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### **:: Week in Review**

*A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across 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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## **Myanmar – “Refugee Problem”**

### **Myanmar’s Refugee Problem among World’s Worst Humanitarian, Human Rights Crises, Secretary-General Says in Briefing to Security Council**

28 August 2018

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*Fact-Finding Mission’s Impartiality Questioned as Bangladesh Stresses Naypyidaw’s Duty to Build Rohingya’s Trust in Safe, Peaceful Returns*  
*[Editor’s text bolding]*

One year after the start of the Rohingya refugee crisis, the Security Council considered today **the report issued by the independent fact-finding mission dispatched to that country, which alleges that national security forces committed gross human rights violations and abuses that “undoubtedly amount to the gravest crimes under international law”**.

Briefing the 15-member Council, Secretary-General António Guterres said the massive refugee emergency that began in Myanmar’s Rakhine State has become “one of the world’s worst humanitarian and human rights crises”. While condemning attacks against the security forces by extremists in October 2016 and August 2017, he nevertheless emphasized that nothing can ever justify the disproportionate use of force against civilians or the gross human rights violations committed by the Myanmar security forces and their allies.

Regrettably, the Secretary-General continued, Myanmar has refused to cooperate with United Nations human rights entities and mechanisms, despite repeated calls to do so, including by members of the Council. Emphasizing that patterns of violations against ethnic and religious minorities beyond Rakhine must also end in order for genuine democracy to take root, he said unity among Council members was essential.

Also addressing the Council was Tegegnework Gettu, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), who said that creating sustainable conditions for the voluntary return of refugees from Bangladesh will require comprehensive and durable solutions. Outlining efforts by UNDP and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to create conditions suitable for voluntary returns, he said effective access and streamlined procedures are essential to accessing entire tracts of villages and undertaking area-based programmes that will help to build social cohesion...

...Myanmar’s representative said that his country’s Government does not accept the mandate of the fact-finding mission due to concerns about its impartiality. “I have serious doubt on the intention of the timing of the release of the report,” he added, pointing out that it was released on the eve of today’s Security Council meeting on his country. Addressing deep-rooted and complex issues in Rakhine State is a fundamental and crucial part of the Government’s efforts to build peace and national reconciliation, he stressed.

Representatives of China and the Russian Federation argued that the crisis requires a long-term, patient approach rather than pressure, and must be resolved through bilateral diplomatic efforts.

**The representative of Bangladesh called upon the Council to further calibrate its response in light of prevailing circumstances on the ground and emerging evidence of atrocities against the Rohingya. Emphasizing that the return of refugees cannot begin unless the Rohingya themselves regain the trust and confidence to opt voluntarily for repatriation, he declared: "It would be entirely up to the Myanmar authorities to build trust among the Rohingya about their sustainable return and peaceful coexistence with other communities in Rakhine State."...**

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## **Development**

### **[UK launches ambition to generate billions more investment in Africa to trigger transformational growth](#)**

*The UK aims to generate up to £8 billion of vital public and private investment in Africa to create jobs and boost growth over the next four years*

Published 28 August 2018

*:: CDC Group, the UK's Development Finance Institution, will aim to invest up to £3.5 billion in Africa, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.*

*:: The UK will aim to mobilise a further £4 billion of private investment for African countries, particularly from the City of London.*

*[Editor's text bolding]*

The UK is announcing a range of measures to boost much-needed investment in businesses and infrastructure across Africa, the Prime Minister announced in Cape Town today (Tuesday 28th August). This includes for the first time ever setting a clear ambition of mobilising an additional £4 billion of private sector investment into the continent by working more closely with the City of London.

**This comes as the Prime Minister has today also set a new ambition for the UK to be the largest G7 foreign direct investor in Africa by 2020.**

**Africa's population is set to double by 2050 and as many as 18 million extra jobs a year will be needed. There is a chronic need for private and public investment to create better opportunities in Africa to prevent the next generation falling further into poverty, potentially fuelling instability and mass migration with direct consequences for Britain.**

**But this growth also means that the scale of the opportunity across Africa is huge: according to the IMF, Africa's GDP is set to reach \$3.2 trillion in the next five years.**

Home to the City of London, the world's leading financial centre, the UK is well-positioned to become Africa's future investment partner of choice. Initiatives announced today in support of this include:

*:: CDC, the UK's Development Finance Institution, will significantly increase its investment into Africa – aiming to invest up to £3.5 billion in businesses on the continent over four years. This will support hundreds of thousands of jobs, build stability and trigger growth in some of the poorest and most fragile countries.*

:: A new investment of up to £300 million of UK aid invested through the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) will build essential infrastructure such as power, roads and water, that will lay the foundations for new trading and business opportunities across Africa in places businesses previously would not have been able to operate...

In addition to announcing a substantial scale up of investment through CDC and PIDG, **the UK is setting a clear ambition to mobilise £4 billion of private investment, particularly from the City of London. In total, UK initiatives will generate up to £8 billion (around \$10 billion) of investment for African countries between 2018 and 2021.**

The UK's commitment to building bigger, broader economic partnerships with African nations will prove a huge benefit to UK business and investors, while also accelerating the transformational growth needed to lift countries out of poverty for good and to forge mutually beneficial partnerships between the UK and African countries.

The City of London manages over £8 trillion of assets but at the moment only around 1% of those assets are invested in Africa.

This partnership will mobilise further capital from pension funds, insurance companies and other investors, enabling the City to take on an even greater role as Africa's partner of choice for financial services as the UK leaves the EU.

This will create the opportunity to boost investment returns for the UK's pension pot, while triggering essential long-term investment for African businesses, transforming the world's poorest nations into the UK's trading partners of the future.

As part of this new and distinctive offer to work alongside, invest in and partner with African nations for our mutual benefit, we will be bringing in more 'Best of British' experts including extra investment specialists, to work with African governments and businesses to unlock the private sector finance so critical to sustained growth, job creation and tackling poverty.

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## **Human Rights – Gender-based Violence**

### **[Fact Sheet: Update on Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Development Projects](#)**

World Bank Factsheet August 30, 2018

#### **Understanding the context of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in development**

:: According to the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)), 35% of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence.

:: The effects of violence experienced by women, such as intimate partner violence, are felt at the individual, family, and community levels. Consequences of violence include increased risk for suicide, alcohol abuse, as well as negative impacts on human development outcomes.

:: Gender-based violence has dire economic consequences, costing an estimated 1.2%-3.7% of GDP in some countries due to lost productivity, equivalent to the average spending of low and middle-income countries on primary education.

:: Decreasing GBV requires a community-based, multi-pronged approach, and sustained engagement with multiple stakeholders. The most effective initiatives address underlying risk factors for violence, including social norms regarding gender roles and the acceptability of violence.

:: Low and middle-income countries have fewer quality services available for women experiencing violence. This impairs their path to recovery.

### **Learning from the past and partners – evolution of the World Bank’s work on addressing GBV**

:: The World Bank has engaged with countries and partners since 2003 to support projects and knowledge products aimed at preventing and addressing GBV. However, over the last few years, the Bank has ramped up its efforts to more effectively address GBV risks in its operations, including learning from other institutions.

:: The World Bank supports over \$250 million in development projects aimed at addressing GBV in World Bank Group (WBG)-financed operations, both through standalone projects and through the integration of GBV components in sector-specific projects in areas such as transport, education, social protection, and forced displacement.

:: The World Bank also conducts analytical work on violence against women and girls, a topic on which there is limited empirical data. For example, Violence against Women and Girls: Lessons from South Asia is the first report of its kind to gather all available data and information on GBV in the region. In partnership with research institutions and other development organizations, the World Bank has also compiled a comprehensive review of the global evidence for effective interventions to prevent or reduce violence against women and girls. These lessons are now informing our work in several sectors, and are captured in sector-specific resources in the VAWG Resource Guide: [www.vawgresourceguide.org](http://www.vawgresourceguide.org).

:: The World Bank’s Global Platform on Addressing GBV in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings facilitated South-South knowledge sharing through workshops and yearly learning tours, building evidence on what works to prevent GBV, and providing quality services to women, men, and child survivors. The Platform included a \$13 million cross-regional and cross-practice initiative, establishing pilot projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and Georgia, focused on GBV prevention and mitigation, as well as knowledge and learning activities.

:: In October 2016, the World Bank launched the Global Gender-Based Violence Task Force to strengthen the institution’s efforts to prevent and respond to risks of GBV, and particularly sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) that may arise in World Bank-supported projects. It builds on existing work by the World Bank and other actors to tackle violence against women and girls through strengthened approaches to identifying and assessing key risks, and developing key mitigation measures to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and other forms of GBV.

:: In line with its commitments under IDA 18, the World Bank developed an Action Plan for Implementation of the Task Force’s recommendations, consolidating key actions across institutional

priorities linked to enhancing social risk management, strengthening operational systems to enhance accountability, and building staff and client capacity to address risks of GBV through training and guidance materials.

:: In line with recommendations by the Task Force to disseminate lessons learned from past projects, and to sensitize staff on the importance of addressing risks of GBV/SEA, the World Bank has held a series of learning events for staff to share the recommendations of the Task Force and associated Action Plan, and to raise wider awareness of the need to address GBV risks. Additional guidance for staff is being developed in the context of the Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework.

:: The World Bank regularly convenes a wide range of development stakeholders to address violence against women and girls. For example, WBG President Jim Yong Kim has committed to an annual Development Marketplace competition, together with the Sexual Violence Research Initiative, to encourage researchers from around the world to build the evidence base of what works to prevent GBV.

### **Addressing GBV, including SEA, in World Bank Group-financed Operations**

:: Learning from and working with development partners and client countries, the World Bank has developed a GBV risk assessment tool to assess contextual and project-related risks. The tool is to be used by any project containing civil works, and was tested by the Transport sector, as well as part of GBV risk portfolio reviews undertaken in DRC, Nigeria, Ghana, and Cameroon.

:: The World Bank is piloting innovative uses of social media to change behaviors. For example, in the South Asia region, the pilot program WEvolve used social media to empower young women and men to challenge and break through prevailing norms that underpin gender violence.

:: Learning from the Uganda Transport Sector Development Project and following the Global GBV Task Force's recommendations, the World Bank started incorporating GBV issues in infrastructure projects in recent years:

In the East Asia and Pacific region, GBV prevention and response interventions – including a code of conduct on sexual exploitation and abuse – are embedded within the Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project.

:: The Liberia Southeastern Corridor Road Asset Management Project, where SEA awareness will be raised, among other strategies, as part of a pilot project to employ women in the use of heavy machinery.

:: The Bolivia Santa Cruz Road Corridor Project uses a three-pronged approach to address potential GBV, including a Code of Conduct for their workers; a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) that includes a specific mandate to address any kinds gender-based violence; and concrete measures to empower women and to bolster their economic resilience by helping them learn new skills, improve the production and commercialization of traditional arts and crafts, and access more investment opportunities.

:: The Mozambique Integrated Feeder Road Development Project identified SEA as a substantial risk during project preparation and takes a preemptive approach: a Code of Conduct; support to – and guidance for – the survivors in case any instances of SEA were to occur within the context of the project – establishing a “survivor-centered approach” that creates multiple entry points for anyone

experiencing SEA to seek the help they need; and these measures are taken in close coordination with local community organizations, and an international NGO Jhpiego, which has extensive experience working in Mozambique.

### **Stand-alone GBV Operations:**

:: In June 2017, the Board approved the \$40 million Uganda Strengthening Social Risk Management and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Project. The project focuses on community-based interventions for the prevention of GBV, drawing from several rigorously evaluated approaches, and on strengthening critical sectors to provide quality response services to survivors of GBV. The project also includes an Impact Evaluation focusing on GBV prevention interventions.

:: In the Great Lakes Emergency Sexual and Gender Based Violence & Women's Health Project, the World Bank approved \$107 million in financial grants to Burundi, the DRC, and Rwanda to provide integrated health and counseling services, legal aid, and economic opportunities to survivors of – or those affected by – sexual and gender-based violence. In DRC alone, 40,000 people, including 29,000 women, have received these services and support.

:: In August 2018, the World Bank committed \$100 million to help prevent GBV in the DRC. The Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Project will reach 795,000 direct beneficiaries over the course of four years. The project will provide help to survivors of GBV, and aim to shift social norms by promoting gender equality and behavioral change through strong partnerships with civil society organizations.

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## **Water**

### **Water Management in Fragile Systems: Building Resilience to Shocks and Protracted Crises in the Middle East and North Africa**

FAO-World Bank August 28, 2018 :: 74 pages

PDF: [English PDF \(3.219MB\)](#)

Water scarcity is pervasive throughout the Middle East and North Africa and getting worse. Even before the recent political turmoil, several countries in the Middle East and North Africa were struggling to manage their water resources sustainably and to expand water supply and sanitation services efficiently. Now conflict has combined with weak institutional performance and contributed to an intensification of water challenges and a deterioration of water services. A new World Bank-FAO joint discussion paper finds that institutional failures to address water-related challenges can act as risk multipliers, compounding existing situations of fragility. But improving water management can contribute to building resilience in the face of protracted crises.

### ***Key Findings***

#### **THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF WATER AND FRAGILITY**

· The Middle East and North Africa water challenges are intensifying. Rising demands, climate change, inter-sectoral competition and urbanization are exacerbating the region's age-old water scarcity challenges. In some countries of the region, poorly adapted governance structures and distorted incentives mean that these challenges are largely left unaddressed and actions and policies

are not sustained. Distortions in policies and institutions have created a system that does not recognize the value of water.

- The scale of the challenge is unprecedented. Countries in the Middle East and North Africa have been at the forefront in developing practices and institutions to manage scarce water resources in the context of a largely arid and highly variable climate. However, the scale of the current water crisis is unprecedented and requires coordinated responses across institutions in many locations.
- Failure to find solutions to water challenges aggravates fragility. Water crises strain the ability of individuals and societies to maintain livelihood security and political stability.
- Fragility makes it harder to address water issues. Fragile situations – characterized by weak and ineffective institutions, histories of conflict, unsustainable livelihood systems and decaying or damaged infrastructure – compound challenges to sustainable water management.
- The compounding nature of water and fragility gives rise to a vicious cycle. In this vicious cycle, fragility makes it more difficult for water management to be effective, in turn amplifying the negative political, social and environmental consequences of water-related challenges. At the same time, as water issues are left unaddressed, their impact increases, eroding government legitimacy and destabilizing fragile contexts.
- Don't blame the drought. We don't claim that there are direct causal linkages between water crises, social tensions and unrest, migration, or other manifestations of fragility. But what is clear is that institutions and policy choices can mediate water-related impacts on people and economies. In the meantime, water-related challenges can amplify fragility risks when policy design and implementation do not adequately promote sustainability, inclusion and resilience.

### **WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

- Addressing water and fragility challenges requires a move from a focus primarily on immediate, reactive responses to a balanced long-term approach. This approach would build growth-oriented resilience to shocks and protracted crises focused on sustainable, efficient and equitable water resources management and service delivery.
- Use decentralized, participatory approaches. Because of the essentially local nature of water and agriculture problems, community consultation, participation and ownership are vital, as is working with whatever local government may exist on the ground.
- Invest in innovative policies and practices. Research, technology development and transfer can provide further improvements to water efficiency and crop productivity in the region.
- Working together within countries and across boundaries is essential. Given the scale and commonality of the challenges, the relatively small size of many countries in the region and the transboundary nature of important issues like climate change and shared water resources, collective action and partnerships are essential.

### **BUILDING RESILIENCE: WATER MANAGEMENT TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY**

- Water management is conducive to stability and peacebuilding. Water and agriculture are key to recovery and stabilization and – ultimately – to peacebuilding. Water management offers the

opportunity to empower communities and, more broadly, to develop inclusive institutions for responsible and transparent delivery of the resource.

- Addressing short-term livelihood and food security needs is essential in the short-term. Building resilience in water and agricultural systems in fragile and conflict-affected situations requires both the short-term and the long-term to be considered in planning from the very beginning, thus bridging the divide between humanitarian and development efforts.

- Sustainable water management is necessary for the long-term. During and immediately after conflict, interventions need to target water delivery services and ways to improve food security. One possible way to improve food security is by supporting smallholder crop and livestock production. Working with the private sector to restore basic access to water and sanitation to satisfy basic human needs and agricultural demands is a necessity.

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## **Education – Refugee Children**

### **[Turn the Tide: Refugee Education in Crisis](#)**

UNHCR

2018 :: 30 pages

PDF: <http://www.unhcr.org/5b852f8e4.pdf>

*About this report*

This report tells the stories of some of the world's 7.4 million refugee children of school age under UNHCR's mandate. In addition, it looks at the educational aspirations of refugee youth eager to continue learning after secondary education, and highlights the need for strong partnerships in order to break down the barriers to education for millions of refugee children.

Education data on refugee enrolments and population numbers is drawn from UNHCR's population database, reporting tools and education surveys and refers to 2017. The report also references global enrolment data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics referring to 2016.

*Press Release*

### **[Millions of refugee children going without schooling, UNHCR report shows](#)**

29 August 2018

Four million refugee children do not attend school, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, says in a report released today. This is an increase of half a million of out-of-school refugee children in just one year.

The report, *Turn the Tide: Refugee Education in Crisis*, shows that, despite the efforts of governments, UNHCR and its partners, enrolment of refugee children in school is failing to keep pace with the growing refugee population. By the end of 2017, there were more than 25.4 million refugees around the world, 19.9 million of them under UNHCR's mandate. More than half – 52 per cent – were children. Among them, 7.4 million were of school age.

"Education is a way to help children heal, but it is also key to rebuilding their countries," said Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "Without education, the future of these children and their communities will be irrevocably damaged."

Only 61 per cent of refugee children attend primary school, compared to 92 per cent of children globally.

As refugee children get older, this gap grows. Nearly two thirds of refugee children who go to primary school do not make it to secondary school. In total, 23 per cent of refugee children attend secondary school, compared to 84 per cent of children globally.

At tertiary level, the gap becomes a chasm. Globally, enrolment in higher education stands at 37 per cent, while only one per cent of refugees have the same opportunity – a figure that has not changed in three years...

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## **Education – Crisis Response**

### **[UNICEF steps-up support for children ahead of new school year in Ebola affected areas of Eastern DRC](#)**

INSHASA/DAKAR/NEW YORK/GENEVA, 28 August 2018 – As more than 82,500 children prepare for the new school year in Ebola-affected areas of the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), UNICEF is scaling up education, health and water, sanitation and hygiene programmes to assist the schools to provide a protective learning environment for children and their teachers.

The Government of the DRC recently made the decision to proceed as planned with the start of the school year in the affected provinces of North-Kivu and Ituri, where some 250 schools are listed as being in Ebola-affected health zones.

“Education is a right for every child and essential for children to develop to their full potential. Especially in times of crisis such as an Ebola outbreak, schools are vital for children to find stability, learn prevention measures and receive psychosocial support,” said Dr Gianfranco Rotigliano, UNICEF Representative in the DRC following his visit to Mangina, the epicentre of the Ebola-epidemic. “Every effort must go into ensuring a smooth and safe start to the new school year,” he added.

School principals and teachers will receive training on Ebola prevention and protection, and how to educate children on good hygiene practices to avoid the spread of the virus. To ensure schools in the affected health zones are well prepared for early detection and response, UNICEF is distributing health and WASH supplies including laser thermometers, hand washing units and megaphones and prevention posters to each of the 250 schools.

UNICEF and partners are working to:

- :: train school principals and more than 1750 teachers in the affected health zones about Ebola and protection measures against the virus;

- :: organise prevention communication activities for parents committees and local authorities on prevention measures in every concerned school;

- :: prepare teachers to sensitize all children at the beginning of the school year on good hygiene practices to contain the spread of the virus;

- :: distribute 500 laser thermometers – 2 in each school - to monitor the health situation of children;

- :: install 1500 hand washing units – 6 in each school – to promote handwashing and hygiene;

:: distribute megaphones and prevention posters in every school

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## **Ebola - Democratic Republic of the Congo**

### **WHO - [Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)**

*Disease outbreak news*

31 August 2018

The outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is at a key juncture. Recent trends (Figure 1) suggest that control measures are working. Over the past week, contact follow-up rates have substantially improved, most patients recently admitted to Ebola treatment centres (ETC) received therapeutics within hours of being confirmed, and ring vaccination activities have scaled to reach contacts (and their contacts) of most confirmed cases reported in the last three weeks. However, the outbreak trend must be interpreted with caution...

In addition to the ongoing response activities within outbreak affected areas, the MoH, WHO and partners will be implementing a 30-day strategic plan to ensure operational readiness measures against EVD are strengthened in all provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The first phase of implementation will prioritise six provinces at highest risk of case importations: South Kivu, Maniema, Ituri, Tanganika, Haut Uele and Bas Uele. The main objective is to ensure that these provinces implement essential operational readiness measures, including enhancing surveillance, IPC and social mobilization to mitigate, rapidly detect, investigate and effectively respond to a possible outbreak of EVD.

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

**[Polio this week as of 28 August 2018](#)** [GPEI]

*Summary of new viruses this week:*

***Afghanistan*** – one new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case.

***Democratic Republic of the Congo*** – Based on positive contacts, two negative AFP index cases classified as circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2).

***Nigeria*** – three new cases of cVDPV2.

***Papua New Guinea*** – two new cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1)

### **[Statement of the Eighteenth IHR Emergency Committee Regarding the International Spread of Poliovirus](#)**

15 August 2018

*[Excerpts; Editor's text bolding]*

The eighteenth meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding the international spread of poliovirus was convened by the Director General on

15 August 2018 at WHO headquarters with members, advisers and invited Member States attending via teleconference...

*Conclusion*

**The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and recommended the extension of Temporary Recommendations for a further three months...**

**Based on the current situation regarding WPV1 and cVDPV, and the reports provided by Afghanistan, DR Congo, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Somalia, the Director-General accepted the Committee's assessment and on 27 August 2018 determined that the situation relating to poliovirus continues to constitute a PHEIC, with respect to WPV1 and cVDPV...**

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**WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 1 Sep 2018]

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

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 1 Sep 2018]

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

:: Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 31 August 2018

:: Situation Report 04: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 28 August 2018

*[See Milestones above for detail]*

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *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.*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

Yemen - 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 62 | 13 - 26 August 2018 Published on 28 Aug 2018

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 1 Sep 2018]

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

30 August 2018

SC/13481

### **Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2433 (2018), Security Council Extends Mandate of United Nations Force in Lebanon, Calls on Government to Increase Naval Capacity**

The Security Council extended today the mandate of United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) until 31 August 2019, calling on that Government to develop a plan to increase its naval capabilities, with the goal of decreasing the Mission's Maritime Taskforce and transitioning activities to the country's armed forces.

28 August 2018

SC/13469

### **Myanmar's Refugee Problem among World's Worst Humanitarian, Human Rights Crises, Secretary-General Says in Briefing to Security Council**

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

28 August 2018

SC/13468

### **Growing Military Clashes in Syria's North-West De-escalation Zone Threaten 3 Million, United Nations Humanitarian Official Tells Security Council**

Escalating military clashes and renewed air strikes in north-west Syria — especially Idlib Governorate, covered under an international “de-escalation zone” agreement — represent a worrying trend, threatening some 3 million residents as well as the already fragile delivery of aid, a senior United Nations humanitarian official told the Security Council today.

28 August 2018  
SG/SM/19181-SC/13470

**[Secretary-General Urges Myanmar to Grant Immediate Access for United Nations, Partners, Says Rohingya Refugees Lack Life-Saving Assistance](#)**

27 August 2018  
SC/13466

**[Security Council Urges Democratic Republic of Congo to Resolve Outstanding Problems in Less than Four Months before Critical Elections](#)**

With fewer than four months remaining until critical elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Security Council members today urged that country’s Government to resolve outstanding disputes, build trust among the participating parties and avoid any actions that could jeopardize the nation’s first peaceful democratic transfer of power

27 August 2018  
DSG/SM/1211-ENV/DEV/1876

**[Two Billion People Globally Forced to Drink Unsafe Water, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Annual Gathering, Calls for Better Management of Existing Resources](#)**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 1 Sep 2018]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>  
GENEVA (29 August 2018)

**[Nicaragua: Human rights crisis demands action and accountability – UN report](#)**

– Urgent action is needed to address the human rights crisis in Nicaragua, where the level of persecution is such that many of those who participated in the protests that erupted in April, defended protesters’ rights or simply expressed dissenting views, have been forced to hide, have left Nicaragua or are trying to do so, [a report\\* by the UN Human Rights Office](#) said on Wednesday.

“Repression and retaliation against demonstrators continue in Nicaragua as the world looks away. The violence and impunity of these past four months have exposed the fragility of the country’s institutions and the rule of law, and created a climate of fear and mistrust,” said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein.

“I urge the Human Rights Council, and the broader international community, to take concrete action to prevent the current crisis from descending into deeper social and political turmoil. Any such action should aim to ensure full accountability for human rights violations and abuses, enable victims to have effective access to justice and appropriate remedies, including reparations and the right to know the truth,” the High Commissioner said...

**[International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances 30 August 2018](#)**

**[UN Committee on Migrant Workers to review Madagascar and Mozambique](#)**

**[UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination publishes findings on Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Cuba, Japan, Latvia, Mauritius, and Montenegro](#)**

**[Botswana minorities need boost in education and health care, says UN expert urging Bill of Right](#)**

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

27 August 2018

**[UN Child Rights Committee presses Saudi Arabia to protect children in armed conflict](#)**

GENEVA (27 August 2018) – Saudi Arabia must respect international humanitarian law and international human rights law, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child asserted following airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen on 9, 22 and 23 August 2018. The attack in Dahyan, Saada province in the north of the country, and three separate airstrikes last Wednesday and Thursday in the Hudaydah governorate, in western Yemen, killed at least 67 children and injured scores of others, according to UN sources.

“Yet again, children are bearing the brunt of horrific attacks in Yemen,” said Renate Winter, Chair of the Child Rights Committee, which is the independent body charged with monitoring compliance by States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. According to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) the 9 August airstrike was the “single worst attack” on children in Yemen since 2015.

Despite the outrage that followed the Saada attack children have been targeted in Hudaydah just two weeks later, Winter said. She emphasized that States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which includes Saudi Arabia, have an obligation to prevent violations of international human rights law. They must also respect rules of international humanitarian law applicable to children in armed conflict and take all feasible measures to ensure protection and care of children who are affected by an armed conflict.

The Child Rights Committee reiterated its concluding observations following its consideration of Saudi Arabia in September 2016, in which it “(...) *joins the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in calling upon the State party to respect and ensure respect for the prohibition on attacks against civilians and civilian objects, as well as for the core principles of precaution, distinction and proportionality, and to allow and facilitate rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief for civilians in need (...)*”(CRC/C/SAU/CO/3-4, para. 39).

Recalling the demand for an international, independent investigative body to examine allegations of violations of international humanitarian and international human rights law in Yemen further cited in the Committee’s concluding observations, Winter emphasized the need to ensure full accountability and encouraged Saudi Arabia to fully cooperate with the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen.

“It is necessary to allow for a thorough, impartial and credible investigation into this and other attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, including educational and health facilities, and bring perpetrators to justice,” she said.

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 1 Sep 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 1 Sep 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 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

Friday, 31 August 2018

### **Release of 75 Ex-Child Soldiers by Myanmar Armed Forces Encouraging – SRSG Gamba**

Tuesday, 28 August 2018

#### **Opportunities to End and Prevent Widespread Grave Violations Against Children**

New York – In the past year, protracted conflicts, cyclical spikes in violence and armed forces and armed groups operating across borders further accentuated children’s vulnerabilities in situations of armed conflict where widespread grave violations were documented against boys and girls. These are some of the conclusions of the annual report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to the UN General Assembly.

“Again this year, children have been confronted to unspeakable violations, but we also see new opportunities to strengthen the international community’s collaboration to end and prevent the use and abuse of children by, in and for armed conflict,” said Virginia Gamba, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

In her recommendations to the General Assembly, she stressed the importance of ensuring appropriate child protection capacity in situations on the children and armed conflict agenda, and reminded Member States that the reintegration of children is crucial to ensure the sustainability of peace and security...

### **Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

31 Aug 2018

**[Mali: Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator calls for scale up in humanitarian aid to address the recent surge in needs](#)**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

Press release 31/08/2018

**[Children among most vulnerable as extreme weather events continue around the world](#)**

Record heatwaves, floods and droughts 'a stark vision of the world we are creating for future generations'

Press release 28/08/2018

**[UNICEF steps-up support for children ahead of new school year in Ebola affected areas of Eastern DRC](#)**

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

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Press releases and news comments*

**[UNHCR moves detained refugees out of harm's way in volatile Libyan capital](#)** 30 Aug 2018

**[Millions of refugee children going without schooling, UNHCR report shows](#)** 29 Aug 2018

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

*Briefing Notes*

**[UNHCR urges Greece to address overcrowded reception centres on Aegean islands](#)** 31 Aug 2018

**[UNHCR calls for more protection for civilians fleeing Yemen's Al Hudaydah](#)** 28 Aug 2018

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 68,098 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,549](#)**

2018-08-31 15:05

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 68,098 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 29 August, with 28,579 to Spain.

### **[IOM and Humanitarian Actors Respond to Needs in Tripoli](#)**

2018-08-30 18:48

Tripoli – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, has responded to the urgent humanitarian needs of hundreds of displaced Libyans and migrants affected by violence, following armed clashes in the Libyan capital.

**UNAIDS** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

28 August 2018

### **[Botswana to revitalize HIV combination prevention](#)**

27 August 2018

### **[Situation rooms bring actionable data to decision-makers](#)**

Health situation rooms—software platforms designed to support decision-making on countries' health responses—are opening up across Africa, bridging data and decision-making in order to improve the health and lives of tens of millions of the world's most vulnerable people.

Data integration, data warehousing and data visualization are the core of the situation room concept, providing transparent and improved information on a range of diseases. While situation rooms are virtual working space, some countries also use physical rooms in which the analytics can be discussed and acted upon...

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 1 Sep 2018]

### **[African Health Ministers commit to ending cholera outbreaks by 2030](#)**

28 August 2018 | *News Release*

*[See Milestones above for more detail]*

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### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

### **[WHO African Region AFRO](#)**

*Selected Featured News*

:: [Minister of Health assures Traditional Medicine Practitioners of Intellectual Property Rights](#)

31 August 2018

:: [Nigeria's Polio laboratories pass another round of accreditation exercise](#) 30 August 2018

:: [WHO report finds poor delivery of services threatens gains made in health in Africa](#) 29 August 2018

:: [African Health Ministers commit to ending cholera outbreaks by 2030](#) 28 August 2018

:: [WHO convenes a meeting for pilot testing of the 3rd edition of the Technical Guidelines for Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response \(IDSR\)](#) 28 August 2018

:: [President Macky Sall of Senegal urges African leaders to prioritise investment in health: Regional Committee for Africa gets underway in Dakar, Senegal](#) 27 August 2018

:: [Kenya in determined effort to keep polio virus at bay](#) 26 August 2018

### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

:: A third of all countries in the Americas have still not implemented effective tobacco control measures (08/29/2018)

### **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

:: WHO South-East Asia countries to discuss priority health issues in Delhi next week

SEAR/PR/1695 New Delhi, 31 August 2018: Intensifying action to eliminate malaria, addressing the increasing threat of dengue, to improving access to essential medicines, Member countries of WHO South-East Asia Region are meeting here from 3 to 7 September to discuss priority health issues in the Region, home to one-fourth of the world's population.

Health ministers and senior officials from the 11 Member countries are expected to participate in the Seventy-first Session of the Regional Committee of WHO South-East Asia Region, the highest policy making body of WHO in the Region...

### **WHO European Region EURO**

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

*No new digest content identified.*

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

:: Protecting women in Solomon Islands from cervical cancer

31 August 2018 – Solomon Islands, with support from WHO, UNICEF and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is focusing on prevention of cervical cancer using the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to protect girls aged 9-14 years old against the disease.

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Announcements*

### **[Second Lake Chad Conference aims to maintain momentum and expand international support](#)**

Millions of people in Africa's Lake Chad region (north-east Nigeria and parts of Niger, Chad and Cameroon) are facing a profound and protracted crisis driven by extreme poverty, climate change and...

Posted on August 31, 2018

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018

**[SDG Academy Partners with edX.org](#)**

The SDG Academy, an initiative of the U.N. Sustainable Development Solutions Network, joins the premier nonprofit online education platform edX to bring cutting-edge courses on sustainable development to millions of new learners globally.

August 29, 2018

**[The 2018 Index and Dashboards Report in World News](#)**

The third edition of the SDG Index and Dashboards Report was launched at the High-Level Political Forum on July 17th. Co-produced annually by the Bertelsmann Stiftung and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) the report provides global insights on how countries perform on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Overall, the 2018 SDG Index and [...]

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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

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

**[Eighth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#)**

The eighth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), will be held from 5 to 8 November 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting will be hosted by Statistics Sweden.

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

30 Aug 2018 | *Press release*

**[UN Environment teams up with Theresa May, scouts and guides to beat plastic pollution](#)**

30 Aug 2018 | *Press release*

**[Restoring degraded land highlights opportunities for sustainable development in Africa](#)**

28 Aug 2018 | *Press release*

**[UN Environment and partners show global restoration success in unprecedented study](#)**

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

30 Aug 2018

**[Puerto Rico "could have been better prepared" for hurricane](#)**

In the context of revising the fatalities for Hurricane Maria, the Governor of Puerto Rico has acknowledged that the island was not as prepared as it could have been for the storm.

28 Aug 2018

**[Sendai Phase 2 launched; risk strategy monitoring boosted](#)**

The second phase of the online monitoring system for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, allowing customized targets and indicators, is now live and available to member states

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNESCO** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

30 August 2018

**[An additional half a million more refugee children are out of school in 2017](#)**

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

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 1 Sep 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 1 Sep 2018]

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

Posted September 2, 2018

**[UN-Habitat and partners inaugurate second community garden in Gaza Strip](#)**

Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, 29 August 2018 – Coinciding with the Joint UN Campaign in the State of Palestine to celebrate the International Youth Day, UN-Habitat jointly with UN-Women, the Palestinian Housing Council, Aisha Association for Woman...

Posted August 28, 2018

**[Experts converge in Accra to seek ways of improving Africa's road safety and mobility](#)**

Accra, 28 August 2018 – Over 100 participants drawn from nearly 20 African countries and other partners recently gathered in the Ghanaian capital Accra to mull ways of curbing the runaway road accidents- as well as the attendant...

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/>

28-08-2018

**[Outbreak of African swine fever threatens to spread from China to other Asian countries](#)**

There is no effective vaccine to protect swine from the disease. And, while the disease poses no direct threat to human health, outbreaks can be devastating with the most virulent forms lethal in 100 percent of infected animals.

### **[The African Development Bank and FAO target agriculture investments to end hunger and create wealth in Africa](#)**

Specifically, the new strategic alliance seeks to enhance the quality and impact of investment in food security, nutrition, social protection, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and rural development.  
27-08-2018

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*ILO100*

### **[Social protection: Looking back, preparing the future](#)**

03 September 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.

*ILO100*

### **[ILO @ 100: A year of celebration](#)**

03 September 2018

In 2019, the ILO will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The centenary will be an opportunity to celebrate the ILO's achievements and reaffirm its position as the authoritative global organization for the world of work.

*ILO100*

### **[ILO unveils new visual identity to celebrate its 100th anniversary](#)**

03 September 2018

The International Labour Organization's core values and aspirations are bound up in the symbol of its centenary.

*ILO100*

### **[ILO deputy head: The Centenary will be a milestone for the ILO](#)**

03 September 2018

With a little over 100 days until the ILO's Centenary, ILO Deputy Director-General Greg Vines explains where the Organization stands with preparations for the anniversary year.

*InfoStories*

### **[ILO: Laying the foundations of social justice](#)**

03 September 2018

The ILO is a UN specialized agency dealing with labour issues. Its main aims are to promote rights at work, encourage decent employment opportunities, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue on work-related issues. In 1969, the Organization received the Nobel Peace Prize.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

31 August 2018

**[Japan to support UNIDO's role in the implementation of the programme for the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa](#)**

VIENNA,— The Government of Japan will support the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the implementation of the programme for the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III).

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

[https://www.iso.org/news\\_archive/x/](https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/)

By Clare Naden on 29 August 2018

**[New International Standard for traditional Chinese medicine just published](#)**

Moxibustion is a form of acupuncture that has been used in traditional Chinese medicine by doctors and therapists for thousands of years, and its usage is increasing worldwide. To ensure the safety and quality of the instrument that is used, a new International Standard has just been published. [ISO 20493](#), Traditional Chinese medicine – Infrared moxibustion-like instrument

By Barnaby Lewis on 27 August 2018

**[FDA plans to use ISO 13485 for medical devices regulation](#)**

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the government department that regulates the medical devices sector, announced its intention to use ISO 13485 as the basis for its quality system legislation.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

27 August 2018

**[UNWTO Highlights Confirm Another Record Year in 2017](#)**

Madrid, Spain,— International tourist arrivals grew 7% in 2017, the highest increase since 2010, according to the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)'s latest collection of Tourism Highlights. Growth in arrivals was echoed by a strong increase in exports generated by tourism, which reached US\$ 1.6 trillion in 2017, making tourism the world's third-largest export sector.

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**DFID** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**[UK Government response to recent loss of life in Yemen](#)**

2 September 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

**[UK aid helps farmers across Africa grow their businesses and protect livestock](#)**

30 August 2018 DFID Press release

Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[UK announces major investments in future of African youth through education and voluntary family planning](#)**

30 August 2018 DFID Press release

Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[New UK aid package will "stop dirty money in its tracks" and recover millions of pounds for developing countries](#)**

30 August 2018 DFID and Number 10 Press release

Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[UK to support economic growth in Africa by offering City of London expertise](#)**

30 August 2018 DFID Press release

Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[Ambitious new Innovation Partnerships with African countries](#)**

29 August 2018 DCMS, DFID, Number 10 and DIT Press release

Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[UK boosts innovative business in Nigeria's poorest states to improve incomes for 3 million people](#)**

29 August 2018 DFID Press release  
Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[British expertise boosts innovative solar technologies across Africa](#)**

29 August 2018 DFID Press release  
Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)

**[UK launches ambition to generate billions more investment in Africa to trigger transformational growth](#)**

28 August 2018 DFID Press release  
Part of a collection: [PM visit to Africa](#)  
*[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

**[World first as UK aid brings together experts to predict where cholera will strike next](#)**

28 August 2018 DFID Press release

**ECHO** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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**African Union** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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**[New report says Southeast Asia makes headway in SME development](#)**

SINGAPORE, 1 September 2018 – The newly launched ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Policy Index 2018 shows that Southeast Asia has been making considerable progress in advancing policy frameworks for SME development. Released today by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), and [...]

**European Commission** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**OECD** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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*Publications*

### **Opportunities for All - A Framework for Policy Action on Inclusive Growth**

This report presents the OECD Framework for Policy Action on Inclusive Growth, developed to help governments to improve the prospects of those currently being left behind.

### **State-Owned Enterprises and Corruption - What Are the Risks and What Can Be Done?**

Corruption is the antithesis of good governance, and it is a direct threat to the purpose of state ownership. This report brings a comprehensive set of facts and figures to the discussion about the corruption risks facing state-owned enterprises (SOEs).

### **Main Science and Technology Indicators, Volume 2018 Issue 1**

This biannual publication provides a set of indicators that reflect the level and structure of the efforts undertaken by OECD member countries and seven non-member economies (Argentina, China, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Chinese Taipei) in the field of science and ...

### **Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

September 1, 2018

### **Joint Communiqué between the Working Group on Nicaragua and the Secretary General of the OAS on the Situation in Nicaragua**

*[Excerpt]*

We express our active support for the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), and the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI), and for relevant departments with the OAS General Secretariat including the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO) in their activities.

We reiterate our strong condemnation of the acts of violence, repression, violation of human rights and abuses against the population of Nicaragua, as well as the targeted persecution, arbitrary detentions and practices of criminalization of dissidents and their families, as reported by the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

We urge the Government of Nicaragua to respect the agreements reached with the mechanisms mentioned above, to facilitate the gathering of official information from government institutions necessary to do their work and to facilitate access to the detention centres in order to monitor the situation of detainees in the context of the recent demonstrations.

We express our deep concern about the decision of the Government of Nicaragua to withdraw the invitation to the Regional Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to accompany the Verification and Security Commission established in the framework of the National Dialogue, and conclude the OHCHR's visit...

### **Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

26/08/2018

### **[OIC Condemns the Israeli Occupation Government's Approval for the Construction of 2000 New Settlement Housing Units](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), strongly condemns the approval given by the Israeli Occupation's authorities for the plan to construct 2000 new settlement housing units in the occupied city of Al Quds / Jerusalem.

**Group of 77** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**UNCTAD** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Latest News*

31 August 2018

### **[WCO Secretary General addresses Scholars in Japan on Customs modernization](#)**

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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

29 August 2018

### **[United States initiates WTO dispute complaint against Russian duties on US imports](#)**

The United States has requested WTO dispute consultations with the Russian Federation concerning additional duties applied by Russia on certain imports of US goods. The request was circulated to WTO members on 29 August.

27 August 2018

### **[China initiates WTO dispute complaint against additional US tariffs on Chinese imports](#)**

China has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States concerning additional duties applied by the United States on imports of Chinese goods. The request was circulated to WTO members on 27 August.

27 August 2018

### **[United States files appeal in dispute with Canada over US paper duties](#)**

The United States filed an appeal on 27 August concerning the WTO panel report in the case brought by Canada in "United States — Countervailing Measures on Supercalendered Paper from Canada" (DS505). The panel circulated its report on 5 July 2018.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**World Bank** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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**[Anke D'Angelo Appointed Auditor General of the World Bank Group](#)**

WASHINGTON, August 31, 2018 – World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim today announced the appointment of Anke D'Angelo as the World Bank Group's Auditor General and Vice President, Internal Audit Department...

Date: August 31, 2018 Type: Press Release Language: English

**[Fact Sheet: Update on Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Development Projects](#)**

Understanding the context of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in development. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 35% of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner...

Date: August 30, 2018 Type: Factsheet

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

**[Eliminating Afro-descendant Exclusion in Latin America is Vital for Development](#)**

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, August 29, 2018—Afro-descendants in Latin America have made important progress in poverty reduction and in gaining recognition and a voice for their agenda, but more needs to be done...

Date: August 29, 2018 Type: Press Release

**[World Bank Launches Initiative to Raise US\\$3 Billion in Sustainable Development Bonds, Highlighting Critical Role of Water and Ocean Resources](#)**

Washington, D.C, August 29, 2018— The World Bank is launching a Sustainable Development Bond series to raise awareness of the critical role of water and ocean resources. The bonds aim to raise at least...

Date: August 29, 2018 Type: Press Release

### **Effective Management of Water Resources in Arab World Key to Future Growth and Stability**

New report outlines risks associated with region's water challenges and the policies needed to address them. STOCKHOLM, 28 August 2018

### **Water Management in Fragile Systems: Building Resilience to Shocks and Protracted Crises in the Middle East and North Africa**

Date: August 28, 2018 Type: Publication

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

**IMF** [to 1 Sep 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]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**African Development Bank Group** [to 1 Sep 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]*

### **Could the future of food in the world depend on what Africa does with agriculture?**

01/09/2018 - Addressing a standing room only crowd of global agriculture experts at the FAO headquarters in Rome, 2017 World Food Prize Laureate and President of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina, says the answer is a resounding yes!

### **The African Development Bank and FAO target agriculture investments to end hunger and create wealth in Africa**

27/08/2018 - The African Development Bank and the FAO today agreed to boost joint efforts aimed at catalysing agriculture sector investments in Africa to end hunger and malnutrition and increase prosperity throughout the continent. In terms of the agreement, the African Development Bank and the FAO are committed to raise up to \$100 million over five years, to support joint activities.

### **African Development Bank, Nordic Development Fund and Partners launch Off-Grid Energy Access Fund with US\$58 million**

27/08/2018 - The Off-Grid Energy Access Fund (OGEF) had its first close on Thursday, 2 August 2018 with committed capital of US\$ 58 million from the African Development Bank, the Nordic Development Fund, the Global Environment Facility, Calvert Impact Capital and All On.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 1 Sep 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]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 1 Sep 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]*

Beijing, China, August 27, 2018

**AIIB Opens Public Consultation on Draft Sustainable Cities Strategy**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has opened public consultations on the draft of its Sustainable Cities Strategy. The Strategy outlines AIIB's vision of realizing economically, environmentally and socially sustainable Asian cities that are green, resilient, efficient, accessible and thriving (GREAT).

**IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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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 1 Sep 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

Thursday, 30 August, 2018

**We Are at World Water Week in Stockholm to Promote FINISH Mondial**

WASTE, Amref Flying Doctors and Aqua for All are working together on local sanitation market development through the FINISH model (Financial Inclusion Improves Sanitation & Health).

Through health awareness creation, demand creation, sanitation marketing, financial inclusion and loans, as well as mason and business training, we ensure that:

- :: People are aware of the need for a safe and durable toilet
- :: They want to buy one
- :: Which local people are prepared to build
- :: They can afford to do so

Monday, 27 August, 2018

### **Community Workers Help Reduce Costs of Treating Malaria**

The costs of accessing malaria diagnosis and treatment services have largely reduced in the malaria endemic Lake Counties since community health workers (CHWs) started offering services in the communities.

This has been revealed through an evaluation carried out by Amref Health Africa and the Ministry of Health in Bungoma, Busia, Homabay, Kakamega, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, Nyamira, Siaya and Vihiga counties.

These findings were presented in an end-term evaluation of the Global Fund Malaria Project implemented through 16 sub recipients in the period of 2012 to 2017 with the objective of assessing and reducing conditions that lead to high malaria related morbidity and mortality in the region...

### **Aravind Eye Care System** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **BRAC** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018

### **Shaking up traditional farming in rural Bangladesh**

*Women have always played an integral role in the agricultural landscape in Bangladesh. Despite their contributions, women are often not recognised for their efforts as farmers, and rarely have control over their harvests – largely due to patriarchal norms.*

August 27, 2018

### **Finding friendship in the face of a crisis**

Nearly a million Rohingyas have fled to Bangladesh to escape violence in Myanmar. More than half of them are women and children- most of whom suffered unimaginable trauma. They have witnessed parents, siblings and neighbours being tortured and killed. Many have suffered sexual abuse.

More than 41,000 children are singing, learning and playing in our 234 child-friendly spaces and 365 learning centres in the camps and in Ukhiya and Teknaf. These spaces are safe, colourful places for children to be children. Our para-counsellors provide them with psychosocial support to help them deal with trauma.

### **CARE International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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### **International organizations call for increased protection and support to civilians bearing the brunt of the conflict in the Lake Chad region**

The nine-year long conflict in the Lake Chad Basin has dramatically affected the lives of more 10.7 million people who rely on humanitarian assistance to survive. The insurgency as well as military operations across the four countries have displaced 2.4 million people and left 5 million people food insecure, while ...

27th Aug 2018

**Joint Statement: One Year On: Meaningful progress needed to end impunity, discrimination and segregation in Rakhine State, say international agencies.**

INGOs urge the Security Council to use the one-year anniversary as an opportunity to step up pressure on the government of Myanmar to take action on three critical areas: addressing the root causes of the crisis in Rakhine State; ensuring accountability for human rights violations and improving humanitarian access.

**Clubhouse International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

26.08.2018

**One Year On: Meaningful progress needed to end impunity, discrimination and segregation in Rakhine State**

As the UN Security Council meets in New York to mark one year since nearly 700,000 Rohingya refugees fled to neighboring Bangladesh, International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) working in Myanmar say 600,000 Rohingya still left in Myanmar face daily discrimination and human rights abuses, making conditions unsafe for refugees to return. INGOs urge the Security Council to use the one-year anniversary as an opportunity to step up pressure on the government of Myanmar to take action on three critical areas: addressing the root causes of the crisis in Rakhine State; ensuring accountability for human rights violations and improving humanitarian access..

**ECPAT** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018 6:00 AM

**Annual Cluster Munition Report: new attacks in Syria and Yemen**

The newest annual report on cluster munitions reveals new attacks involving cluster munitions in 2017 in Syria and Yemen. The [Cluster Munition Monitor 2018](#), co-produced by Humanity & Inclusion, officially records 289 casualties of cluster munitions in 2018, in a total of eight countries and two territories. While this figure is lower than in 2016, HI calls on States to comply with international law, and to pressure belligerent parties to end the use of this barbaric weapon...

**Heifer International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[International Day of the Disappeared: the ICRC calls for respect of the International Humanitarian Law](#)**

Tel Aviv/ Gaza - On the International Day of Disappeared, the delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Israel and the Occupied Territories highlights that four years after the 2014 conflict in Gaza, families of the missing...

30-08-2018 | News release

**[Libya: concerns over rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation](#)**

Tripoli (ICRC) – Tensions that started earlier this week have turned into armed confrontations in parts of Tripoli, in western Libya.

29-08-2018 | News release

**IFRC** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Americas*

**[IFRC President: "Lives are at stake" as Americas migration crisis grows](#)**

Panama/Geneva, 31 August 2018 – Help, respect and compassion are needed in response to the massive and continuous movement of people across Venezuela and several other countries in the Americas, the President of the International Federation of Red Cross ...

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**[DR Congo: "Triple threat" of conflict, community resistance and increasing Ebola cases complicates response to outbreak](#)**

Kinshasa/Nairobi/Geneva, 29 August 2018: The response to the current Ebola outbreak is being further complicated by the triple threat of conflict, community resistance and a rising number of infections and deaths, says the Red Cross. According to the I ...

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**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Statements*

*Statement*

**[IRC joins ten INGOs calling for increased protection and support for civilians in Lake Chad region](#)**

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*Press Release*

**[Ebola outbreak in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\) could be worst ever in East Africa](#)**

August 29, 2018

*Perspective*

**[IRC welcomes the latest report of the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen](#)**

August 28, 2018

*Statement*

**[IRC Joins with International Humanitarian Agencies to Call on Security Council Action in Myanmar](#)**

August 27, 2018

**IRCT** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Landsea** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Statements*

*Central African Republic*

**[Suffering mounts as armed groups return to Bambari](#)**

Project Update 31 Aug 2018

*Libya*

## **Conflict in Tripoli puts lives in danger, demonstrating that Libya is not a place of safety**

Press Release 31 August 2018

**Mercy Corps** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Press releases*

### **Mercy Corps Statement On Car Bomb Attack In Al Qaim, Iraq**

Iraq

August 29, 2018

*Commenting on the attack Dr. Deepmala Mahla, Mercy Corps Country Director in Iraq*

### **Mercy Corps Statement on U.S. Funding Cuts to the Palestinian People**

West Bank and Gaza

August 27, 2018

*Humanitarian aid should never be used as a political bargaining chip*

Statement from Andy Dwonch, Mercy Corps Mission Director for Palestine

"Mercy Corps is alarmed by the announcement that the U.S. Administration is cutting life-saving programs that benefit Palestinian civilians living in the West Bank and Gaza.

The U.S. Administration's decision will deepen the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where 7 out of 10 people already rely on emergency aid, 95 percent of water is contaminated and unemployment is over 70 percent for young people.

Humanitarian aid should never be used as a political bargaining chip, irrespective of where people live. Punishing Palestinian civilians by suddenly cutting food assistance, access to clean water, health services and opportunities to work, risks exacerbating the political challenges.

The unconscionable decision to suspend assistance contradicts U.S. values and undermines U.S. goals of a peaceful, secure, and prosperous region.

Mercy Corps urges the Trump Administration to urgently reverse this decision and calls on the U.S. Congress to take action to ensure that future funding is allowed to move ahead.

Mercy Corps has worked in the West Bank and Gaza since 1986, distributing emergency food and supplies to families displaced by crisis, providing psychosocial support for young people, and expanding employment opportunities."

**Operation Smile** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

### **Program Schedule**

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

**OXFAM** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

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### **One year on: Meaningful progress needed to end impunity, discrimination and segregation in Myanmar's Rakhine State**

International Non-Governmental Organisations working in Myanmar say 600,000 Rohingya still left in Myanmar face daily discrimination and human rights abuses, making conditions unsafe for refugees to return.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**[Troubling trend sees evictions in Somalia double](#)**

Published 28. Aug 2018

*Over 204,000 people were forcibly removed from their homes this year, nearly double the same period last year, with many people made homeless multiple times.*

"Tens of thousands of people who fled drought and violence are being forced from their homes again, only this time from forced evictions. Many of these families were forced to leave with little or no notice. Some have been evicted multiple times, without due process. This is unjust, and violates their rights," said Evelyn Aero, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Adviser for Information, Counseling and Legal Assistance...

**Pact** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**PATH** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

Monday, 27 August 2018

**[Save the Children statement on the Report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar](#)**

27 August – Save the Children welcomes the main findings and recommendations of the Report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar released today.

A year after renewed violence and atrocities in Rakhine State caused over 700,000 Rohingya to flee to Bangladesh, the devastating impact on children has been made clear. In particular, the Fact Finding Mission found:

:: Widespread and systematic attacks on the civilian population in Rakhine, Kachin and Shan States, which amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes, and possibly genocide perpetrated against the Rohingya.

:: In renewed violence in Rakhine State since August 2017, children were subjected to, and witnessed, serious human rights violations including killing, maiming and sexual violence. Children were killed in front of their parents, and young girls were targeted for sexual violence. Of approximately 500,000 Rohingya children in Bangladesh, many fled alone after their parents were killed or after being separated from their families. The Mission met many children with visible injuries matching accounts of being shot, stabbed or burned

The Mission proposed an accountability process that is transformative, victim-centred, comprehensive, and inclusive, and said that it must come from the international community in order to break the climate of impunity and ensure that all State institutions are answerable to the people...

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Italy*

**Down at the lake**

30.08.2018 - Children from 16 countries get to experience summer fun together in the north of Italy at the SOS Children's Villages Caldonzo camp.

*Care*

**Providing foster family care in Togo**

28.08.2018 - In Atakpamé, Togo, SOS Children's Villages is training and supporting foster parents so they can provide a caring home for children.

**Tostan** [to 1 Sep 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Aug 27, 2018

**Annual Report 2017**

Our Annual Report for 2017 is now available online, in English. In the report, we are delighted to share with you some highlights of the amazing achievements made by our partner communities in 2017, through the Community Empowerment Program and adapted programs.

**Women for Women International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 1 Sep 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

Wednesday, August 29th 2018

### **[World Vision deeply concerned about the effects of disasters on children in East Africa](#)**

Children in East Africa are increasingly exposed to significant risks as a result of different kinds of disasters across the region. Millions of children are constantly on the move as political instability and conflict is increasingly driving them out of their homelands. At the moment, the region hosts the largest number of forcibly displaced persons on the African continent...

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**Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

[https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release)

*Press Release* | August 31, 2018

#### **[A Click on a URL Isn't Enough for a Search Warrant](#)**

San Francisco - The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has asked an appeals court to ensure that a click on a URL isn't enough to get a search warrant for your house. In *U.S. v. Nikolai Bosyk*, law enforcement discovered a link to a file-sharing service that was suspected of being used to share child pornography. Prosecutors got a warrant to search Bosyk's home based only on the fact that someone attempted to access the link from his home. The warrant application included no information on why or how the user encountered the link, or if he had any knowledge of what it linked to....

*Press Release* | August 30, 2018

#### **[EFF To Maine, Massachusetts Courts: Rule Requiring Warrants to Access Cell Phone Location Data Applies to Real-Time Searches](#)**

Portland, Maine—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and the ACLU are urging the state's highest courts in Massachusetts and Maine to rule that law enforcement agents need a warrant to access real-time location information from cell phones, a clear application of a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling from June. EFF, in...

**Freedom House** [to 1 Sep 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research*

*Press Releases*

#### **[Russia: New Move toward Accountability for Crimes against LGBT Persons](#)**

August 30, 2018

In response to the demand of 15 OSCE countries that the Russian Federation answer questions about its internal investigation of human rights abuses committed last year in Chechnya, Freedom House issued a statement.

**Transparency International** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified*

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**Bond** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

29 August 2018

**We must celebrate diversity in our sector to drive inclusion**

Despite the sector's progress in tackling inequalities overseas, the UK charity workforce still needs to overcome challenges in diversity, inclusion and unequal pay.

[Lena Bheeroo](#)

**Harnessing impact investment for social change**

How The Fred Hollows Foundation has been using innovative forms of funding to fight avoidable blindness.

[Kirsten Armstrong](#)

29 August 2018

**PM pledges 0.7% aid spending must serve UK's interests**

Theresa May announces that UK aid will be used to further private sector investment in Africa and to serve the UK's national security interests.

28 August 2018

**ChildFund Alliance** [to 1 Sep 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

August 22, 2018

**A life dedicated to children: Joern Ziegler, ChildFund Deutschland CEO and CEO Forum Co-chair**

Recently we had the opportunity to sit down with Joern Ziegler, CEO of [ChildFund Deutschland](#) (Germany). Joern has been with ChildFund for 17 years, and is a founding member of the Alliance. He is currently co-chair of the [CEO Forum](#), which forms the senior management team of the Alliance. The CEO Forum supports the Secretary General to execute ChildFund Alliance's [strategic plan](#).

**CONCORD** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 1 Sep 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*

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**The Elders** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**END Fund** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Evidence Aid** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

01 September 2018

**[Measles vaccine campaign launched in Afghanistan](#)**

Kabul, Afghanistan - The Government of Afghanistan, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, have today launched a nationwide vaccination campaign to protect children 13.8 million children aged 9 months to 10 years against measles...

**Global Fund** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*News*

**[Global Fund Appoints Fady Zeidan as General Counsel](#)**

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**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients*

08/27/2018 *Blog*

**[HPC Fellow: Amy Roll, PATH](#)**

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 1 Sep 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources*

**[Report of the NGO Rapporteur on the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations](#)**

August, 2018

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

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### **Start Network welcomes new Chair to Board of Trustees**

by Helen James

The Start Network is delighted to announce Christof Gabriel Maetze has joined the Start Network Board of Trustees as its new Chair.

Christof joins Start Network because of his substantial experience as a commercial banker, with knowledge of business and change management, innovation, multi-stakeholder engagement, and developing structures and systems for good governance.

Christof's previous executive roles include being a member of the Executive Management Board at Commerzbank AG and a member of the Executive Committee Corporate Bank at Dresdner Bank AG. Christof also currently holds a non-executive position as Member of the General Council of the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund...

30 Aug 18

### **Start Network signs 'game-changing' drought insurance policy for early humanitarian response in Senegal**

by Helen James

The Start Network has signed a 'game-changing' insurance policy, intended to pay out if a drought hits Senegal, enabling aid agencies to offer live-saving help before a famine threatens to take people's lives.

The Start Network has taken this bold step because it believes that pre-emptive disaster financing could revolutionise the aid sector and catalyse a new way of preparing for crises. This new financial product will disburse funds early, based on pre-agreed 'parametric' triggers, unlike the current model, in which aid agencies are reliant on funding agreed after a crisis has taken place.

Run in a partnership with the Government of Senegal, the African Risk Capacity (ARC) and the Start Network, the pilot is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the German Development Bank, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). The pilot also received start-up support from the Rockefeller Foundation in its initial stages.

Under the arrangement, members of the Start Network will be able to secure funding, based upon a pre-agreed trigger, well before the worst effects of a drought are felt. This will enable farmers and their families to protect livestock and other valuable assets. In the most severe drought, with the largest payout, Start Network could help more than 200,000 people through cash interventions. Even more people could be helped through nutrition or agricultural projects.

The Government of Senegal has a pre-existing drought insurance policy from the African Risk Capacity, which is a basis for the complementary policy signed by the Start Network. If a drought occurs, payouts would be made separately to the Government and to Start Network, with participating NGOs

as implementing partners. This will allow the government and Start Network members to immediately launch pre-agreed and coordinated activities to help people to protect their livestock and other assets, well in advance of any international humanitarian aid arriving.

The African Risk Capacity insurance policies are built on parametric insurance mechanisms.

:: Payouts would be made automatically when pre-agreed triggers are met.

:: The triggers in this pilot are based on rainfall data. When the rainfall levels fall below a certain threshold, the insurance policy will pay-out.

:: The policy is for the 2018-2019 agricultural season, and if it pays out, it will do so in November, towards the latter half of the 2018 growing season...

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### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Event*

#### **ALNAP Workshop | Making humanitarian response more flexible**

Date: 5 – 6 September 2018

Time: 09:00 - 16:30, GMT

Despite the growing recognition that flexibility and greater understanding of context is needed in humanitarian action, many organisations struggle to achieve this in practice. Inflexible, short-term funding mechanisms receive much of the blame for this rigidity. Yet, even where more flexible funding is available, it can be difficult for humanitarian agencies to change internal systems that were developed to meet expectations for speed. Alternative models need to be explored to show how the different functions within humanitarian organisations can work better together to deliver aid that is timely, and also adaptable to changing needs and situations.

Drawing on original research and recent work by ALNAP Members and colleagues in the development sector, ALNAP is organising a workshop to explore what flexible humanitarian action looks like and how to support it.

### **CHS Alliance** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

28/08/2018

#### **Member of the Month: Islamic Relief Worldwide**

This month we are putting Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) in the spotlight. As a founding member of the CHS Alliance and the largest Muslim organisation in the world, IRW constantly strives to promote and strengthen accountability and quality across their global operations. Affirming their commitment towards accountability, they conducted a self-assessment in 2016 and certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) in May 2017.

27/08/2018

### **Islamic Relief Bangladesh: learning from experience and responding to complaints**

Ensuring that people and communities have access to accurate, understandable information about the aid provided and the aid provider is the first step in enabling them to make a decision, create opportunities to voice their opinions and see this taken on board. Islamic Relief takes community participation and complaint mechanisms seriously, in line with Islamic Relief Worldwide's commitment to the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS).

27/08/2018

### **Islamic Relief Syria: streamlining the CHS throughout the project cycle**

Since Islamic Relief's certification against the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) in 2017, their colleagues in Syria have invested significant resources to embed the CHS into their policies and operations at the field level. Spearheading the application of the Nine Commitments of the CHS, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team undertakes a whole series of activities throughout the project cycle.

27/08/2018

### **Islamic Relief Mali: information-sharing, communication, participation and feedback**

Since the roll-out of Islamic Relief Worldwide's Complaint Handling Policy and Complaint Management Guidance Pack, which includes the requirement to share information with affected people and communities about the projects being undertaken, Islamic Relief Mali has been developing a robust complaint handling mechanism focusing on information sharing, communication, participation and feedback.

### **Development Initiatives** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **EHLRA/R2HC** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **The Sphere Project** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 1 Sep 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **Center for Global Development** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 29, 2018

## **[The Impact of Civil Conflict on Child Malnutrition and Mortality, Nigeria, 2002-2013 - Working Paper 494](#)**

In this paper, we show a strong association between living close to a conflict zone and acute malnutrition in Nigerian children in 2013. This is related to the severity of the conflict, measured both in terms of the number of conflict deaths and the length of time the child was exposed to conflict. [Embry Howell](#) , [Timothy Waidmann](#) , [Nikhil Holla](#) , [Nancy Birdsall](#) and [Kevin Jiang](#)

**ODI** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

### **[Private infrastructure finance in developing countries: five challenges, five solutions](#)**

Working and discussion papers | August 2018 | [Judith Tyson](#)

The level of private finance mobilised for developing-country infrastructure has been far below what's needed. We explore why and offer possible solutions.

**Urban Institute** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018

### **[How Much Would Senator Rubio's Paid Leave Program Help New Parents](#)**

To expand parental leave options, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced legislation this month that would allow new parents to trade part of their future Social Security retirement benefits for paid leave. Simulations from the Dynamic Simulation of Income Model (DYNASIM) show that a paid leave benefit equal to 300 percent of a monthly Social Security disability benefit would typically replace about 80 percent of pre-tax earnings

[Richard W. Johnson](#), [Melissa M. Favreault](#)

*Brief*

### **[What, if anything, should replace the QM GSE patch?](#)**

Last year, approximately 400,000 high debt-to-income (DTI) mortgages were deemed to meet the definition of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau's Qualified Mortgage (QM) rule thanks to an exemption that grants QM status to lenders making high DTI loans if those loans are guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. This exemption, referred to as the "GSE Patch" is set to expire in 28 months, on January 10, 2021, or when the GSEs

[Karan Kaul](#), [Laurie Goodman](#)

August 30, 2018

*Brief*

### **[The Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey](#)**

In December 2017, the Urban Institute launched the Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey (WBNS) to monitor changes in individual and family health and well-being at a time when policymakers seek significant changes to programs that help low-income families pay for food, health care, housing, and other basic needs. The new annual survey is a key component of the Institute's From Safety Net to Solid Ground project supported by the

[Michael Karpman](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#)

August 28, 2018

*Brief*

### **Community Views of Milwaukee's Police Body-Worn Camera Program**

The Milwaukee Police Department's body-worn camera (BWC) program began in October 2015 as a response to strained police relations in the city's communities of color that were exacerbated by several highly public police shootings of black men in Milwaukee and across the country. The Urban Institute surveyed Milwaukee community members in April 2016, September 2017, and July 2018 about their attitudes toward the police department

[Daniel Lawrence](#), [Bryce Peterson](#), [Paige Thompson](#)

August 28, 2018

*Brief*

### **Housing Finance at a Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, August 2018**

The August 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing GSE guarantee fees, mortgage delinquency rates, GSE risk-sharing transactions, Federal Reserve's MBS purchase activities, and a special quarterly feature on GSE loan composition, repurchase rates, defaults, and loss severity.

Housing Finance at a Glance

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Edward Golding](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Sheryl Pardo](#), [Todd M. Hill](#), [Jun Zhu](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Bing Bai](#), [Sarah Stochak](#), [Andrea Reyes](#), [John Walsh](#)

August 28, 2018

*Research Report*

### **Measuring Employment Outcomes in TANF**

This report offers insights on the challenges of and opportunities for measuring employment outcomes in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. State programs differ dramatically, and one state may appear to have better outcomes than another simply because of differences in the structures of their TANF programs, not because of any true differences in outcomes for TANF recipients. Implementing uniform national

[Heather Hahn](#), [Teresa Derrick-Mills](#), [Shayne Spaulding](#)

August 28, 2018

*Research Report*

### **Material Hardship among Nonelderly Adults and Their Families in 2017**

Federal and state policymakers are weighing changes to federal programs that help low-income people meet their basic needs for food, medical care, and shelter. As policymakers consider these changes to the public safety net, they run the risk of increasing material hardship, which could have detrimental short- and long-term impacts on children and adults. How do we assess material hardship in 2017? Measuring a family's ability

[Michael Karpman](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#)

August 28, 2018

*Brief*

**World Economic Forum** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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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 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 1 Sep 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 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Co Impact** [to 1 Sep 2018]

[www.co-impact.io](http://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 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 1 Sep 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 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018

**[John McCain and straight talk about our democracy's key values](#)**

The death of Arizona Senator John McCain has led to a host of tributes far beyond what we would normally expect in the wake of a senator's passing. It's due, in part, to the compelling arc of his life story and his eminently quotable style. But it's also due to the fact that McCain spoke...

Madison Initiative By Daniel Stid

August 28, 2018

**[Seeking a sustainable OER ecosystem](#)**

In recent years, the collection of open educational resources (OER) has expanded rapidly in K-12 and higher education. Philanthropy has invested heavily in OER because of its exciting potential to meet the needs of diverse learners, accelerate pedagogical innovation, engage the community, and lower costs. As the collection of available OER – the OER commons...

By Redstone Strategy Group

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

August 31, 2018 *News Release*

**[KFF/Economist Survey: One in Five Americans Report Always or Often Feeling Lonely or Socially Isolated, Frequently With Physical, Mental, and Financial Consequences](#)**

One in five Americans (22%) say they always or often feel lonely or socially isolated, frequently with serious consequences, finds a new Kaiser Family Foundation/Economist three-country survey examining loneliness and social isolation. Americans who feel lonely or socially isolated often report negative impacts on their mental (58%) and physical (55%) health, their...

August 31, 2018 *News Release*

**[New Chart Collection Examines the Public's Malleable Views Around a National Health Plan and Expanding Access to Medicare](#)**

For many years, the Kaiser Family Foundation has been tracking public opinion on the idea of national health plan. Since the 2016 Democratic presidential primary and Sen. Bernie Sanders' rallying cry for "Medicare-for-all," our polls have shown a modest increase in support for the idea of a national health plan,...

August 28, 2018 *News Release*

**[New Analysis Maps Prevalence of Pre-Existing Conditions by Metro Area](#)**

A new Kaiser Family Foundation analysis maps rates of pre-existing conditions across 129 metropolitan and micropolitan areas in the U.S., finding that even within the same state, the prevalence of such conditions can vary substantially. For example, 34 percent of residents of Florence, South Carolina have a pre-existing condition, but...

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

Aug. 28, 2018

**[New online resource for dental therapy launched](#)**

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. – The W.K. Kellogg Foundation released today a new online resource center on dental therapy to serve as an educational hub for consumer health advocates, philanthropy, journalists, policymakers, health professionals, parents, students, colleges and universities, and libraries to learn about dental therapy and how it is changing the lives of children, their families and their communities.

"We are excited to share this important wealth of knowledge on dental therapy, curated from the expertise of many grantees and partners who are dedicated to promoting oral health equity for children and families," said Patrick Simpson, director of food, health and well-being with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

This new website offers an extensive library of articles, documents, infographics, interactive tools, interviews, podcasts, social media as sets and videos from organizations and experts across the country that showcase the opportunities and benefits of dental therapists to improving oral health...

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 31, 2018

**[Foundations Collaborate on Catalytic Financing to Go Big on Climate Action](#)**

August 28, 2018

**[Criminal Justice and New Neuroscience](#)**

Since 2006, MacArthur has awarded seven grants totaling \$15.98 million to support projects exploring the intersection of law and neuroscience, including the cross-disciplinary [MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Law and Neuroscience](#), which is examining the effects of modern neuroscience on criminal law and working to make neuroscience accessible and beneficial to America's legal system.

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018

**[Perspective: A Jeffersonian legacy for our oceans](#)**

...The Moore Foundation's [Marine Conservation Initiative](#) focuses on the protection of important marine habitats and the sustainable management of fisheries in high-priority North American ocean geographies: the U.S. and Canadian Arctic, British Columbia and the U.S. West Coasts...

**Open Society Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Opinions*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 31, 2018

**[Remarks by Rockefeller Foundation President Dr. Rajiv J. Shah At the SDG Conference "Towards Zero Hunger: Partnerships For Impact"](#)**

*As delivered on Friday, August 31, 2018, in Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen, The Netherlands*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

August 30, 2018 *Blog Post*

### **[Can Capturing More Detailed Data Advance Health Equity?](#)**

[Tina Kauh](#)

A PolicyLink report offers recommendations for improving how we collect and report data about racial and ethnic subgroups.

August 28, 2018 *Brief*

### **[Marketplace Pulse: Giant Steps](#)**

While affordability still limits the size of the individual market, carriers are seeing increased opportunities, which should increase choice and reduce premiums in some markets.

### **Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 1 Sep 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..."*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **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** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Wellcome Trust** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

Published: 30 August 2018

### **[Public engagement: it's fantastic for research, but how feasible is it for you?](#)**

*In the third in our blog series from the Public Engagement team, Imran Khan and Rebecca Jones talk about the issues around researcher-led public engagement.*

Is engagement seen as part of the job of being a Wellcome researcher, or as an add-on in a growing list of demands? Is academic culture continuing to be more open and public, or have we taken our eye off the ball and let progress stall? Do funders reward good practice when we see it, or just complain about it when we don't?

These are some of the questions we're asking ourselves as we try to figure out how best to involve Wellcome-funded researchers in our [new public engagement strategy](#).

Wellcome funding supports over 14,000 people in over 70 countries, so finding ways to make sure our grantees' work is shared with the public is one of our team's biggest opportunities – and biggest challenges...

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**Foundation Center** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 1 Sep 2018]

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

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

**[Council on Foundations Statement On Donor Advised Funds](#)**

In response to numerous articles in which some media outlets have mischaracterized the intent and impact of donor advised funds, the Council on Foundations released a joint statement from interim president and CEO Gene Cochrane and Javier Alberto Soto, chair of the Council's board of directors and CEO and president of The Miami Foundation.

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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>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **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]

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

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>  
(Accessed 1 Sep 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 1 Sep 2018)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>  
(Accessed 1 Sep 2018)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>  
(Accessed 1 Sep 2018)  
[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Medicine**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>  
(Accessed 1 Sep 2018)  
*Research article*

#### **Infectious disease testing of UK-bound refugees: a population-based, cross-sectional study**

*The UK, like a number of other countries, has a refugee resettlement programme. External factors, such as higher prevalence of infectious diseases in the country of origin and circumstances of travel, are likely to increase the infectious disease risk of refugees, but published data is scarce. The*

*International Organization for Migration carries out and collates data on standardised pre-entry health assessments (HA), including testing for infectious diseases, on all UK refugee applicants as part of the resettlement programme. From this data, we report the yield of selected infectious diseases (tuberculosis (TB), HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B and hepatitis C) and key risk factors with the aim of informing public health policy.*

Authors: Alison F. Crawshaw, Manish Pareek, John Were, Steffen Schillinger, Olga Gorbacheva, Kolitha P. Wickramage, Sema Mandal, Valerie Delpech, Noel Gill, Hilary Kirkbride and Dominik Zenner

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:143

Published on: 28 August 2018

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 1 Sep 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 1 Sep 2018)

*Research article*

#### **[Supporting parenting to address social inequalities in health: a synthesis of systematic reviews](#)**

*In 2009, the World Health Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health set out its recommendations for action, which included establishing equity from early childhood onwards by enabling all children and their mothers to benefit from a comprehensive package of quality programmes. In order to address social inequalities in health, it is recommended that action be taken from early childhood, and actions providing support for parenting are an effective lever in this respect. The aim of this review of systematic reviews is to analyse, on the one hand, the components and characteristics of effective interventions in parenting support and, on the other, the extent to which the reviews took into account social inequalities in health*

Authors: Annabelle Pierron, Laurence Fond-Harmant, Anne Laurent and François Alla

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1087

Published on: 31 August 2018

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 1 Sep 2018)

*Research note*

#### **[Understanding experiences of the Swedish health care system from the perspective of newly arrived refugees](#)**

*Refugees seek medical advice for a variety of reasons. Previous research suggests that understanding the refugees' experiences of and access to healthcare are important factors for improving their health as ac...*

Authors: Elisabeth Mangrio, Elisabeth Carlson and Slobodan Zdravkovic

Citation: BMC Research Notes 2018 11:616

Published on: 28 August 2018

**BMJ Open**

August 2018 - Volume 8 - 8

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 44, Issue 5 Pages: 659-800 September 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Clinical Therapeutics**

August 2018 Volume 40, Issue 8, p1225-1428

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**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 1 Sep 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

**Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 71 Pages 1-206 (August 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/71/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

**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>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 13, Issue 6, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**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>

[Reviewed earlier]

**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**

<https://bmcergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>

[Accessed 1 Sep 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 24, Number 9—September 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 24 Pages 1-104 (September 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/23/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **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/>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 28, Issue 4, 1 August 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **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 4, August 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/4/page/1>

***Food Security Research in Tanzania (pages 773-938)***

*Editorial*

**[Introduction to a Special Issue: Regional Food and Nutritional Security in Tanzania – Methods, Tools and Applications](#)**

Stefan Sieber

The first group of papers from the Trans-SEC project in Tanzania was published in the December 2017 issue of Food Security (pp. 1143–1322). This second group of 10 papers is prefaced by a paper in which the constraints to adoption of agricultural innovations are identified, overcome and out- and upscaled. The thematically-clustered group of papers focus on (I) frame conditions and driver analysis; (II) participation of stakeholders and implementation to improve all related processes for achieving adoption of agricultural interventions; and (III) specific topics for improving upscaling and dissemination of agricultural innovations

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 58 June 2018

<http://www.fmreview.org/economies.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**

Volume 10, Issue 3, September 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/10/3/page/1>

#### ***Special Issue: Palaeontological Heritage in Spain: from Conservation to Education***

Among the many topics treated by the authors [in this special issue], some are particularly remarkable for describing the heritage values of historical sites, particularly that from Julia Audijé; Fernando Barroso-Barcenilla and Manuel Segura, another describes the large pedagogic legacy of Dr. Bargalló, and the contribution by Jorge Morales, Beatriz Azanza and others, provides a detailed account of some of the key Neogene vertebrate sites of Iberian Cordillera. The rest of the works presented describe aspects of the important Heritage values of the Iberian Peninsula, including by Bernat Morey, on the important geological and palaeontological values of the Isle of Mallorca, Martínez Graña et al. who analyse the heritage values from the Upper Miocene of the surroundings of Sevilla and Hugo Corbí and collaborators who demonstrate the Heritage values of Messinian (i.e. Miocene) units of the Mediterranean coast...

### **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/rgph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Globalization and Health**

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

[Accessed 1 Sep 2018]

*Research*

| 30 August 2018

### **[Diffusion, convergence and influence of pharmaceutical innovations: a comparative study of Chinese and U.S. patents](#)**

*Despite the significant impact of pharmaceutical innovations on healthcare, our understanding is still limited because previous studies explored only a few cases and largely came from a linear perspective. This study presents a detailed case of the Chinese and U.S. pharmaceutical patents and investigated advancements that the global pharmaceutical industry is experiencing. A network analysis approach was used to identify certain aspects regarding the diffusion of pharmaceutical innovations, including innovation attributes, adopter characteristics, and clustering.*

Authors: Qiaolei Jiang and Chunjuan Luan

## **Health Affairs**

Vol. 37 , No. 8 August 2018

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>

### ***Medicaid, Markets & More***

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 20, Issue 1, June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 13 - Special Issue 3-4 - July 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Equity**

Volume 2 Issue 1 Jun 2018

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/heq/2/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 33, Issue 7, 1 September 2018,

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/33/7>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Promotion International**

Volume 33, Issue 3, 1 June 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/heapro/issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Health Research Policy and Systems**

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 1 Sep 2018]

*Research*

#### **[Public involvement and health research system governance: a qualitative study](#)**

*Interest in public involvement in health research projects has led to increased attention on the coordination of public involvement through research organisations, networks and whole systems.*

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[Joel G Breman](#)

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*Extract*

Survival is not the case for at least 122,000 African children under 5 y of age who die each year as a result of being treated with fake antimalarial drugs.<sup>1</sup> Tens of thousands of others of all ages, with acute malaria and other diseases, are at peril or succumb when the medicines they receive have little or no active pharmaceutical ingredient, contain toxins or are a different compound than indicated on the package.

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**[Impact of vaccine stock-outs on infant vaccination coverage: a hospital-based survey from South Africa](#)**

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Bruce M. Psaty, MD, PhD; Olaf M. Dekkers, MD, PhD; Richard S. Cooper, MD

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Timothy M. Uyeki, MD, MPH, MPP; Robert A. Fowler, MD, MDCM, MSc; William A. Fischer II, MD

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*COMMENTARY*

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[\*\*Meeting public health needs in emergencies–World Health Organization guidelines\*\*](#)

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*Abstract*

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a leading source of trustworthy guidelines in public health, including in emergencies. In addition to standard guidelines produced in preparation for emergency

response, WHO has processes and methods for issuing guidelines in the context of urgent public health need, including rapid advice guidelines (production time 2 to 3 months) and health emergency interim guidelines (days to weeks). There are numerous challenges to producing guidelines in response to an emergency in addition to the compressed timeline which necessitates truncating or modifying standard processes. There is frequently a lack of scientific data on the disease or situation at hand, especially early in the event timeline. Resources are limited, particularly the availability of WHO staff and external experts, and disease and emergency response experts may lack knowledge and experience in developing guidelines. Finally, the rapid production of new information and the resultant short shelf-life of recommendations pose a significant challenge to keeping guidelines up to date. In order to better meet end-users' needs, WHO must anticipate areas of uncertainty in emergency response and proactively develop relevant guidelines, explore optimal ways of communicating gaps in knowledge in the field to guideline developers, and promote and participate in research on the sources of bias in guideline development within compressed timeframes.

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*Editorial*

#### **Measles, war, and health-care reforms in Ukraine**

The Lancet

*[Excerpt]*

Russian-backed attempts to sabotage Ukraine's economic, political, and health developments have left the country fighting a measles outbreak and continuing a bloody, undeclared war. The situation is emblematic of increasing tension between the ideologies of President Vladimir Putin and countries of the pro-democratic, neoliberal west.

The measles outbreak—affecting other countries including Serbia, Georgia, Greece, and Italy—has hit Ukraine hardest, with the country's 23 000 cases accounting for more than half the European regional total. Kremlin-supported social media accounts spreading discredited theories about the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, combined with shortages and underfunding, have been blamed for the outbreak. [Research](#) published on Aug 23 concluded Russian trolls promoted discord and, masquerading as legitimate users, created a false impression that arguments for and against vaccination were equiposed. The result has been an erosion of public consensus on the value of vaccine programmes.

The precipitous fall in vaccination level began after 2008, when 95% of eligible children in Ukraine received their second (and final) recommended dose of the MMR vaccine. By 2016, the rate was 31%, among the lowest in the world. Although now rising again, the latest 85% measles vaccination rate recorded by WHO remains below that needed for herd immunity. Records in 2016 show poor vaccination rates for other diseases: only 19% of children received the third recommended dose of the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine and 56% received the third recommended dose of oral polio vaccine. Hepatitis B vaccination was low, with coverage with hepatitis B birth-dose and third-dose vaccines at 37% and 26%, respectively. WHO estimates between 3% and 5% of the Ukraine's 45 million population has been infected with hepatitis C. Ukraine bears the second largest [HIV epidemic](#) in eastern Europe and central Asia...

### *Viewpoint*

#### **Prevention of Ebola virus disease through vaccination: where we are in 2018**

Yves Lévy, Clifford Lane, Peter Piot, Abdul Habib Beavogui, Mark Kieh, Bailah Leigh, Seydou Doumbia, Eric D'Ortenzio, Claire Lévy-Marchal, Jerome Pierson, Deborah Watson-Jones, Vinh-Kim Nguyen, Heidi Larson, Julia Lysander, Christine Lacabaratz, Rodolphe Thiebaut, Augustin Augier, David Ishola, Stephen Kennedy, Geneviève Chêne, Brian Greenwood, James Neaton, Yazdan Yazdanpanah  
*[Excerpts]*

In 2016, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone succeeded in interrupting the longest epidemic of Ebola virus disease in global history.

Control of the epidemic was primarily achieved by implementation of effective and coordinated public health measures that involved rapid identification, isolation of cases, contact tracing, and isolation of contacts. However, the risk of re-emergence of Ebola virus disease is real, as shown by the 2017 and 2018 outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Consequently, along with other public health measures, efforts to develop an effective vaccine against Ebola virus disease must continue.

As of June 18, 2018, 36 completed trials, seven active and not recruiting, and seven recruiting Ebola vaccine studies are registered on [ClinicalTrials.gov](#). The only study that has been able to provide data on clinical efficacy is the Ebola Ça Suffit vaccination trial in Guinea...o build on the vaccine research studies that have been done thus far, the outstanding questions on the rapidity and durability of the immune response in adults, safety and immunogenicity in children, and the nature of the responses in immunocompromised and pregnant individuals using different vaccine strategies must be addressed. Improved understanding of humoral and cellular immune responses to Ebola vaccines is needed to identify correlates of protection. Answering these questions will require improvement of global capacity to continue research on Ebola vaccines, and collaborative partnerships are needed to optimise the chances of success. Several Ebola vaccine clinical trials in Africa, North America, and Europe have been done using such partnerships, including the EBOVAC projects, the Ebola Ça Suffit vaccination trial consortium, STRIVE, and PREVAIL...

...Against this backdrop, the Partnership for Research on Ebola Vaccinations (PREVAC) was established as an international consortium, including research and academic institutions (the French Institute for Health and Medical Research [Inserm], London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, the US National Institutes of Health, and the Universities of Bordeaux and Minnesota), health authorities and scientists from four Ebola-affected countries (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Mali), non-governmental organisations (the Alliance for International Medical Action and Leidos) and pharmaceutical companies (MSD, Johnson & Johnson, and Bavarian Nordic). This partnership was built to focus on Ebola research activities to prevent or respond effectively to the next potential Ebola outbreak. This consortium is

currently conducting a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of three Ebola vaccine strategies in adults and children (aged  $\geq 1$  year): (1) rVSV-ZEBOV prime without boost; (2) rVSV-ZEBOV prime followed by a rVSV-ZEBOV boost; and (3) Ad26.ZEBOV prime followed by MVA-BN-Filo boost. As of June, 2018, more than 2350 adults and children have been recruited, and an additional 2500 enrolments are planned to achieve the target enrolment.

In summary, it is important to investigate different scenarios for vaccination strategies and different vaccines to respond more effectively to future outbreaks. These strategies include contact and post-exposure vaccination, targeted preventive vaccination, and widespread preventive vaccination of at-risk populations such as health-care workers and those residing in areas of recurrent outbreaks.

### **Outrageous prices of orphan drugs: a call for collaboration**

Lucio Luzzatto, Hanna I Hyry, Arrigo Schieppati, Enrico Costa, Steven Simoens, Franz Schaefer, Jonathan C P Roos, Giampaolo Merlini, Helena Kääriäinen, Silvio Garattini, Carla E Hollak, Giuseppe Remuzzi on behalf of the Second Workshop on Orphan Drugs participants

*[Excerpt]*

Few instances of a single act of legislation have shifted industrial policy in the pharmaceutical industry like the Orphan Drugs Act did when it was signed in the USA in 1983. The Act was written to facilitate the development of drugs for rare diseases and health conditions, and the incentives provided by the Act, such as 7 year exclusivity, tax credits of up to 50% of research and development costs, and access to research and development grants, resulted in the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approving 575 drugs and biological products for rare diseases between 1983 and 2017—a real success. In 2000, the European Commission passed similar legislation for orphan medicinal products (OMPs). As a matter of fact, the diseases, not the drugs, are the orphans because all drugs are very expensive, having marrying this success story ([table](#)).

Although we are dealing with rare diseases, the increasing number of new OMPs introduced each year is beginning to threaten the sustainability of health-care systems.

The socioeconomic, ethical, and legal implications of this state of affairs have been analysed extensively. We have previously discussed these implications, and here we concentrate on possible corrective actions. Although the focus here is on OMPs, our recommendations are applicable to other drugs...

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#### **[Opening up peer review](#)**

A transparent process to publish referees' reports could benefit science, but not all researchers want their assessments made available.

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#### **[Publish peer reviews](#)**

Jessica K. Polka and colleagues call on journals to sign a pledge to make reviewers' anonymous comments part of the official scientific record.

Jessica K. Polka, Robert Kiley[...] & Ronald D. Vale

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*Perspective*

#### **[Ending Use of Oral Poliovirus Vaccine — A Difficult Move in the Polio Endgame](#)**

Mark A. Pallansch, Ph.D.

When the world embarked on a mission of global polio eradication with the adoption of a World Health Assembly resolution in 1988, there was only minimal consideration of what would happen after the eradication of wild poliovirus (WPV) had been certified. Poliovirus eradication efforts have targeted three distinct serotypes, using two vaccines, each containing components against all three types — a

live attenuated oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) used in more than 100 mostly low- and middle-income countries worldwide and an inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) used in most of the developed world. Many experts believed that vaccination against polio either would continue to evolve with strengthening of routine immunization or might be stopped by countries when they no longer had circulating wild-type virus. This view of the posteradication world changed with the first recognition, in 2000, of an outbreak caused by a virus resulting from the genetic reversion of one of the strains in OPV, which was subsequently named “circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus” (cVDPV).<sup>1</sup> The detection of this outbreak was aided by the development and implementation of improved molecular diagnostics, which were also used to demonstrate that cVDPV outbreaks had occurred in the past but had been thought to be outbreaks of indigenous WPV strains.

The logical inference from the detection of cVDPV outbreaks was that long-term use of OPV posed an ongoing risk.<sup>2</sup> Over the next several years, this finding convinced public health experts that the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) needed to include more than certification and WPV containment; OPV vaccination also had to be stopped in order to ensure a polio-free world after eradication.

A more formal process was therefore begun to develop a strategic eradication plan that explicitly included stopping OPV use.<sup>3</sup> Since the last case of WPV type 2 (WPV2) had occurred in 1999, the plan for OPV cessation evolved from concurrently stopping the use of all three OPV types to a modified serial plan in which the type 2 component of OPV would be removed first. The Global Commission for the Certification of the Eradication of Poliomyelitis certified WPV2 eradication in September 2015, and in April 2016 there was a coordinated global switch from the trivalent OPV to a bivalent OPV containing only the type 1 and 3 components.

Such synchronized vaccine cessation was unprecedented, and there were therefore many uncertainties. The stage was set for the work described by Blake et al. in this issue of the *Journal* (pages 834–845). As the authors note, the GPEI has a robust surveillance system for tracking polioviruses globally and has the ability to readily distinguish WPV, cVDPV, and OPV strains. This system allows public health officials to monitor whether, after the switch, all the OPV-related type 2 viruses (OPV2 and VDPV2) will ultimately disappear, as predicted. Because cVDPV type 2 (cVDPV2) outbreaks are sometimes not detected right away, experts predicted that some outbreaks detected after the switch would turn out to have begun before the switch; but newly emergent, postswitch cVDPV outbreaks were also predicted.

Blake et al. focused on analyzing the surveillance data from both acute flaccid paralysis and environmental surveillance systems to characterize the kinetics of OPV2 disappearance and to identify specific instances of events that were not predicted. The authors describe the disappearance of the OPV2-related strains after the switch and the cVDPV2 outbreaks that were newly detected. To date, these outbreaks have occurred in geographic areas where cVDPV and WPV outbreaks had occurred before the switch. These high-risk countries were also the ones where monovalent type 2 OPV (mOPV2) was used in response campaigns. The introduction of mOPV2 into these populations as part of an outbreak response resulted in detection of VDPV2 and OPV2-related viruses and subsequent disappearance of these viruses in the vaccine-coverage areas.

The heterogeneity of experiences at both national and subnational levels allowed analysts to identify specific risk factors for cVDPV2 emergence and variations in the rate of disappearance of OPV2-related strains. One major risk factor for emergence identified by the authors is low population immunity to type 2 virus. This factor not only was associated with virus emergence and circulation, but also had an influence on the rate of disappearance of OPV2-related strains after the use of mOPV2 and accounted

for some of the heterogeneity of the rates observed. The critical importance to WPV eradication of population immunity is well understood, and in models, such immunity has a strong influence on the success of cessation of OPV use. The authors provide the first analytic evidence that population immunity is a critical determinant of the successful implementation of the OPV-cessation strategy.

The analysis by Blake et al. covers the first 2 years after the switch, when it was too early to detect any clear trends as a function of time after the last OPV2 use. Since, as the authors note, universal introduction of a single dose of IPV has not resulted in high coverage as originally planned, in part because of a global supply shortage, several countries have seen dramatic decreases in population immunity to type 2 poliovirus among children born after the switch. How this heterogeneity among countries in decreasing immunity will affect the likelihood and severity of future outbreaks, the choices made regarding outbreak responses, the risk of new cVDPV emergence, and the ultimate disappearance of type 2 poliovirus is not clear from this analysis. Answers to these questions not only are important for the completion of the OPV2 switch but also could significantly affect planning for the ultimate cessation of all OPV use.

At this point, the type of virus monitoring and analysis described by Blake et al. will need to continue until all type 2 viruses are no longer detected by the surveillance systems. Since the period covered by their analysis, new cVDPV2 outbreaks have been detected in Somalia and Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nigeria. Responses to these outbreaks have resulted in additional detections of OPV2-related virus. It will be important to monitor whether there are any observable changes over time in the disappearance of OPV2-related virus in these regions where new and past outbreaks have occurred. Each mOPV2 response to a cVDPV2 outbreak carries a risk of seeding new cVDPV2 outbreaks. The unfolding experience following the OPV2 switch will provide lessons that improve our understanding of problems confronting the endgame strategy of OPV cessation.

OPV withdrawal is only one of the elements of the polio endgame, which also includes the goals and challenges of laboratory and vaccine-manufacturing containment of poliovirus and sustaining of polio surveillance in order to detect and identify poliovirus infections. We still need to maintain a stockpile of polio vaccine for outbreak response. The existence of immunodeficient people who chronically excrete VDPV virus also necessitates an effective means of detection and intervention. Many of these issues will require additional research and development, including a better vaccine that produces mucosal immunity without the risk of VDPV, antivirals to treat chronic infections, and better surveillance tools for a world that will quickly forget about polio after eradication is achieved. Clearly, persistence and patience will be needed, not only to complete eradication of WPV, but also for the polio endgame.

#### *Original Articles*

#### **Type 2 Poliovirus Detection after Global Withdrawal of Trivalent Oral Vaccine**

Isobel M. Blake, Ph.D., Margarita Pons-Salort, Ph.D., Natalie A. Molodecky, Ph.D., Ousmane M. Diop, Ph.D., Paul Chenoweth, N.D., Ananda S. Bandyopadhyay, M.B., B.S., Michel Zaffran, Eng., Roland W. Sutter, M.D., and Nicholas C. Grassly, D.Phil.

#### *Background*

Mass campaigns with oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) have brought the world close to the eradication of wild poliovirus. However, to complete eradication, OPV must itself be withdrawn to prevent outbreaks of vaccine-derived poliovirus (VDPV). Synchronized global withdrawal of OPV began with serotype 2 OPV (OPV2) in April 2016, which presented the first test of the feasibility of eradicating all polioviruses.

#### *Methods*

We analyzed global surveillance data on the detection of serotype 2 Sabin vaccine (Sabin-2) poliovirus and serotype 2 vaccine-derived poliovirus (VDPV2, defined as vaccine strains that are at least 0.6% divergent from Sabin-2 poliovirus in the viral protein 1 genomic region) in stool samples from 495,035 children with acute flaccid paralysis in 118 countries and in 8528 sewage samples from four countries at high risk for transmission; the samples were collected from January 1, 2013, through July 11, 2018. We used Bayesian spatiotemporal smoothing and logistic regression to identify and map risk factors for persistent detection of Sabin-2 poliovirus and VDPV2...

#### *Conclusions*

High population immunity has facilitated the decline in the prevalence of Sabin-2 poliovirus after OPV2 withdrawal and restricted the circulation of VDPV2 to areas known to be at high risk for transmission. The prevention of VDPV2 outbreaks in these known areas before the accumulation of substantial cohorts of children susceptible to type 2 poliovirus remains a high priority. (Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization.)

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### **[Exploratory Qualitative Study of Fire Preparedness Among High-rise Building Residents](#)**

August 31, 2018 · [Disasters](#)

**Introduction:** Fire hazards are an extreme risk to occupants of high-rise buildings. Little attention has been paid to emergency and evacuation preparedness among people living in high-rise buildings. This paper reports on emergency fire preparedness among residents of a high-rise building that has experienced multiple fires in the past.

**Methods:** An exploratory qualitative pilot study was conducted using key informant interviews. Six residents participated. Themes on preparedness for fires and emergency evacuation were extracted.

**Results:** Findings indicated varying levels of preparedness for fires and emergency evacuation among residents. Factors influencing residents' emergency preparedness included fire risk perception, owner or renter status, and building-level emergency preparedness. Fire alarms were considered to be an ineffective evacuation cue. Severe cues such as seeing fire or smoke were more likely to prompt evacuation. Participants provided a series of suggestions to keep high-rise residents safe during fire emergencies.

**Discussion:** The study revealed fire preparedness knowledge, decision-making processes, and actual behaviors of residential high-rise occupants who experienced a fire emergency in their building. Main findings of the study are discussed in two themes: influences on fire emergency and evacuation preparedness, and evacuation decision-making and response to fire. Results from this pilot study will be used as the basis for a follow up study involving residents from multiple high-rise buildings.

**Keywords** disaster, emergency preparedness, evacuation, fire, hazard, high-rise building, pilot study, qualitative research.

### **[Earthquakes to Floods: A Scoping Review of Health-related Disaster Research in Low- and Middle-income Countries](#)**

August 30, 2018 · *Review*

**Introduction:** Health-related disaster research is a relatively small; but growing field of inquiry. A better understanding of the scope and scale of health-related disaster research that has occurred in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) would be useful to funders, researchers, humanitarian aid organizations, and governments as they strive to identify gaps, disparities, trends, and needs of populations affected by disasters.

**Methodology:** We performed a scoping review using the process outlined by Arksey & O'Malley to assess the characteristics of peer-reviewed publications of empirical health-related disaster research conducted in LMICs and published in the years 2003-2012.

**Results:** Five hundred and eighty-two relevant publications were identified. Earthquakes were by far the most commonly researched events (62% of articles) in the review's timeframe. More articles were published about disasters in China & South Asia/South East Asia than all other regions. Just over half of the articles (51%) were published by research teams in which all the authors' primary listed affiliations were with an institution located in the same country where the research was conducted. Most of the articles were classified as either mental health, neurology and stress physiology (35%) or as traumatology, wounds and surgery (19%). In just over half of the articles (54%), data collection was initiated within 3 months of the disaster, and in 13% research was initiated between 3 and 6 months following the disaster. The articles in our review were published in 282 different journals.

**Discussion:** The high number of publications studying consequences of an earthquake may not be surprising, given that earthquakes are devastating sudden onset events in LMICs. Researchers study topics that require immediate attention following a disaster, such as trauma surgery, as well as health problems that manifest later, such as post-traumatic stress disorder. One neglected area of study

during the review's timeframe was the impact of disasters on non-communicable and chronic diseases (excluding mental health), and the management of these conditions in the aftermath of disasters. Strengthening disaster research capacity is critical for fostering robust research in the aftermath of disasters, a particular need in LMICs.

### **PLoS Currents: Outbreaks**

<http://currents.plos.org/outbreaks/>

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#### **[Information Circulation in times of Ebola: Twitter and the Sexual Transmission of Ebola by Survivors](#)**

August 28, 2018 · *Research Article*

**Introduction:** The 2013-2015 outbreak of Ebola was by far the largest to date, affecting Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and secondarily, Nigeria, Senegal and the United States. Such an event raises questions about the circulation of health information across social networks. This article presents an analysis of tweets concerning a specific theme: the sexual transmission of the virus by survivors, at a time when there was a great uncertainty about the duration and even the possibility of such transmission.

**Methods:** This article combines quantitative and qualitative analysis. From a sample of 50,000 tweets containing the words "Ebola" in French and English, posted between March 15 and November 8, 2014, we created a graphic representation of the number of tweets over time, and identified two peaks: the first between July 27 and August 16, 2014 (633 tweets) and the second between September 28 and November 8, 2014 (2,577 tweets). This sample was divided into two parts, and every accessible publication was analyzed and coded according to the authors' objectives, feelings expressed and/or publication type.

**Results:** While the results confirm the significant role played by mainstream media in disseminating information, media did not create the debate around the sexual transmission of Ebola and Twitter does not fully reflect mainstream media contents. Social media rather work like a "filter": in the case of Ebola, Twitter preceded and amplified the debate with focusing more than the mainstream media on the sexual transmission, as expressed in jokes, questions and criticism.

**Discussion:** Online debates can of course feed on journalistic or official information, but they also show great autonomy, tinged with emotions or criticisms. Although numerous studies have shown how this can lead to rumors and disinformation, our research suggests that this relative autonomy makes it possible for Twitter users to bring into the public sphere some types of information that have not been widely addressed. Our results encourage further research to understand how this "filter" works during health crises, with the potential to help public health authorities to adjust official communications accordingly. Without a doubt, the health authorities would be well advised to put in place a special watch on the comments circulating on social media (in addition to that used by the health monitoring agencies).

### **PLoS Medicine**

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*Editorial*

#### **[Breastfeeding in low-resource settings: Not a "small matter"](#)**

Lars Ake Persson

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*[Excerpt]*

... In spite of the established benefits for short- and long-term health, breastfeeding is not the global social norm. Adherence to the feeding recommendations is higher in low-income than in high-income societies, but the present level of adherence in impoverished settings still represents a significant missed opportunity in public health. Early initiation of breastfeeding is not the norm in sub-Saharan Africa; around half of neonates are breastfed within the first hour of life [7]. Only slightly more than one-third of children younger than 6 months in low- and middle-income countries are exclusively breastfed, and two-thirds of mothers in these settings adhere to the recommended continued breastfeeding during the second year of life [2].

What is needed for breastfeeding to become the social norm? The answers are complex but can be summarized as an enabling environment—at the societal level, within the health system, at the workplace, and in families [8]. At this point in history, evidence-based practices are available to create a vastly more enabling environment in low-resource settings, including in Africa, yet health system investments in breastfeeding have flagged [8], and national priorities focus elsewhere...

*Perspective*

### **[Different scientific approaches are needed to generate stronger evidence for population health improvement](#)**

Martin White, Jean Adams

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*[Excerpt]*

... Broader, more nuanced, and more informative research questions cannot be answered using traditional, more simplistic approaches to evaluation. The present evidence base is significantly limited by a failure to embrace different ways of thinking and working, including addressing questions of context and those related to complex adaptive systems [17,18]. However, a consequence of taking a broader approach to evaluation that embraces complexity will be that it challenges prevailing methodological orthodoxies. Researchers, funders, and journals may all be reluctant to relinquish existing hierarchies of evidence and 'traditional' methods of evidence synthesis. With so many intractable global public health challenges associated with NCDs in need of robustly researched solutions, this seems short-sighted. Greater ambition and leadership are needed among researchers, funders, and policymakers to enable smarter approaches to the development and evaluation of low-agency population interventions, including taxes on unhealthy commodities, regulation of marketing, and structural interventions to make active living easier. Ambition and leadership coupled with greater international collaboration to identify opportunities for—and to coordinate efforts to fund, implement, and build capacity for—quasi-natural and natural experimental evaluations of these interventions could more rapidly advance science on NCD prevention.

### **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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*Research Article*

## **Using geographical analysis to identify child health inequality in sub-Saharan Africa**

Jennifer Yourkavitch, Clara Burgert-Brucker, Shireen Assaf, Stephen Delgado

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### *Abstract*

One challenge to achieving Millennium Development Goals was inequitable access to quality health services. In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, interventions need to reach underserved populations. Analyzing health indicators in small geographic units aids the identification of hotspots where coverage lags behind neighboring areas. The purpose of these analyses is to identify areas of low coverage or high need in order to inform effective resource allocation to reduce child health inequity between and within countries. Using data from The Demographic and Health Survey Program surveys conducted in 27 selected African countries between 2010 and 2014, we computed estimates for six child health indicators for subnational regions. We calculated Global Moran's I statistics and used Local Indicator of Spatial Association analysis to produce a spatial layer showing spatial associations. We created maps to visualize sub-national autocorrelation and spatial clusters. The Global Moran's I statistic was positive for each indicator (range: 0.41 to 0.68), and statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ), suggesting spatial autocorrelation across national borders, and highlighting the need to examine health indicators both across countries and within them. Patterns of substantial differences among contiguous subareas were apparent; the average intra-country difference for each indicator exceeded 20 percentage points. Clusters of cross-border associations were also apparent, facilitating the identification of hotspots and informing the allocation of resources to reduce child health inequity between and within countries. This study exposes differences in health indicators in contiguous geographic areas, indicating that specific regional and subnational, in addition to national, strategies to improve health and reduce health inequalities are warranted

### *[Article Excerpt]*

*...Geographic context of child health inequity for six key indicators*

...Measles and Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT-3) immunizations.

Although preventable with immunization, measles is still a leading cause of death for children under 5, and is highly contagious [19]. Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus are also vaccine-preventable diseases that contribute to substantial global disease burden among children. In addition to measuring coverage of full protection against these diseases, DPT-3 can be a measure of health system strength because it requires individual follow-up on three occasions.

There is high variability of immunization coverage between and within African countries [20].

Identifying geographic areas of low coverage in order to focus immunization efforts was recommended decades ago [21]. Geographic isolation (remoteness) is a key barrier to equitable vaccine coverage for measles and countries with lower coverage have greater inequity [22]. Vaccination rates correlated with distance to a health center in Niger, where distance was affected by geo-temporal conditions hindering access [11]. That spatial analysis pinpointed optimal locations for new health facilities to improve access for hundreds of thousands of people [11] and exemplifies the utility of subnational spatial analysis of immunization and other child health indicators. No research to date has examined the spatial distribution of immunization coverage across and within a large proportion of African countries...

**PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

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**[The blue paradox: Preemptive overfishing in marine reserves](#)**

Grant R. McDermott, Kyle C. Meng, Gavin G. McDonald, and Christopher J. Costello

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**[Determinants of refugee naturalization in the United States](#)**

Nadwa Mossaad, Jeremy Ferwerda, Duncan Lawrence, Jeremy M. Weinstein, and Jens Hainmueller

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**[The impact of exposure to air pollution on cognitive performance](#)**

Xin Zhang, Xi Chen, and Xiaobo Zhang

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**[Direct and indirect effects of chemical contaminants on the behaviour, ecology and evolution of wildlife](#)**

Minna Saaristo, Tomas Brodin, Sigal Balshine, Michael G. Bertram, Bryan W. Brooks, Sean M. Ehlman, Erin S. McCallum, Andrew Sih, Josefin Sundin, Bob B. M. Wong, Kathryn E. Arnold

Proc. R. Soc. B 2018 285 20181297; DOI: 10.1098/rspb.2018.1297. Published 22 August 2018

*Research article:*

**[Tree species richness increases ecosystem carbon storage in subtropical forests](#)**

Xiaojuan Liu, Stefan Trogisch, Jin-Sheng He, Pascal A. Niklaus, Helge Bruelheide, Zhiyao Tang, Alexandra Erfmeier, Michael Scherer-Lorenzen, Katherina A. Pietsch, Bo Yang, Peter Kühn, Thomas Scholten, Yuanyuan Huang, Chao Wang, Michael Staab, Katrin N. Leppert, Christian Wirth, Bernhard Schmid, Keping Ma

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**[Refugee Policy as Foreign Policy: Iraqi and Afghan Refugee Resettlements to the United States](#)**

Nicholas R Micinski

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Michelle Peterie

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<https://doi.org/10.1093/rsq/hdy008>

**[Gender and Risk: An Empirical Examination of the Experiences of Women Held in Long-Term Immigration Detention in Australia](#)**

Lorena Rivas; Melissa Bull

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**[“But if Locals Are Poorer than You, How Would You Justify Additional Help?”: Rethinking the Purpose of Sensitive Interview Questions](#)**

Georgia Cole

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<https://doi.org/10.1093/rsq/hdy010>

**[Unaccompanied and Separated Syrian Refugee Children: Case Study of a New Feature for Social Work Practice in Jordan](#)**

Sahar Suleiman AlMakhamreh; Aisha Jane Hutchinson

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*Study protocol*

**[Community based interventions for strengthening adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights: how can they be integrated and sustained? A realist evaluation protocol from Zambia](#)**

*Research that explores how community-based interventions for strengthening adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) can be integrated and sustained in community health systems, is, to the best o...*

Authors: Joseph M. Zulu, Isabel Goicolea, John Kinsman, Ingvild Fossgard Sandøy, Astrid Blystad, Chama Mulubwa, Mpundu C. Makasa, Charles Michelo, Patrick Musonda and Anna-Karin Hurtig

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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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### **Science**

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#### ***Special Issue: Technologies Transforming Biology***

*Editorial*

#### **Revolutionary technologies**

By Jeremy Berg

Science 31 Aug 2018 : 827

*Summary*

In this issue of Science, we present reviews of four technologies whose power and rapid growth across biological research communities make them revolutionary (see page 864). New technology is one of the most powerful drivers of scientific progress. For example, the earliest microscopes magnified images only 50-fold at most. When the Dutch fabric merchant and amateur scientist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek developed microscopes with more than 200-fold magnifications (likely to examine cloth), he used them to study many items, including pond water and plaque from teeth. His observations of "animalcules" led to fundamental discoveries in microbiology and cell biology, and spurred the elaboration of improved microscopes. Today, various light microscopes remain prime tools in modern biology. This example embodies two characteristics of a revolutionary technology: a capability for addressing questions better than extant technologies, and the possibility of being utilized and adapted by many other investigators.

#### **CRISPR-Cas guides the future of genetic engineering**

By Gavin J. Knott, Jennifer A. Doudna

Science 31 Aug 2018 : 866-869

*Abstract*

The diversity, modularity, and efficacy of CRISPR-Cas systems are driving a biotechnological revolution. RNA-guided Cas enzymes have been adopted as tools to manipulate the genomes of cultured cells, animals, and plants, accelerating the pace of fundamental research and enabling clinical and agricultural breakthroughs. We describe the basic mechanisms that set the CRISPR-Cas toolkit apart from other programmable gene-editing technologies, highlighting the diverse and naturally evolved systems now functionalized as biotechnologies. We discuss the rapidly evolving landscape of CRISPR-Cas applications, from gene editing to transcriptional regulation, imaging, and diagnostics. Continuing functional dissection and an expanding landscape of applications position CRISPR-Cas tools at the cutting edge of nucleic acid manipulation that is rewriting biology.

### ***Association Affairs***

#### **[Emerging scientific technologies help defend human rights](#)**

By Anne Q. Hoy

Science31 Aug 2018 : 859-860 Full Access

Scientists leverage advancing tools to gather evidence and expand the capacity of human rights groups.

### **Social Science & Medicine**

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#### ***Randomized Controlled Trials and Evidence-based Policy: A Multidisciplinary Dialogue***

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Spring 2018 Volume 16, Number 2

[https://ssir.org/issue/spring\\_2018](https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2018)

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.

*Philanthropy & Funding*

#### **[The Civic Science Imperative](#)**

By [Elizabeth Good Christopherson](#), [Dietram A. Scheufele](#) & [Brooke Smith](#)

Philanthropy has a vital role to play in building a culture of "civic science," in which scientists take active roles as citizens and citizens engage with scientific research.

### **Sustainability**

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### **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

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### **Tropical Medicine & International Health**

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#### **2030 Agenda**

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This issue focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, which commits United Nations Member States to work towards a sustainable future for all. The articles, by Senior Officials of the United Nations system, examine the Organization's lead role in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and in promoting peace, social equality and human rights.

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

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## **World Heritage Review**

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### **Special Issue - World Heritage in Bahrain**

This year, for its 42nd session, the World Heritage Committee is hosted by Bahrain in its capital city of Manama. Bahrain has long dedicated its support to the World Heritage Convention, and already chaired the Committee for its 35th session in 2011, at UNESCO Headquarters.

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