) aged 24 to 59 months had received one dose.

Conclusion

A preventive, multi-antigen, vaccination campaign was effective in rapidly increasing immunization coverage in a post-conflict setting. To sustain high coverage, routine immunization must be reinforced.

PERSPECTIVES

Cluster munitions: military use and civilian health hazards

– Jawad Fares & Youssef Fares

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.202481>

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 44, Issue 5 Pages: 659-800 September 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Therapeutics

July 2018 Volume 40, Issue 7, p1049-1224

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 15 Issue 4, August 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/15/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 18 Aug 2018]

Research

Armed conflict, alcohol misuse, decision-making, and intimate partner violence among women in Northeastern Uganda: a population level study

Relations among and interactions between exposure to armed conflict, alcohol misuse, low socioeconomic status, gender (in)equitable decision-making, and intimate partner violence (IPV) represent serious global...

Authors: Jennifer J. Mootz, Florence Kyoheirwe Muhanguzi, Pavel Panko, Patrick Onyango Mangen, Milton L. Wainberg, Ilana Pinsky and Kaveh Khoshnood
Citation: Conflict and Health 2018 12:37
Published on: 6 August 2018

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 71 Pages 1-206 (August 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/71/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

August 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 2 Pages: 65-203 June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 28, Issue 5, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 36, Issue 5 Pages: i-iv, 525, 527-627 September 2018

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

ARTICLES

[Project beneficiary participation and behavioural intentions promoting project sustainability: The mediating role of psychological ownership](#)

Deribe Assefa Aga, N. Noorderhaven, B. Vallejo

Pages: 527-546

First Published: 17 February 2017

[Building on the capacities of crisis-affected populations: From victims to actors](#)

Pat Gibbons, Ronan McDermott, Sulagna Maitra, Joost Herman

Pages: 547-560

First Published: 15 February 2017

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 6, 2018

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 3 - June 2018

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

Commentary

[The Forgotten Need of Disaster Relief](#)

[Leonardo Tamariz](#), [Cynthia Cely](#), [Ana Palacio](#)

<https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2017.67>

Published online: 18 September 2017, pp. 284-286

Abstract

Disasters in countries with limited resources can put the emergency preparedness of the country to the test. The first major task after a disaster is to take care of the wounded. In countries where the epidemiological transition has occurred, chronic disease can place a major strain on public health preparedness after a disaster. The purpose of this field report is to alert public health practitioners of an infrequently reported public health problem: the impact of natural disasters on adherence to chronic medications. In our experience, the most common complaint in the weeks that followed the 2016 earthquake was not having access to their chronic medications. (Disaster Med Public Health

Original Research

[Midwives' Professional Competencies for Preventing Maternal Mortality in Disasters: A Cross-Sectional Study in Iran](#)

[Ziba Taghizadeh](#), [Mahsa Khoshnam Rad](#), [Anoshirvan Kazemnejad](#)

<https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2017.58>

Published online: 31 August 2017, pp. 305-311

Concepts in Disaster Medicine

[Disaster Mental Health Services Review of Care for Older Persons After Disasters](#)

[Allison Gibson](#), [Jessica Walsh](#), [Lisa M. Brown](#)

<https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2017.60>

Published online: 30 August 2017, pp. 366-372

Abstract

As older persons make up an ever greater proportion of the world's population, a range of concerns are being voiced by policy-makers, program managers, and care providers about best or optimal practices for serving this population's needs during all stages of disasters. Given that age-related vulnerabilities are common in late life, this article describes existing systems of care in the United States for the provision of disaster mental health services. Second, it evaluates the evidence for disaster treatment interventions with this subgroup of the population. Third, it synthesizes the findings of recent studies focusing on screening, assessment, and treatment approaches. To advance our current system of care and to adequately respond to the mental health needs of older persons, it is advantageous to periodically review progress, identify current gaps and unmet needs, and describe opportunities for improvement. (Disaster Med Public Health Preparedness. 2018; 12: 366–372)

Disasters

Volume 42, Issue 3 Pages: 405-612 July 2018
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

01 June 2018; volume 19, issue 6
<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/6?current-issue=y>
[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

Volume 24, Number 6—June 2018
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 7—July 2018
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 23 Pages 1-120 (June 2018)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/23/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 146 - Issue 11 - August 2018
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Summer 2018 (Issue 32.2)
<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2018/summer-2018-issue-32-2/>
ESSAYS

[Borders of Class: Migration and Citizenship in the Capitalist State](#)

Lea Ypi

FEATURES

[Threats and Coercive Diplomacy: An Ethical Analysis](#) [Full text]

Gregory M. Reichberg and Henrik Syse

[Temporary Labor Migration within the EU as Structural Injustice](#)

Alasia Nuti

REVIEW ESSAYS

The Irony of Just War

Cian O'Driscoll

Toward a Global Water Ethic: Learning from Indigenous Communities

Emma S. Norman

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 28, Issue 4, 1 August 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/4>

Editorials

Reflecting on Alma Ata 1978: forty years on

Kairat Davletov; Talgat Nurgozhin; Martin McKee

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 28, Issue 4, 1 August 2018, Pages 587,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/cky094>

Extract

The Alma Ata declaration was a product of its time. It came about from a recognition that, in an increasingly prosperous world, many people were being left behind. In the world's poorest countries, tens of thousands of people were dying every year from entirely avoidable conditions, lacking access to even the most basic health services. At the same time, those in the richest countries were benefiting from pharmaceutical and technological advances that would have been undreamed of even a decade earlier.

Forty years on, much of what it said is now taken for granted, such as health being a human right, that inequality of health status between rich and...

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 78, Pages 1-100 (July 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/78/suppl/C>

Special issue on The Economics and Politics GM Food Labeling

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 10, Issue 3, June 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/3/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 58 June 2018

<http://www.fmreview.org/syria2018/contents.html>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 45, Issue 2, 2018
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 1, Spring 2018
<https://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Geoheritage

June 2018, Issue 2, Pages 139-339
<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/10/2/page/1>
The VIII International ProGEO Symposium in Reykjavík, 2015
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/11/1?nav=toCList>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

June 2018 | Volume 6 | Number 2
<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 13, 2017 Issue 10
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rqph20/current>

Article

[Enabling positive change: Progress and setbacks in HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights](#)

Purnima Mane & Peter Aggleton

Pages: 1341-1356

Published online: 16 Nov 2017

Article

[Philanthropy and the nation-state in global health: The Gates Foundation in India](#)

Manjari Mahajan

Pages: 1357-1368

Published online: 15 Dec 2017

Article

[Human rights and access to healthcare services for indigenous peoples in Africa](#)

Ebenezer Durojaye

Pages: 1399-1408

Published online: 20 Sep 2017

Article

[The 'indirect costs' of underfunding foreign partners in global health research: A case study](#)

Johanna T. Crane, Irene Andia Biraro, Tamer M. Fouad, Yap Boum II & David R. Bangsberg

Pages: 1422-1429

Published online: 16 Sep 2017

Article

[Compulsory licensing of pharmaceuticals reconsidered: Current situation and implications for access to medicines](#)

Kyung-Bok Son & Tae-Jin Lee

Pages: 1430-1440

Published online: 28 Nov 2017

ABSTRACT

To examine patterns and trends in attempts, distinguished from issuance, to issue compulsory licensing of pharmaceuticals and to assess related implications in the era of high-cost medicines. Documents from various civil society organisations were primarily used to search attempts, as well as published literature. The identified attempts were analysed by pharmaceutical level, national level, claimers, and the outcomes of the attempts. There have been 108 attempts to issue compulsory licensing for 40 pharmaceuticals in 27 countries since 1995. Most of the attempts were in Asian, Latin American, and African countries and mainly for HIV/AIDS medicines. Moreover, when the claimer was the government, the likelihood of approval and positive outcomes increased. Compulsory licensing, which was devised to cope with the HIV/AIDS pandemic in low-income countries, became a practical measure in several Asian and Latin American countries, even for non-HIV/AIDS medicines. Resurgent compulsory licensing in 2012 and 2014, influenced by the global justice movement, might represent a policy window in the near future as the Doha Declaration did in the 2000s. In this context, various experiences should be circulated and analysed at the global level to better understand the circumstances under which successful issuance has been achieved at the country level.

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 18 Aug 2018]

Debate

[Theory and practice of social norms interventions: eight common pitfalls](#)

Recently, Global Health practitioners, scholars, and donors have expressed increased interest in "changing social norms" as a strategy to promote health and well-being in low and mid-income countries (LMIC). D...

Authors: Beniamino Cislighi and Lori Heise

Citation: *Globalization and Health* 2018 14:83

Published on: 17 August 2018

Research

[Strengthening health research capacity in sub-Saharan Africa: mapping the 2012–2017 landscape of externally funded international postgraduate training at institutions in the region](#)

The objective was to guide key stakeholders on future directions of external funding of international postgraduate training (Master's and PhD) of health research students at institutions in sub-Saharan Africa ...

Authors: Terra Morel, Dermot Maher, Thomas Nyirenda and Ole F. Olesen

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[Encouraging Participation And Transparency In Biobank Research](#)

Kayte Spector-Bagdady, Raymond G. De Vries, Michele G. Gornick, Andrew G. Shuman ...

Abstract

Medical biobanks often struggle to obtain sustainable funding. Commercialization of specimens is one solution, but disclosure of commercial interests to potential contributors can be dissuasive. Recent revisions to the federal human subjects research regulations will soon mandate such commercialization disclosure in some circumstances, which raises questions about implications for practice. In this nationally representative, probability-based survey sample of the US adult population, we found that 67 percent of participants agreed that clear notification of potential commercialization of biospecimens is warranted, but only 23 percent were comfortable with such use. Sixty-two percent believed that profits should be used only to support future research, and 41 percent supported sharing profits with the public. We also considered other factors related to disclosure in our analysis and argue for a "disclosure plus" standard: informing potential contributors that their biospecimens might be accessed by commercial organizations and explaining how profits would be used to both enhance transparency and facilitate contributors' altruistic motivations.

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Children 'disappeared' at the United States/Mexico border: a symptom with consequences for the United States

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Disappearing' people as an act of torture has an ordinary language meaning, such that the United Nations could describe it and various torture treatment centres that address it as torture. The present United States policy of separating families into different prisons at its border with Mexico results in many such disappearances, and therefore is torture of both children and the families they are separated from. This article follows the United Nations description.

Article

Integrating psychosocial support at Ebola treatment units in Sierra Leone and Liberia

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The Ebola virus disease (EVD) epidemic killed almost 12,000 people across Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, causing significant psychological distress and suffering. This paper describes International Medical Corps' innovative and comprehensive model for integrating mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) considerations and activities into Ebola treatment units (ETUs) across Sierra Leone and Liberia. This includes staff capacity building as well as psychosocial considerations and activities to address needs and challenges at the ETUs. This model was aimed at reducing patient and family distress and promoting healthy behaviours and recovery. We also include data describing mental health-related symptoms reported by our ETU patients, as well as psychosocial support interventions utilised. We discuss recommendations and lessons learnt and conclude that in line with global guidelines, MHPSS considerations and activities should be integral to all aspects of EVD care.

Key implications for practice

:: Patients admitted to ETUs face several stressors and challenges related to the ETU environment and procedures, separation from families and effects of EVD

:: Mental health and psychosocial support considerations should be an integral part of all aspects of care provided at the ETU

:: Paraprofessional psychosocial support workers can play a key role in meeting patient needs at the ETU in line with global mental health and psychosocial support guidelines.

Article

Developing a culturally sensitive mental health intervention for asylum seekers in the Netherlands: A pilot study

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Introduction: This pilot study investigated asylum seekers' needs and expectations in the mental health field to develop a culturally sensitive psychosocial intervention.

Method: Participants were residents of a certain asylum-seekers centre in the Netherlands, with most of them from the Middle East crisis. Needs and expectations were identified using therapy expectations questionnaire (11 participants) and two focus groups (17 participants).

Results: Participants associated mental health problems with post-migration stressors more often than with past traumatic experiences. Often, health problems were silenced due to shame, guilt, anxiety and the fear of negative stigma. Individuals and communities were limited in their ability to provide support for those suffering from psychosocial distress due to heavy stigma and the burden of multiple stressors. Conclusion: We underscore the importance of considering the local knowledge of mental health in developing emergency interventions and emphasise the need to reach beyond the trauma-focused approach to strengthen capacities within the community.

Key implications for practice

Developing a culturally sensitive mental health intervention for asylum seekers requires local knowledge of mental health issues

Mental health interventions in emergencies should reach beyond the individualistic trauma-focused approach to address the whole context of forced displacement

Because armed conflict often leads to a disruption of the social ecology of a community, mental health interventions should build on existing local support and services and strengthen capacities within the community.

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Viewpoint

Potential Child Health Consequences of the Federal Policy Separating Immigrant Children From Their Parents

Howard A. Zucker, MD, JD; Danielle Greene, DrPH

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This Viewpoint discusses how the separation of immigrating children from their parents can result in deleterious long-term physical and psychological effects.

Biotech Innovations

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New Nonprofit Biotech From Bill and Melinda Gates

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A new nonprofit biotech organization funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will take on infectious diseases that disproportionately affect the world's poorest populations: malaria, tuberculosis,

and enteric and diarrheal diseases in children. Together these diseases cause 5 deaths every minute, according to the new organization, the Bill and Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute.

Officially open since January, the institute—known as Gates MRI—recently [announced](#) details about its mission. Penny M. Heaton, MD, will serve as the institute’s chief executive officer. Heaton previously directed the foundation’s vaccine development program. Immunizations are on the docket at the new institute, too, which aims to speed the development of novel vaccine, drug, and biologic candidates for its target diseases.

Headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the institute will focus on translational medicine, moving research from late preclinical studies to proof-of-concept phase 1 trials. Later-stage development will involve partnerships with pharmaceutical and biotech companies, nonprofit product developers, and low- and middle-income country manufacturers.

According to the announcement, Gates MRI researchers’ first project will test if a booster shot of the bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine, which is usually given to infants but wanes in efficacy over time, protects at-risk adolescents from tuberculosis.

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[Return of Research Results to Study Participants - Uncharted and Untested](#)

Charlene A. Wong, MD, MSHP; Adrian F. Hernandez, MD, MHS; Robert M. Califf, MD
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Research data may be of great utility to study participants and their clinicians in understanding and managing the health of patients who participate in research, depending on the clinical context and nature of results. In addition, increasing amounts of digital data are generated by commercial health products, such as accelerometers and smart watches, and in clinical care. With increasing digitization and data availability, researchers, clinicians, developers, and patients encounter the issue of how to consume, analyze, and make sense of those data. The return of individual results in the context of research studies provides a useful, structured environment to develop an empirical framework, and lessons learned may be applicable to other cases of health information consumerism.

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Julia Raifman, ScD

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Viewpoint

[On reducing the risk of vaccine-associated paralytic poliomyelitis in the global transition from oral to inactivated poliovirus vaccine](#)

Xiangdong Peng, Xiaojiang Hu, Miguel A Salazar

Owing to the concerted efforts of countries worldwide, the incidence of paralytic poliomyelitis due to wild poliovirus infection has been reduced to its lowest on record. Wild poliovirus type 2 has not been detected since 1999 and was certified to have been eradicated in 2015. No case of paralytic poliomyelitis caused by wild poliovirus type 3 has been reported since 2012, and all cases detected since 2013 have been due to wild poliovirus type 1. In 2016, only 37 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis caused by wild poliovirus infection were reported, and that number decreased to 22 in 2017. Global eradication of wild poliovirus—the long-awaited outcome of decades of effort—is finally in sight.

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Editorial

Vaccine scandal and confidence crisis in China

The Lancet

In July, China experienced its "worst public health crisis in years" as stated by South China Morning Post. Chinese vaccine maker Changsheng Biotechnology was found to have fabricated production and inspection records and to have arbitrarily changed process parameters and equipment during its production of freeze-dried human rabies vaccines. Furthermore, substandard diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT) vaccines produced by Changsheng Biotechnology were administered to 215 184 Chinese children; and 400 520 substandard DPT vaccines produced by Wuhan Institute of Biological Products were sold in Hebei and Chongqing. On July 25, China's drug regulator launched an investigation into all vaccine producers across the country. 15 people from Changsheng Biotechnology, including the chairman, have been detained by Chinese authorities.

This latest vaccine scandal follows on from a series of fake and substandard food and drugs issues in China. As a result, many parents have lost faith in the vaccine system. Although no cases of death or other severe consequences relevant to the substandard rabies and DPT vaccines have been documented as of July 31, the substandard vaccines have been reported as being poisonous in social media and on the internet.

The immediate action to investigate the national vaccine industry is crucial to deal with the vaccine scandal. However, such action alone will not end public distrust and dissent towards vaccines. The national immunisation programme has helped China achieve tremendous health gains. However, the current vaccine confidence crisis seriously threatens this programme.

Above all, it is the government's responsibility to ensure that the vaccines produced and used in China are effective and safe. To restore and sustain the public's confidence in China's vaccine quality and safety, it is urgent for the government to reflect on and reform where necessary the country's vaccine regulatory system. A better understanding of the concerns of the public and more transparent and open regulation are essential to protect millions of children from preventable illnesses.

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Monitoring equity in universal health coverage with essential services for neglected tropical diseases: an analysis of data reported for five diseases in 123 countries over 9 years

Christopher Fitzpatrick, Mathieu Bangert, Pamela Sabina Mbabazi, Alexei Mikhailov, Honorat Zouré, Maria Polo Rebollo, Magda Robalo Correia e Silva, Gautam Biswas

Long-term effectiveness of one and two doses of a killed, bivalent, whole-cell oral cholera vaccine in Haiti: an extended case-control study

Molly F Franke, Ralph Ternier, J Gregory Jerome, Wilfredo R Matias, Jason B Harris, Louise C Ivers

No study of long-term protection following killed oral cholera vaccination has been done outside of the historically cholera-endemic areas of south Asia, or has examined protection after a single-dose vaccination regimen. To address this, we examined the duration of protection of the standard two-dose

regimen and an incomplete regimen of one dose up to 4 years after vaccination in Haiti...In a setting of epidemic and newly endemic cholera in Haiti, single-dose vaccination with killed, bivalent, whole-cell oral cholera vaccination provided short-term protection; however, vaccination with two doses was required for long-term protection, which lasted up to 4 years after vaccination. These results add to the evidence in support of the use of killed, bivalent, whole-cell oral cholera vaccination as part of comprehensive cholera control plans.

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[The spectre of smallpox lingers](#)

The last known person to die from the virus was infected 40 years ago. Yet the disease remains a worry, and precautions should continue.

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[Signs of hope emerge against influenza](#)

A universal vaccine might be some way off, but research into how the immune system responds to the virus will be crucial to achieving that goal

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Editorial | 30 July 2018

[Pinning extreme weather on climate change is now routine and reliable science](#)

Research has finally generated the tools to attribute heatwaves and downpours to global warming.

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Editorial | 06 August 2018

[Keep off-target effects in focus](#)

Concerns about potential unintended DNA changes that might accidentally arise from CRISPR gene editing have emerged to varying degrees with the advent of the technology. As new therapies move from bench to bedside, scientists need to redouble their efforts to document the spectrum of these off-target effects while also acknowledging the reality that a certain degree of risk is embedded in many promising and successful medical therapies.

New England Journal of Medicine

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Perspective

[Fractional-Dose Yellow Fever Vaccination — Advancing the Evidence Base](#)

Kirsten Vannice, Ph.D., M.H.S., Annelies Wilder-Smith, M.D., Ph.D., and Joachim Hombach, Ph.D., M.P.H.

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Perspective

[Accreditation of Clinical Research Sites — Moving Forward](#)

Greg Koski, Ph.D., M.D., Larry Kennedy, Ph.D., Mary F. Tobin, Ph.D., and Matthew Whalen, Ph.D.

An initiative to design a system of accreditation that would improve and ensure the quality, performance, and safety of clinical trial sites is now coming to fruition. An initial set of quality standards is being made available by request.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 47 Issue 4_suppl, August 2018

<http://nvs.sagepub.com/content/current>

Special Issue: Nonprofits and Public Policy[Reviewed earlier]

Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

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Pediatrics

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<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/142/2?current-issue=y>

State-of-the-Art Review Article

[Pediatricians and Global Health: Opportunities and Considerations for Meaningful Engagement](#)

Gitanjali Arora, Emily Esmaili, Michael B. Pitt, Andrea Green, Lisa Umphrey, Sabrina M. Butteris, Nicole E. St Clair, Maneesh Batra, Cliff O'Callahan, on behalf of the Global Health Task Force of the American Board of Pediatrics

Pediatrics Aug 2018, 142 (2) e20172964; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2017-2964

In this review, we describe opportunities, resources, and important personal and professional considerations for US-based pediatric practitioners who are engaged in GCH.

Ethics Rounds

[Research Consent at the Age of Majority: Preferable but not Obligatory](#)

Kyle B. Brothers, Benjamin S. Wilfond

Pediatrics Aug 2018, 142 (2) e20173038; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2017-3038

There are important reasons for researchers to seek consent when participants turn 18 years old, but these must be balanced with scientific priorities.

[Reconsidering the Need for Reconsent at 18](#)

Benjamin E. Berkman, Dana Howard, David Wendler

Pediatrics Aug 2018, 142 (2) e20171202; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2017-1202

In this article, we challenge the prevailing view that researchers must attempt to obtain consent at 18 years of age to continue doing research with stored samples.

Pharmaceutics

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<http://www.mdpi.com/1999-4923/10/2>

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Pharmacoeconomics

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PLOS Currents: Disasters

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[Earthquake in Western Iran: Renovation Kills](#)

August 16, 2018 · [Research Article](#)

Introduction: Earthquake is the most important cause of death from natural disasters in Iran. This paper brings attention to the main causes of loss of life due to the Kermanshah province earthquake (Nov 12 2017), and provides a wakeup call about the unsafe nature of buildings there. **Methods:** This study is based on official reports review and a field assessment in the areas affected by the earthquake in western Iran. **Results:** Although buildings in this area are mainly old structures, strangely, more than 70% of the destroyed buildings in this earthquake were under 5 years of age, newly built or renovated buildings according to mandated building codes. **Discussion:** Mandated building codes and construction rules and regulations are not respected even for the newly constructed or reconstructed structures buildings. **Keywords:** Earthquake, Iran, construct, reconstruct, Building codes

[An Evaluation of Global Hazard Communication with Ethical Considerations](#)

August 7, 2018 · [Review](#)

Introduction: Despite the large number of hazards occurring every year, it is often only the most catastrophic and rapidly occurring hazards that are covered in detail by major news outlets. This can result in an under-reporting of smaller or slowly evolving hazards such as drought. Furthermore, the type or country in which the hazard occurs may have a bearing on whether it receives media coverage. The Public Health England (PHE) global weekly hazards bulletin is designed to inform subscribers of hazards occurring in the world in a given week regardless of location or type of natural hazard. This paper will aim to examine whether the bulletin is reporting these events in a way that matches a number of international disaster databases. It will also seek to answer if biases within media outlets reporting of an event is impacting on the types of hazards and events being covered. Through the analysis of data collected, it is hoped to be able to consider the ethical implications of such a bulletin service and provide recommendations on how the service might be improved in the future.

Methods: The study used a year's worth of global hazards bulletins sent by Public Health England. These bulletins aim to communicate hazards in the form of compiled articles from news outlets around the world. Data from these bulletins was collected and analysed by hazard type and the country in which hazards occurred. It was then compared to recognised hazard databases to assess similarities and differences in the hazards being reported via media or through dedicated hazard databases. The recognised hazard databases were those run by the Emergency Events Database (EM-DAT), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) respectively.

Results: The PHE bulletin overall was found to be comparable to other global hazard or disaster databases in terms of hazards included by both country and type of hazard. The PHE bulletin covered a greater number of unique hazard events than the other databases and also covered more types of hazard. It also gave more frequent coverage to the United Kingdom and Canada than the other databases, with other countries appearing less frequently. More generally, the PHE bulletin and the databases it was compared to appear to focus more on hazards either occurring in developed countries or fast-onset ones such as landslides or floods. On the other hand, slow-onset hazards such as drought or those occurring in developing countries appear to be under-reported and are given less importance in both the bulletin and databases.

Discussion and recommendations We recommend that the resources compared review their inclusion criteria and assess whether the discrepancies in hazard type and country can be ratified through changes in how hazards are assessed for inclusion. More research should be undertaken to assess

whether similar findings arise when comparing databases in other areas within the remit of public health.

[Knowing What We Know – Reflections on the Development of Technical Guidance for Loss Data for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

August 2, 2018 · [Research Article](#)

Introduction: To report on activities aligned with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, national governments will use the Sendai Monitor platform to track progress using a series of indicators that inform seven Global Targets originally agreed in 2015. In February 2017, the UN General Assembly adopted a set of 38 agreed indicators based on work led by an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group (OIEWG) on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction. In January 2018 the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction released technical guidance documents in advance of the launch of the Sendai Monitor in March 2018. Methods: This paper discusses several challenges to recording and reporting on loss data under the Sendai Framework. Additional insights to elaborate on discussion build upon commentary and examples raised during a workshop held on developing loss data that was hosted by the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) programme, and Public Health England (PHE) from February 15-17 2017 at the Royal Society in London, United Kingdom. The meeting's purpose was to refine technical guidance notes concerning Global Targets A, B, C, and D, which had been drafted in coordination with the work of the OIEWG. The workshop was attended by representatives from UN Agencies, UN Member States, international scientific bodies, academic bodies, the government of the United Kingdom and the private sector. Results: Global Targets A, B, C and D of the Sendai Framework have common and specific complexities which require acknowledgement and support in recording, reporting and using disaster loss data. Discussions during the February 2017 loss data workshop highlighted a number of complexities and the need for common standards and principles for loss data. Individual target complexities include attribution of health impacts, assessing impacts, consistently calculating economic losses and measuring disruption to critical infrastructure. Discussion: Transparent monitoring is critical to ensure political will, financial efforts and effective evidence support the global shift towards more sustainable development. Data involves common challenges which can undermine accuracy and understanding of reporting across the frameworks that outline the United Nations' 2030 Agenda. Disaster loss data adds further challenges which require support and innovation to ensure stakeholders across sectors in all sectors have appropriate technical guidance that can support useful loss data management processes. The February 2017 workshop highlighted systemic challenges with working with loss data and highlighted several pertinent pathways to progress on the breadth and reliability of disaster loss data across different settings.

[Attachment, Bushfire Preparedness, Planning, and Response among Animal Guardians: A South Australian Case Study](#)

August 2, 2018 · [Research Article](#)

Abstract Background: Animal ownership has been identified as a risk factor for human survivability of natural disasters. Animal guardians have been reported to react or act in ways that may put their own safety and that of emergency services personnel at risk when faced with a natural disaster. Recent research has suggested that this risk factor could be reconfigured as a protective factor, whereby desires to save animals from natural disaster harm could motivate increased planning and preparedness behaviours amongst animal guardians. However, there has been no research to determine if bushfire planning and response behaviours differ between pet owners with low and high attachment; and how the relationship may differ in relation to small or large animals. Methods and

procedure: We investigated the relationship between people's emotional attachment to different types of pets and their preparation and actions during the Pinery bushfire in South Australia in November 2015. Thirty-four people who were impacted by the fire participated in an online survey. Data were collected about their preparedness, planning and response behaviours as well as their animal attachment (high or low). Results: We identified 10 characteristics (behaviours, attributes, skills and beliefs) associated with high animal attachment scores, and eight associated with low animal attachment scores. Discussion: Our discussion of the differences in demographics, preparedness, planning and response characteristics of participants with high and low animal attachment confirms research suggesting that animal guardians take risks to save their animals during disasters. Our findings also support recent propositions that animal attachment and ownership could be used to increase the natural disaster preparedness and survivability of animal guardians. However, making sure that animal attachment functions as a protective factor requires active and effective intervention through education, behaviour change and social marketing strategies. Whilst our study is high in ecological validity, future research with larger samples sizes is required to determine the generalisability of our findings to animal owners and guardians in other locations, facing fires with other characteristics, especially for owners and guardians with low levels of attachment.

PLoS Currents: Outbreaks

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[The 2015 Outbreak of Severe Influenza in Kashmir, North India: Emergence of a New Clade of A/H1N1 Influenza Virus](#)

August 8, 2018 · [Research Article](#)

Introduction: Following the initial outbreak of A/H1N1pdm09, periodic resurgences of the virus, with variable morbidity and mortality, have been reported from various parts of India including the temperate Kashmir region of northern India. An outbreak of A/H1N1 with high morbidity and mortality was reported in early 2015 across India with a high morbidity and mortality. We studied patients during the outbreak in Kashmir.

Methods: Patients (n=1780, age 1 month to 90 years, median 35 years) presenting with acute respiratory illness to a tertiary care hospital in Srinagar, Kashmir from October 2014 to April 2015 were recruited. After clinical data recording, combined throat and nasal swabs were collected in viral transport medium and tested by real-time RT-PCR for influenza viruses. All influenza A positive samples were further subtyped using primers and probes for A/H1N1pdm09 and A/H3 whereas influenza B samples were further subtyped into B/Yamagata and B/Victoria lineages. Virus isolation, hemagglutination inhibition testing, sequencing and phylogenetic analysis was carried out using standard procedures. Testing for H275Y mutation was done to determine sensitivity to oseltamivir. All patients received symptomatic therapy and influenza positive patients were administered oseltamivir. Results: Of the 1780 patients, 540 (30%) required hospitalization and 533 tested positive for influenza [influenza A=517(A/H1N1pdm09=437, A/H3N2=78 with co-infection of both in 2 cases); influenza B=16 (B/Yamgata=15)]. About 14% (n=254) had been vaccinated against influenza, having received the NH 2014-15 vaccine, 27 (11.3%) of these testing positive for influenza. Sixteen patients, including 4 pregnant females, died due to multi-organ failure. HA sequencing depicted that 2015 isolates belonged to Clade 6B.1. No H275Y mutation was reported from A/H1N1 positives.

Conclusion: Resurgent outbreak of A/H1N1pdm09, with emergence of clade 6B.1, in 2014-15 resulted in high rate of hospitalizations, morbidity and mortality. Periodic resurgences and appearance of mutants emphasize continued surveillance so as to identify newer mutations with potential for outbreaks and severe outcomes.

[The 2016-2017 Chikungunya Outbreak in Karachi](#)

August 7, 2018 · [Research Article](#)

Introduction: Chikungunya is an incipient disease, caused by Chikungunya virus (CHKV) that belongs to genus alphavirus of the family Togaviridae.

Materials and Methods: In this study, during an outbreak of CHKV in Dec 2016 in Karachi, Pakistan, samples were collected from patients presenting with fever, tiredness and pain in muscles and joints. Total 126 sera were tested for the presence of Chikungunya infection through ELISA and Real-time Reverse Transcriptase PCR assay.

Results and Discussion: This study showed that approx 79.4% samples were positive for CHKV. To our knowledge, this is the first reported outbreak from last decades in which the presence of CHKV is confirmed in Karachi while affecting such large no. of individuals.. **Conclusion:** CHKV diagnosis should be considered by the scientists and clinicians as a differential diagnosis in febrile patients, and appropriate control strategies must be adopted for its surveillance.

PLoS Medicine

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

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Policy Forum

[Choices in vaccine trial design in epidemics of emerging infections](#)

Rebecca Kahn, Annette Rid, Peter G. Smith, Nir Eyal, Marc Lipsitch

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Summary points

:: The 2014–2016 Ebola epidemic highlighted variations in the design of randomized trials to evaluate investigational vaccines in an emergency setting. Here, we summarize scientific, ethical, and feasibility considerations relevant to different trial designs.

:: We focus on four fundamental choices in designing a trial of an experimental vaccine in the setting of an emerging infectious disease for which no proven vaccines exist: randomization unit, trial population, comparator intervention, and trial implementation. We also consider three ethical issues relevant to trial design: the social and scientific value of the trial, its risk–benefit profile, and the fairness of participant selection.

:: We believe that individual rather than cluster randomization is better suited for estimating the direct protective effect of a vaccine, a measure of great intrinsic interest. Individual randomization should therefore be the default strategy for evaluating investigational vaccines during epidemics.

:: Trial participants may be selected either from the general population or from a group at high risk of exposure to infection, depending on the characteristics of the infection together with statistical, fairness, and feasibility considerations.

:: Use of a placebo control, rather than an active control or delayed intervention, is likely to maximize the social and scientific value of the trial because it facilitates double-blinding and removes concerns that the comparison intervention may affect the incidence of the disease under study.

:: Starting the trial at approximately the same time for all participants should minimize the time required to obtain a result. Such a strategy will be facilitated when sufficient supplies of the investigational vaccine and control interventions (if any) are available at the start of a trial, when the geographic area for the trial is clearly identified (and anticipated to have continuing disease transmission throughout the trial), and when logistics permit rapid recruitment of the entire trial

population. Otherwise, a stepped rollout may be necessary, in which recruitment to the trial is staggered over a period.

Essay

[A collaborative translational research framework for evaluating and implementing the appropriate use of human genome sequencing to improve health](#)

Muin J. Khoury, W. Gregory Feero, David A. Chambers, Lawrence E. Brody, Nazneen Aziz, Robert C. Green, A. Cecile J.W. Janssens, Michael F. Murray, Laura Lyman Rodriguez, Joni L. Rutter, Sheri D. Schully, Deborah M. Winn, George A. Mensah

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Summary points

:: There is currently insufficient scientific evidence to support routine nondiagnostic use of germline genome sequencing in healthcare settings and population screening, but an increasing number of health systems are piloting genomic sequencing projects for clinical care.

:: In principle, numerous diagnostic or prognostic tests based on genes or variants could be used for different purposes across the life span, and an evidence-based approach is urgently needed to evaluate their possible clinical utility and facilitate appropriate implementation.

:: We discuss a translational research framework that features collaboration among multiple health systems with already available genome sequencing data, intervention information, and clinical outcomes. The framework is based on evaluating the impact of genetic information on improving health outcomes with study designs that depend on the evolving level of evidence for specific intended clinical uses.

:: In addition to observational studies, randomized controlled trials will be needed to assess health benefits, harms, and costs based on returning or not returning the results of selected genes/variants to patients, providers, or both, for specific clinical scenarios.

:: The proposed approach will allow learning health systems to collect clinical utility evidence in a research environment and develop the necessary capacity for appropriate integration of sequencing alongside other medical services.

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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Viewpoints

[Hajj, Umrah, and the neglected tropical diseases](#)

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... In this report, we focus on the major NTDs that have either been introduced into the Middle East through Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages from tropical disease-endemic countries of Asia and Africa or where importation from Saudi Arabia to other parts of the world are possible. In some cases, these diseases have now become endemic in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the MENA region. Our report emphasizes the recent scientific literature published within the last five years....

Research Article

[Is the priority review voucher program stimulating new drug development for tropical diseases?](#)

Kirk W. Kerr, Thomas C. Henry, Kathleen L. Miller
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Research Article

[The impact of the Ebola virus disease \(EVD\) epidemic on agricultural production and livelihoods in Liberia](#)

Tsegaye T. Gatiso, Isabel Ordaz-Németh, Trokon Grimes, Menladi Lormie, Clement Tweh, Hjalmar S. Kühl, Jessica Junker

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Author summary

Epidemics such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and Ebola virus disease (EVD) may adversely impact the livelihoods of the society affected by the epidemics. Nonetheless, the mechanism behind the effects of the epidemics may differ depending on different factors, such as the transmission mechanisms, latency, and mortality rates associated with the diseases, which requires specific research to investigate the effect of each epidemic. In light of this, we analyzed the impact of the recent EVD epidemic on the agricultural production of farm households and its impact on the livelihoods of Liberian society. We collected data from 623 households throughout Liberia during the EVD crisis in 2014–2016, and found that there was no significant difference in the annual income of sample households from communities where EVD occurred and did not occur. Nonetheless, the majority of the sample households reported a decrease in their income compared to the year before our survey. We also found that the community level incidence of EVD had a significant negative effect on crop production of farm households, which might have exacerbated food insecurity in the country. Moreover, the EVD epidemic negatively affected the Liberian society's trust in Liberian institutions. Our results underline that epidemics, like EVD, might have long-lasting negative effects on the livelihoods of a society, and they may have adverse effect beyond the communities directly affected by the epidemics.

PLoS One

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Research Article

[Making medicines more accessible in China: An empirical study investigating the early progress of essential medicine system](#)

Yan Song, Ying Bian, Tianmin Zhen

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Research Article

[From welcome culture to welcome limits? Uncovering preference changes over time for sheltering refugees in Germany](#)

Ulf Liebe, Jürgen Meyerhoff, Maarten Kroesen, Caspar Chorus, Klaus Glenk

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Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

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Public Health

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Special issue on Health and high temperatures

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Public Health Ethics

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Special Symposium on Public Mental Health Ethics

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Public Health Reports

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Qualitative Health Research

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Special Issue: Qualitative Research Online

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Refugee Survey Quarterly

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Research Ethics

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[Pragmatic clinical trials and the consent process](#)

Blake Murdoch, Timothy Caulfield

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Original Article: Non-Empirical

[Decolonizing both researcher and research and its effectiveness in Indigenous research](#)

Ranjan Datta

First Published September 28, 2017; pp. 1–24

[Mining social media data: How are research sponsors and researchers addressing the ethical challenges?](#)

Joanna Taylor, Claudia Pagliari

First Published October 26, 2017; pp. 1–39

Reproductive Health

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Research

[Long term trends in behaviour to protect against adverse reproductive and sexual health outcomes among young single African women](#)

HIV and unintended pregnancy are major interrelated concerns in sub-Saharan Africa. Focussing on single women aged 15-24 years we assess trends in key behaviours that affect both outcomes.

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Thematic issue: Economics of NCDs

The global health burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) is large and growing, as this group of diseases already accounts for 70% of total deaths. Global evidence indicates that the high health

burden of NCDs translates into significant economic and social costs that threaten to diminish the quality of life of millions of individuals, impoverish families, jeopardize universal health coverage, and increase health disparities within and between countries. Evidence consistently shows that the NCD epidemic cannot be tackled through interventions and policies in the health sector alone. In particular, prevention measures that address NCD risk factors involve a range of sectors including finance, trade, education, agriculture, and transportation. As economics has become the common language among decision makers across sectors, it is imperative that health authorities leverage economic information to more effectively communicate the urgency of tackling NCDs and related risk factors.

This thematic issue of the Pan American Journal of Public Health is part of a continued collaboration between the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and PAHO/WHO to facilitate intragovernmental dialogue for a better understanding of NCD issues by making economic evidence available in the Americas, and to assist countries in integrating economic approaches into their NCD prevention and control policies.

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Risk Analysis

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Perspectives

The Ethical Foundations of Risk Analysis

Daniel J. Rozell

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Abstract

In the field of risk analysis, the normative value systems underlying accepted methodology are rarely explicitly discussed. This perspective provides a critique of the various ethical frameworks that can be used in risk assessments and risk management decisions. The goal is to acknowledge philosophical weaknesses that should be considered and communicated in order to improve the public acceptance of the work of risk analysts.

Original Research Article

Modeling Poliovirus Transmission in Pakistan and Afghanistan to Inform Vaccination Strategies in Undervaccinated Subpopulations

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Abstract

Due to security, access, and programmatic challenges in areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan, both countries continue to sustain indigenous wild poliovirus (WPV) transmission and threaten the success of global polio eradication and oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) cessation. We fitted an existing differential-equation-based poliovirus transmission and OPV evolution model to Pakistan and Afghanistan using four subpopulations to characterize the well-vaccinated and undervaccinated subpopulations in each country. We explored retrospective and prospective scenarios for using inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) in routine immunization or supplemental immunization activities (SIAs). The undervaccinated subpopulations sustain the circulation of serotype 1 WPV and serotype 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. We find a moderate impact of past IPV use on polio incidence and population immunity to

transmission mainly due to (1) the boosting effect of IPV for individuals with preexisting immunity from a live poliovirus infection and (2) the effect of IPV-only on oropharyngeal transmission for individuals without preexisting immunity from a live poliovirus infection. Future IPV use may similarly yield moderate benefits, particularly if access to undervaccinated subpopulations dramatically improves. However, OPV provides a much greater impact on transmission and the incremental benefit of IPV in addition to OPV remains limited. This study suggests that despite the moderate effect of using IPV in SIAs, using OPV in SIAs remains the most effective means to stop transmission, while limited IPV resources should prioritize IPV use in routine immunization.

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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Science

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Policy Forum

[Global warming policy: Is population left out in the cold?](#)

By John Bongaarts, Brian C. O'Neill

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Population policies offer options to lessen climate risks

Research Article

[Shifting the limits in wheat research and breeding using a fully annotated reference genome](#)

The International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium (IWGSC),

IWGSC RefSeq principal investigators

Insights from the annotated wheat genome

Wheat is one of the major sources of food for much of the world. However, because bread wheat's genome is a large hybrid mix of three separate subgenomes, it has been difficult to produce a high-quality reference sequence. Using recent advances in sequencing, the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium presents an annotated reference genome with a detailed analysis of gene content among subgenomes and the structural organization for all the chromosomes. Examples of quantitative trait mapping and CRISPR-based genome modification show the potential for using this genome in agricultural research and breeding. Ramírez-González et al. exploited the fruits of this endeavor to identify tissue-specific biased gene expression and coexpression networks during development and exposure to stress. These resources will accelerate our understanding of the genetic basis of bread wheat.

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Editorial

[Health of the Hajj](#)

By Ziad A. Memish

Science 10 Aug 2018 : 533

Summary

For 5 days, starting 19 August, Saudi Arabia will host the Hajj, the world's largest annual religious pilgrimage, where people from over 180 countries will converge on Mecca. Infectious disease transmission associated with this mass transnational movement of people is well known—malaria in 632 CE, meningitis in 1987 and 2000, polio in 2004, and pandemic influenza in 2009. As the former Deputy Minister of Public Health for Saudi Arabia, I know how immense the challenge is to ensure that the country is prepared to contain the spread of infectious disease and maintain public well-being during this event. Although major progress has been made over the past 30 years in Saudi Arabia and in pilgrimage countries, there is still much more to do to avoid a health catastrophe, given that the pilgrim quota may grow to 2.2 million by 2020.

Policy Forum SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

[Building an evidence base for stakeholder engagement](#)

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Summary

Science is a social enterprise. Many scientific programs interact with a wide range of communities and stakeholders to secure various types of access and permission, to seek cooperation and collaboration for scientific studies, to fulfill regulatory and ethical requirements, and to try to shape research strategies and to improve the translation of their findings into policy or practice. But these interactions are motivated disproportionately by the interests and goals of the scientific programs and less by the need to elicit and understand their implications for stakeholders. However, there is increasing recognition that substantive community and stakeholder engagement (CSE) can improve the performance, and even make or break the success, of some science programs by providing a means of navigating, and responding to, the complex social, economic, cultural, and political settings in which science programs are conducted. For CSE to become more widely accepted by funders and researchers, and to contribute more conspicuously to the success of science programs and policy, it will have to establish a more coherent and convincing body of evidence about the nature of CSE strategies and their specific contributions to the performance of science programs.

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Policy Forum

[Indigenous communities, groundwater opportunities](#)

By Philip Womble, Debra Perrone, Scott Jasechko, Rebecca L. Nelson, Leon F. Szeptycki, Robert T. Anderson, Steven M. Gorelick

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Summary

Instead of managing fresh water as one integrated resource, laws frequently treat groundwater separately from more visible, monitored, and managed surface waters. One under-recognized consequence of such legal fragmentation has been uncertainty about whether water rights for indigenous communities, which have been addressed in many countries to varying degrees for surface waters, apply to groundwater. In late 2017, the U.S. Supreme Court left standing a lower court ruling endorsing priority groundwater rights for Native American tribes by denying an appeal in *Agua Caliente Band v. Coachella Valley Water District* (1). This ruling establishes a new standard throughout nine western states within the lower court's jurisdiction and establishes persuasive, although nonbinding, legal precedent for the rest of the United States (1). To evaluate the ruling's broader potential impacts,

we present new data cataloging existing Native American water rights and mapping unresolved tribal groundwater claims across the western United States. No court considered such a regional or national quantitative catalog or map. Drawing lessons from past U.S. experience, we then discuss how tribal rights may offer new opportunities to achieve sustainable groundwater management for society at large, with implications beyond the United States.

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When the founder and long-time leader of an organization is replaced by someone new, it's generally thought that the founder should make a complete break so that there isn't any confusion about who is in control. But recent research by The Bridgespan Group suggests that in the nonprofit world that may not be the best approach.

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By Elizabeth Good Christopherson, Dietram A. Scheufele & Brooke Smith

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[World Heritage and illicit trade](#)

The illicit trafficking of cultural objects depletes cultures of their identity and contributes to lucrative unlawful trade, which helps to finance terrorism and organized crime. It is a problem that has been growing surreptitiously across the globe. As just one example, since 2011, approximately 25 per cent of Syria’s archaeological sites have been pillaged. Objects from conflict regions, including from Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen and Mali are circulating on the black market and are already in unscrupulous hands.

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