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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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## **Press Freedom...Freedom of Expression**

### **Director-General firmly condemns the killing of Saudi Journalist Jamal Khashoggi**

20 October 2018

UNESCO Director-General, Audrey Azoulay, firmly condemned the brutal killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which was officially confirmed by authorities in Saudi Arabia last night.

"I firmly condemn the assassination of Jamal Khashoggi," said the Director-General.

"The killing of Jamal Khashoggi reminds us of the need to fight for press freedom, which is essential to democracy. Accountability for these crimes is non-negotiable. I urge the relevant authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into this crime and bring its perpetrators to justice," Ms. Azoulay said.

UNESCO promotes the safety of journalists through global awareness-raising, capacity building and a range of actions, notably the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

On 2 November, UNESCO will mark the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalist

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### *Opinions*

#### **What the Arab world needs most is free expression**

By Jamal Khashoggi

*The Washington Post*, October 17, 2018

*A note from Karen Attiah, Global Opinions editor*

*I received this column from Jamal Khashoggi's translator and assistant the day after Jamal was reported missing in Istanbul. The Post held off publishing it because we hoped Jamal would come back to us so that he and I could edit it together. Now I have to accept: That is not going to happen. This is the last piece of his I will edit for The Post. This column perfectly captures his commitment and passion for freedom in the Arab world. A freedom he apparently gave his life for. I will be forever grateful he chose The Post as his final journalistic home one year ago and gave us the chance to work together.*

I was recently online looking at the 2018 "Freedom in the World" report published by Freedom House and came to a grave realization. There is only one country in the Arab world that has been classified as "free." That nation is Tunisia. Jordan, Morocco and Kuwait come second, with a classification of "partly free." The rest of the countries in the Arab world are classified as "not free."

As a result, Arabs living in these countries are either uninformed or misinformed. They are unable to adequately address, much less publicly discuss, matters that affect the region and their day-to-day lives. A state-run narrative dominates the public psyche, and while many do not believe it, a large majority of the population falls victim to this false narrative. Sadly, this situation is unlikely to change.

The Arab world was ripe with hope during the spring of 2011. Journalists, academics and the general population were brimming with expectations of a bright and free Arab society within their respective countries. They expected to be emancipated from the hegemony of their governments and the

consistent interventions and censorship of information. These expectations were quickly shattered; these societies either fell back to the old status quo or faced even harsher conditions than before.

My dear friend, the prominent Saudi writer Saleh al-Shehi, wrote one of the most famous columns ever published in the Saudi press. He unfortunately is now servicing an unwarranted five-year prison sentence for supposed comments contrary to the Saudi establishment. The Egyptian government's seizure of the entire print run of a newspaper, al-Masry al Youm, did not enrage or provoke a reaction from colleagues. These actions no longer carry the consequence of a backlash from the international community. Instead, these actions may trigger condemnation quickly followed by silence.

As a result, Arab governments have been given free rein to continue silencing the media at an increasing rate. There was a time when journalists believed the Internet would liberate information from the censorship and control associated with print media. But these governments, whose very existence relies on the control of information, have aggressively blocked the Internet. They have also arrested local reporters and pressured advertisers to harm the revenue of specific publications.

There are a few oases that continue to embody the spirit of the Arab Spring. Qatar's government continues to support international news coverage, in contrast to its neighbors' efforts to uphold the control of information to support the "old Arab order." Even in Tunisia and Kuwait, where the press is considered at least "partly free," the media focuses on domestic issues but not issues faced by the greater Arab world. They are hesitant to provide a platform for journalists from Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Yemen. Even Lebanon, the Arab world's crown jewel when it comes to press freedom, has fallen victim to the polarization and influence of pro-Iran Hezbollah.

The Arab world is facing its own version of an Iron Curtain, imposed not by external actors but through domestic forces vying for power. During the Cold War, Radio Free Europe, which grew over the years into a critical institution, played an important role in fostering and sustaining the hope of freedom. Arabs need something similar. In 1967, the New York Times and The Post took joint ownership of the International Herald Tribune newspaper, which went on to become a platform for voices from around the world.

My publication, *The Post*, has taken the initiative to translate many of my pieces and publish them in Arabic. For that, I am grateful. Arabs need to read in their own language so they can understand and discuss the various aspects and complications of democracy in the United States and the West. If an Egyptian reads an article exposing the actual cost of a construction project in Washington, then he or she would be able to better understand the implications of similar projects in his or her community.

The Arab world needs a modern version of the old transnational media so citizens can be informed about global events. More important, we need to provide a platform for Arab voices. We suffer from poverty, mismanagement and poor education. Through the creation of an independent international forum, isolated from the influence of nationalist governments spreading hate through propaganda, ordinary people in the Arab world would be able to address the structural problems their societies face.

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**Human Trafficking – Cox's Bazaar**

## [Girls Sold into Forced Labour Largest Group of Trafficking Victims Identified by IOM in Bangladesh Refugee Camps](#)

2018-10-16 17:04

Cox's Bazar – Young girls sold into forced labour are the largest group of trafficking victims identified by the UN Migration Agency (IOM) in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps.

IOM counter-trafficking experts warn that more than a year into a crisis that has seen the number of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar soar to almost a million, more desperate families are sending their young daughters off into dangerous work situations because most households have no other way to earn money in the camps.

"There is a very limited number of jobs in the camp and for women there is almost nothing. That's why I went outside of the camp," explained one young Rohingya woman, who ended up being forced to work extremely long hours for very little pay in the fish processing industry.

Latest figures show that women and girls lured into situations of forced labour account for two thirds of those who have received support from IOM in Cox's Bazar after escaping or being rescued from exploitation. Another 10 per cent of identified victims were women and girls who suffered sexual exploitation.

Bangladeshi security agencies have reported stopping up to 60 women and girls a day attempting to leave the camps in small groups, many of whom appeared to have been coached what to say, but who, when questioned further, appeared unclear about issues such as who they are supposed to be travelling to meet.

IOM experts stress that adult men and boys are also the target of traffickers, accounting for around one in three of those found to have ended up in forced labour.

...Barred from leaving the refugee settlements, and entirely reliant on aid for survival, other than a limited number of cash-for-work programmes with humanitarian agencies and small-scale trading opportunities within the camps, the refugees are easy prey for traffickers, who promise transportation and access to lucrative work opportunities elsewhere. Other refugees resort to unsafe jobs for subsistence wages or end up in forced or early marriages...

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### **Syria**

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

*Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura reports on the status of the Syrian constitutional committee and announces that he will "move on" from his mandate at the end of November.*

#### **[Staffan de Mistura \(Special Envoy\) on the situation in the Middle East - Security Council, 8373th meeting](#)**

17 Oct 2018 - Briefing by Mr. Staffan de Mistura, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, on the situation in the Middle East.

*[Video: 20:26]*

## [Special Envoy on Syrian Conflict, in Security Council Briefing, Announces Resignation, Vowing to Pursue Political Solution 'until the Last Hour'](#)

17 October 2018 SC/13543

The Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria, briefing the Security Council today on efforts to push forward a constitutional committee aimed at ending the eight-year-long conflict in Syria, also announced his decision to step down at the end of November, while vowing to vigorously pursue a balanced, fair and inclusive political solution "until the last hour" of his tenure.

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## **Human Rights – Privatization of Public Goods**

### [World Altered by 'Neoliberal' Outsourcing of Public Services to Private Sector, Third Committee Experts Stress, amid Calls for Better Rights Protection](#)

19 October 2018 GA/SHC/4239

The world has been fundamentally reordered by widespread neoliberal economics that has privatized basic public goods — social protections, education, pensions and criminal justice among them — with often disastrous impacts on the human rights of the extremely poor, experts told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today.

### [UN poverty expert warns against tsunami of unchecked privatisation](#)

*Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights*

NEW YORK (19 October 2018) - Widespread privatisation of public goods in many societies is systematically eliminating human rights protections and further marginalising those living in poverty, according to a [new report](#).

**Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, criticised the extent to which the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and even the UN itself have aggressively promoted widespread privatisation of basic services, without regard to the human rights implications or the consequences for the poor. He also criticised human rights groups for not responding strongly enough to the resulting challenges.**

**"Privatising the provision of criminal justice, social protection, prisons, education, basic healthcare and other essential public goods cannot be done at the expense of throwing rights protections out of the window," Alston said.**

"States can't dispense with their human rights obligations by delegating core services and functions to private companies on terms that they know will effectively undermine those rights for some people." He noted that while "proponents present privatisation as a technical solution for managing resources and reducing fiscal deficits, it has actually become an ideology of governance that devalues public goods, public spaces, compassion and a range of other values that are essential for a decent society.

"While privatisation's proponents insist that it saves money, enhances efficiency, and improves services, the real world evidence very often challenges or contradicts these claims," Alston said.

Privatisation is premised on fundamentally different assumptions from those that underpin respect for human rights, such as dignity and equality, he said. It inevitably prioritises profit, and sidelines considerations such as equality and non-discrimination. Rights-holders are transformed into clients, and those who are poor, needy, or troubled are marginalised or excluded. Human rights criteria are absent from almost all privatisation agreements, which rarely include provisions for sustained monitoring of their impact on service provision and the poor.

“Existing human rights accountability mechanisms are clearly inadequate for dealing with the challenges of large-scale and widespread privatisation,” Alston said. “The human rights community can no longer ignore the consequences of privatisation and needs to radically reconsider its approach.”

Human rights actors should start by reclaiming the moral high ground and reasserting the central role of concepts such as equality, society, the public interest, and shared responsibilities, while challenging the assumption that privatisation should be the default approach. “The human rights community needs to develop new methods that systematically confront the broader implication of widespread privatisation and ensure that human rights and accountability are at the centre of privatisation efforts,” Alston said.

There appear to be no limits to what states have privatised, he said. Public institutions and services across the world have been taken over by private companies dedicated to profiting from key parts of criminal justice systems and prisons, dictating educational priorities and approaches, deciding who will receive health interventions and social protection, and choosing what infrastructure will be built, where, and for whom, often with harsh consequences for the most marginalised. “There is a real risk that the waves of privatisation experienced to date will soon be followed by a veritable tsunami,” Alston said...

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### **[The State of World Population 2018](#)**

*THE POWER OF CHOICE - REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION*

UNFPA, 2018 :: 156 pages

[https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/UNFPA\\_PUB\\_2018\\_EN\\_SWP.pdf](https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/UNFPA_PUB_2018_EN_SWP.pdf)

*The power to choose the number, timing and spacing of children can bolster economic and social development, new UNFPA report shows*

UNITED NATIONS, New York--The global trend towards smaller families is a reflection of people making reproductive choices to have as few or as many children as they want, when they want. When people lack choice, it can have a long-term impact on fertility rates, often making them higher or lower than what most people desire, according to *The State of World Population 2018*, published today by UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency.

Family size is closely linked with reproductive rights, which, in turn, are tied to many other rights, including the right to adequate health, education, and jobs. Where people can exercise their rights, they tend to thrive. Where these rights are stifled, people often fail to achieve their full potential, impeding economic and social progress, according to the new report, entitled, “The Power of Choice: Reproductive Rights and the Demographic Transition.”

“Choice can change the world,” UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem writes in the report’s foreword. “It can rapidly improve the well-being of women and girls, transform families, and accelerate global development.”

When a woman has the power and means to prevent or delay a pregnancy, for example, she has more control over her health and can enter or stay in the paid labour force and realize her full economic potential.

The report found that no country can claim that all of its citizens enjoy reproductive rights at all times. Most couples cannot have the number of children they want because they either lack economic and social support to achieve their preferred family size, or the means to control their fertility. The unmet need for modern contraception prevents hundreds of millions of women from choosing smaller families...

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## **Development – Livestock and Smallholders**

### **[World Livestock: Transforming the livestock sector through the Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

FAO

Rome, 2018 :: 222 pages

<http://www.fao.org/3/CA1201EN/ca1201en.pdf>

To better support the transformation needed in the livestock sector and enhance its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, the World Livestock (WoLi) report “Transforming the livestock sector through the sustainable development goals” examines the sector’s interaction with each of the Goals, as well as the potential synergies, trade-offs, and complex interlinkages involved. In this regard, this global report is intended to serve as a reference framework that Member States and stakeholders can consult as they move forward to realize livestock’s potentially major contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report shifts the focus of the livestock policy debate from fostering sustainable production per se to enhancing the sector’s contribution to the achievement of the SDGs. It calls for an integrated livestock sustainable development approach, and highlights the effective translation of the SDGs into specific and targeted national policy action as the major challenge ahead.

*Press Release*

### **[Harnessing the power of livestock to drive sustainable development](#)**

*Sector can make major contributions to the 2030 agenda, but important choices have to be made*

17 October 2018, Rome - A new FAO report highlights the multiple contributions made by the global livestock sector — especially to the lives of millions of poor, animal-dependent small-scale producers in developing countries — but also says that changes in policies and practices are needed in order to optimize those contributions.

According to [World Livestock: Transforming the livestock sector through the Sustainable Development Goals](#), the debate around livestock production has so far been largely focused on how the sector can produce more to satisfy surging demand for animal products and feed a growing global population while at the same time reducing its environmental footprint.

While that is a worthwhile objective, FAO's new report argues for a broader and more ambitious approach.

By realigning the livestock sector to better support the UN's 2030 sustainable development agenda, it says that a wider range of benefits can be achieved - these include improved food and nutritional security but also extend into other realms, including access to energy, gender equality, improved environmental management and spreading peace and stability.

... Policies and practices that increase the livestock sector's efficiency and reduce its environmental footprint should be vigorously pursued. For example, FAO studies have estimated that wider adoption of existing best practices and technologies in feeding, health and husbandry, and manure management — including greater use of currently underutilized technologies such as biogas generators — could help the global livestock sector cut its GHG emissions by as much as 30 percent.

#### *Numbers of note*

- :: Currently, livestock production employs at least 1.3 billion people worldwide.

- :: About 600 million of the world's poorest households keep livestock as an essential source of income

Between 2000 and 2014, global production of meat rose by 39 percent; milk production increased by 38 percent.

- :: Meat production is projected to increase another 19% by 2030, and milk production another 33% in the same period.

- : Livestock production accounts for 40 percent agriculture output in developed countries and 20 percent of agricultural output in developing countries

- :: Animals remain an important source of power. In India, for instance, two-thirds of the country's cultivated area is ploughed using animal energy, and 14 million animal-drawn carts haul up to 15 percent of the country's total freight.

- :: The introduction of advanced genetics, feeding systems, animal health controls and other technologies over the past four decades allowed industrialized countries to reduce their overall land requirements for livestock by 20 percent while doubling meat production.

- :: Wider adoption of existing best practices and technologies in feeding, health and husbandry, and manure management - as well as greater use of improved technologies - could help the global livestock sector cut its GHG emissions by as much as 30 percent.

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### **Development Cooperation – Health Services**

#### **[EU and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation join forces to support health services in Africa](#)**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 18 October 2018 T

*The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute €54 million (\$62.5 million) to EU efforts to strengthen diagnostic health services in Sub-Saharan Africa under the External Investment Plan.*

**This cooperation will help to mobilise private investment in laboratory facilities providing timely, cost-effective and accurate diagnostic services for diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV, and malaria, as well as support maternal and child healthcare.** This will allow doctors to

detect diseases earlier, respond faster and better targeting treatments. Under this collaboration between the EU and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, poorer people in low-income African countries will have better access to higher quality testing and, therefore, better chances of proper treatment. The articulation of this programme followed the announcement of President Juncker and Bill Gates earlier in the year on the Gates Foundation's intention to contribute to the EU's External Investment Plan.

Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica said: "Together with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we are showcasing the EU's engagement in Africa. Through the Gates Foundation's contribution of €54 million to our External Investment Plan, we will unlock private investment in a sector where additional investments in state-of-the-art testing facilities are urgently needed in order to meet the health needs of ample sectors of the population. This also shows that our approach under the 'Africa – Europe Alliance' works and is attractive to other stakeholders."

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said: "Our foundation is delighted to partner with the European Commission to strengthen diagnostic services across Africa for the infectious diseases that still kill and harm the highest numbers of the world's poorest people. By having better tools to more accurately identify these diseases, we can provide the right treatments at the right time and, ultimately, ensure more people across sub-Saharan Africa are able to live healthy and productive lives."

The majority of the Gates Foundation's contribution – €43.2 million or \$50 million – will support the European Fund for Sustainable Development Guarantee, which is an important pillar of the EU's External Investment Plan. It will be used to help leverage private investment, which will in turn promote inclusive growth and job creation in Africa and the European Neighbourhood countries. €10.8 million (\$12.5 million) will be invested in technical assistance under the European Health Guarantee Platform for Africa – one of twelve innovative guarantee programs under the EU's External Investment Plan. It will incentivise research and innovation in e-health in less developed and fragile environments, leading to cheaper healthcare services for people on low incomes and saving lives.

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## Featured Journal Content

### JAMA

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<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

*Viewpoint*

### [Eliminating Poverty in the 21st Century - The Role of Health and Human Capital](#)

Jim Yong Kim, MD, PhD The World Bank

JAMA. 2018;320(14):1427-1428. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.13709

*In this Viewpoint, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim explains the World Bank's Human Capital Index, which uses data on each country's level of education and indicators of health status to answer a simple but powerful question: how productive will children born today be as members of the future workforce, relative to what is possible if they were in full health and had complete education?*

Over the past 25 years, extreme poverty—defined as living on less than \$1.90 per day—has declined at a remarkable pace around the world. In 1990, 36% of the world’s population lived in extreme poverty; by 2015, that proportion had decreased to 10%.<sup>1</sup>

Health and poverty are inextricably linked, with poverty affecting health and health affecting economic well-being. Better health contributes to higher productivity at all life stages. Healthier children attend school more regularly and for more years and learn more. Evidence from Kenya demonstrates that deworming treatments in childhood reduce school absences while raising wages in adulthood by as much as 20%, attributable to a pill that costs 25 cents to produce and deliver.<sup>2</sup> For students with anemia, an iron supplementation program in Peru led to a 0.4-SD increase in standardized test scores.<sup>3</sup> Healthier adults are more productive as well. In Nigeria, a program that provided malaria testing and treatment increased earnings by 10% just 3 weeks after being offered the opportunity to test.<sup>4</sup> Poor health not only reduces the ability to earn income, but can also substantially increase household spending. Out-of-pocket spending on health care drives an estimated 100 million individuals into poverty every year.<sup>5</sup>

Even though extreme poverty has been reduced, the pace of poverty reduction has slowed. Five years ago, the World Bank Group set a deadline to reduce extreme poverty to a global target of 3% by 2030; however, current forecasts project global poverty in 2030 to be around 5% to 6%. Even if the world comes close to the 2030 target, too many people would still be poor by rich-country standards. Currently, 26% of the world’s population lives on less than \$3.20 per day, which corresponds to the typical poverty line in lower-middle-income countries; 46% of the world’s population lives on less than \$5.50 per day, the average poverty line among upper-middle-income countries.<sup>6</sup> In total, according to these measures, an estimated 3.4 billion people—nearly half of the world’s population—live in poverty.

A great deal of work remains before the world is free from poverty. The most important factor in reducing poverty is economic growth, but it is clear that the benefits of that growth must reach those living in poverty. Human capital, represented as the knowledge, skills, and health that people accumulate over their lives, has been a key factor behind the sustained economic growth and poverty reduction of many countries in the 20th century, especially in East Asia. By boosting economic growth through policies that accelerate investment in human capital, governments are likely to make the benefits of economic growth tangible for those living in poverty because their human capital is often the only capital they can count on.

Investing in human capital is different from investing in physical capital such as roads or factories. Most important, quantifying the returns on investments in human capital in terms of economic growth and global poverty reduction requires taking the long view. Investments in the health and education of children today deliver economic returns in the future, when those children grow up to be healthier, better-educated, and more productive adults. To capture this multidecade horizon, researchers at Brown University and the World Bank are developing a model to simulate the effects that increased human capital could have on economic output over the rest of the 21st century.<sup>7</sup>

The analysis uses the newly designed Human Capital Index that the World Bank is unveiling.<sup>8</sup> The Human Capital Index uses data on each country’s level of education (adjusted for quality) and indicators of health status to answer a simple, but powerful, question: how productive will children born today be as members of the future workforce, relative to what is possible if they were in full health and had complete education?<sup>9</sup> Full health is defined as an absence of stunting and no mortality prior to age 60 years. Complete high-quality education is defined as 100% completion of preprimary,

primary, and secondary school, with the average student reaching the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study benchmark for advanced achievement.

The good news is that, over the last decade, many countries have been making progress in closing the gap between their Human Capital Index and what it would be if those entering the workforce had full health and education. A country that makes progress on each of the components of the index as fast as the median country did over the last decade will reduce their Human Capital Index gap by 4% every 5 years. For successful countries at the 75th percentile, the gap closed at a rate of 9% every 5 years, which corresponds roughly to rates of progress in countries such as Poland, Ecuador, and Albania.

What would happen if countries continued to close the gap at this “typical” rate of 4% per 5 years or an “ambitious” rate of 9% every 5 years? The research<sup>7</sup> uses an economic simulation model to estimate income and poverty in these scenarios over the next 35 years, relative to a baseline in which the gap never changes. In the typical scenario, estimated global gross domestic product per capita would be 5% higher by 2050 than in the baseline. In the ambitious scenario, estimated gross domestic product per capita would be 11.5% higher globally, and 21.8% higher in low- and lower-middle-income countries, than it would have been under the baseline scenario. In the ambitious scenario, estimated global poverty in 2050 would be nearly half as low as in the baseline, with the benefits concentrated in low- and middle-income countries. To realize the same value of income gains as investments in human capital as in this ambitious scenario, the simulation model<sup>7</sup> projected that investment rates in physical capital would have to increase by 4.5% of gross domestic product in low- and lower-middle-income countries ([Figure](#)).

The economic benefits from investing in human capital of new generations of children materialize slowly. Even in the ambitious scenario, global poverty in 2030 would be reduced by less than 1 percentage point relative to the baseline. This reflects the reality that building human capital takes time; for instance, most children who benefit from better health and education today will just begin entering the workforce by that year. Better policies can increase the returns to investments in human capital. Investments that target the poorest, especially early in life when the returns are often the highest,<sup>10</sup> can have a much larger effect on poverty reduction. For instance, high-quality early childhood interventions that target the most disadvantaged raise incomes and reduce inequality.

The World Bank Group is helping countries to identify cost-effective policies that can help children from the poorest background to have a better start. Additionally, the World Bank Group supports countries in enhancing the human capital of existing workers through improved health service delivery and coverage as well as skills upgrading because this can lead to a faster economic payoff to human capital investments. At the same time, countries cannot neglect policies that allow the most vulnerable in society to insure against major risks, such as a health shock or a job loss.

Investments in human capital are critical for long-term growth, prosperity, and health. Physicians, nurses, community health workers, researchers, and public health advocates can be effective in improving the socioeconomic status of people living in poverty. When they improve people’s health and well-being, they do more than immediately improve lives; they also build the foundations for lasting economic growth and poverty reduction, and drive progress in the ongoing project of human solidarity.

*Citation at title link above.*

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## **Human Rights – Forced Medical Examination**

### **United Nations agencies call for ban on virginity testing**

17 October 2018

*News Release Geneva*

Virginity testing — a gynecological examination conducted under the belief that it determines whether a woman or girl has had vaginal intercourse — must end, says UN Human Rights, UN Women and the World Health Organization (WHO).

In a global call to eliminate violence against women and girls everywhere, this medically unnecessary, and often times painful, humiliating and traumatic practice must end.

Virginity testing is a long-standing tradition that has been documented in at least 20 countries spanning all regions of the world. Women and girls are subjected, and often forced, to undergo virginity testing for various reasons. These include requests from parents or potential partners to establish marriage eligibility or from employers for employment eligibility. It is mostly performed by doctors, police officers, or community leaders on women and girls in order to assess their virtue, honour or social value. In some regions, it is common practice for health professionals to perform virginity testing on victims of rape, supposedly to ascertain whether or not rape occurred.

Virginity testing is often performed by inspecting the hymen for tears or its size of opening, and/or inserting fingers into the vagina (the “two-finger” test). Both techniques are practiced under the belief that the appearance of the female genitalia can indicate a girl’s or woman’s history of sexual activity. WHO states that there is no evidence that either method can prove whether a woman or girl has had vaginal intercourse or not.

### ***Emphasis on women’s “virginity” is a form of gender discrimination***

The term “virginity” is not a medical or scientific term. Rather, the concept of “virginity” is a social, cultural and religious construct – one that reflects gender discrimination against women and girls.

The social expectation that girls and women should remain “virgins” (i.e. without having sexual intercourse) is based on stereotyped notions that female sexuality should be curtailed within marriage. This notion is harmful to women and girls globally.

### ***Health impacts of virginity testing***

These examinations are not only a violation of women’s and girls’ human rights, but in cases of rape can cause additional pain and mimic the original act of sexual violence, leading to re-experience, re-traumatization and re-victimization. Many women suffer from adverse short- and long-term physical, psychological and social consequences of this practice. This includes anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress. In extreme cases, women or girls may attempt suicide or be killed in the name of “honour”.

Performing this medically unnecessary and harmful test violates several human rights and ethical standards including the fundamental principle in medicine to ‘do no harm’. WHO recommends that this test should not be performed under any circumstances.

### ***Governments, health professionals and communities must act to eliminate the practice***

There is an urgent need to raise awareness among health professionals and communities of the detrimental effects of performing this test on women and girls, its lack of scientific validity, and the need to eliminate its use. Some governments have banned virginity testing and enacted laws to criminally punish those who perform the examination. Many professional health associations and human rights organizations have condemned this practice as unscientific and a violation of women's and girls' rights.

**UN Human Rights, UN Women and WHO** are committed to ending virginity testing and ensuring that the rights of all women and girls are upheld. The following are recommended strategies to eliminate virginity testing in settings where it occurs:

- :: Health professionals and their professional associations should be aware that virginity testing has no scientific merit and cannot determine past vaginal penetration. They should also know the health and human rights consequences of virginity testing, and never perform or support the practice.

- :: Governments should enact and enforce laws that ban virginity testing.

- :: Communities and all relevant stakeholders should implement awareness campaigns that challenge myths related to virginity and harmful gender norms that place emphasis on control of women's and girls' sexuality and bodies.

*Statement document that includes background on the issue, scientific evidence and global strategies to eliminate this practice*

[www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/eliminating-virginity-testing-interagency-statement/en/](http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/eliminating-virginity-testing-interagency-statement/en/)

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### **Human Rights – Migrant Medical Records**

#### **Nauru - Information on patient files transfer by MSF to Nauruan health authority**

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières

Statement 17 Oct 2018, Brussels

After Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) was instructed on 5 October 2018 by the Nauruan authorities to terminate its mental health activities in the country within less than 24 hours, MSF was also ordered by the Supreme Court of Nauru to comply with national law and to hand over all medical records to the Director of Medical Services of the Hospital of Nauru. The Department of Justice and Border Control also demanded MSF delete all remaining copies of these files. The MSF team on the island was threatened with legal repercussions and informed they would not be allowed to leave the island until this was done.

"There was no time to prepare patients prior to our departure or to do a proper handover of their care", said Dr Marc Biot, MSF's Director of Operations. "We didn't receive adequate guarantees about an alternative provision of medical care, and we doubted continuity of care would be ensured. It was also a problem for us that there was no time to ask for patients' consent before transferring their medical records to the Ministry of Health."

MSF's medical ethics require informed consent from patients before sharing of their records with another party.

"This raised an important question about the compatibility of the request with international medical ethics as well as patients' rights and best interests," said Dr Biot. "It was clear to us that our patients' health and continuity of care was of little concern to the health authority during this process."

Due to the particular vulnerability of refugee and asylum-seeker patients on Nauru and the expedited way MSF was forced to interrupt its mental health services, the organisation took the decision to protect patients' rights to obtain their medical records, while still complying with the order to destroy the remaining copies of the patient files in its possession. MSF therefore ensured that patients would still be able to access their medical files, before proceeding to delete them from MSF archives.

Moreover, MSF handed over only those medical files that were available in the database at the time. All files have been deleted from MSF archives and remain accessible only to the patients.

"We strongly deplore the process and pressure exercised on our team by Nauruan authorities. This showed us how far the authorities of Nauru are ready to go to protect an unfair and inhumane system of offshore detention on the island," said Dr Biot. "Patients are owner of their medical information and jeopardising their access to it, without receiving any guarantee as to their continuity of care, was an unacceptable request. We have reminded the Ministry of Health that they can only use this information to ensure the best care for patients and that this information is protected by medical confidentiality."

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

### **[Statement on the October 2018 meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee on the Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)**

17 October 2018

#### *Statement*

The meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by the WHO Director-General under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) regarding the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo took place on Wednesday, 17 October 2018, from 13:00 to 17:00 Geneva time (CET).

#### *Conclusion*

**It was the view of the Committee that a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) should not be declared at this time.** But the Committee remains deeply concerned by the outbreak and emphasized that response activities need to be intensified and ongoing vigilance is critical. The Committee also noted the very complex security situation.

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

## [Polio this week as of 16 October 2018](#) [GPEI]

:: World Polio Day is coming up on 24 October: join partners around the world in making this year's [World Polio Day](#) a success.

*Summary of new viruses this week:*

**Afghanistan** – one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case and five WPV1-positive environmental samples

**Pakistan** – two WPV1-positive environmental samples

**Niger** – three circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases

**Papua New Guinea** – three cVDPV type 1 cases

**Somalia** – one cVDPV type 3 case

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

WHO has posted a [refreshed emergencies page](#) which presents an updated listing of Grade 3,2,1 emergencies as below.

## [WHO Grade 3 Emergencies](#) [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

:: [11: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 17 October 2018

:: Disease Outbreak News (DONs) [Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)  
18 October 2018

[See [Milestones above](#) for more detail]

### **Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis**

:: [Weekly Situation Report 46 - 11 October 2018 pdf, 398kb](#)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

:: Acute respiratory infection and acute watery diarrhoea are showing increasing trends.

:: Suspected malaria cases continue to be reported in relatively high number. It is possible that these cases represent variety of syndromes with different etiologies.

:: A refresher training was conducted to improve the capacity of health workers for preparedness and response to diarrhoeal disease outbreaks in Cox's Bazar.

#### **SITUATION OVERVIEW**

:: There are an estimated 921,000 Rohingya refugees (215,796 families) in Cox's Bazar, according to the latest Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) round 12 exercise. The Rohingya refugees continue to arrive in Bangladesh, though the overall influx has slowed since the onset of the crisis in late August 2017. From 1 January-15 September 2018, UNHCR has recorded 13,764 new arrivals to Bangladesh.

:: The dense population, continuous contamination of the environment in the camps and the rainy season, indicate that continuous vigilance for disease outbreaks is needed. WHO through EWARS is continuously monitoring diseases and coordinating health response. More than 8,200 cases of Diphtheria have been reported since November 2017 and the risk of water-borne and vector-borne diseases remain. Other acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) and related clinical conditions, more specifically cholera and shigella, may potentially cause outbreaks. Due to endemicity of rotavirus in the camp areas and long-term knowledge on rotavirus in the community, an annual increase in rotavirus case notifications is also anticipated.

## **Syrian Arab Republic**

:: WHO helps restore primary health care services in Aleppo 11 October 2018

## **Yemen**

:: Internally displaced persons from Hudaydah endure harsh circumstances in Sana'a  
8 October 2018

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

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## **WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

Brazil (in Portuguese) - *No new announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified*

Hurricane Irma and Maria in the Caribbean - *No new announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new announcements identified*

Libya - *No new announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new announcements identified*

Niger - *No new announcements identified*

Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new announcements identified*

## **Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 41: 12 October 2018**

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 58 events in the AFRO region. This week's edition covers key ongoing events, including:

:: Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe

:: Cholera outbreak in Niger

:: Humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Humanitarian crisis in South Sudan

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## **WHO Grade 1 Emergencies** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

Afghanistan

Angola (in Portuguese)

Chad

Ethiopia

Kenya

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Mali

Papua New Guinea

Peru

Tanzania

Tropical Cyclone Gira

Zambia

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### **UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

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

#### **Yemen**

:: Yemen: Al Hudaydah Update Situation Report No. 13, Reporting period: 3 - 15 October 2018

Published on 17 Oct 2018

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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### **UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies**

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

#### **Ethiopia**

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 65 | 01-14 October 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 20 Oct 2018]

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

19 October 2018

GA/DIS/3606

**Possessing Atomic Bomb 'Shameful as Depending on Chemical, Biological Weapon', First Committee Hears, while Nuclear-Weapon States Defend Deterrence Policies**

Defending the strategic purposes of their arsenals, First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) delegates representing nuclear-weapon States pointed at current geopolitical realities, while calling for the type of methodical approach to disarmament that has led to past successes.

19 October 2018

GA/SHC/4239

**[World Altered by 'Neoliberal' Outsourcing of Public Services to Private Sector, Third Committee Experts Stress, amid Calls for Better Rights Protection](#)**

The world has been fundamentally reordered by widespread neoliberal economics that has privatized basic public goods — social protections, education, pensions and criminal justice among them — with often disastrous impacts on the human rights of the extremely poor, experts told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today.

18 October 2018

SC/13544

**[Grave Situation in Gaza Demands Decisive Action, Special Coordinator for Middle East Peace Process Tells Security Council, Urging End of Occupation](#)**

Gravely concerned over escalation of violence on the Gaza border and settlement activity in the West Bank, the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process told the Security Council today that the international community could no longer allow prospects for a two-State solution to slip away.

17 October 2018

GA/DIS/3604

**[Spanning 116 States, World's Five Nuclear Weapon Free Zones Must Use Political Capital to Advance Common Disarmament Goals, Speakers Tell First Committee](#)**

Casting a spotlight on regional efforts to advance common disarmament goals, delegates in the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) addressed the current and potential contribution of nuclear-weapon-free zones to global peace and security, as the Committee concluded its general debate and began its thematic segment.

17 October 2018

SC/13543

**[Special Envoy on Syrian Conflict, in Security Council Briefing, Announces Resignation, Vowing to Pursue Political Solution 'until the Last Hour'](#)**

The Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria, briefing the Security Council today on efforts to push forward a constitutional committee aimed at ending the eight-year-long conflict in Syria, also announced his decision to step down at the end of November, while vowing to vigorously pursue a balanced, fair and inclusive political solution "until the last hour" of his tenure.

15 October 2018

GA/SHC/4235

**[Early Warnings Must Trigger Rapid Responses to Rights Abuses, High Commissioner Tells Third Committee as Experts Call for Upholding Commitments against Torture](#)**

Early warnings must trigger rapid responses to human rights abuses, the top United Nations human rights official told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, as it began its deliberations on the promotion and protection of human rights.

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 20 Oct 2018]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

*Top News*

[South Sudan: UN report urges release of hundreds of abducted civilians](#)

[UN experts welcome business leaders standing up for missing Saudi journalist](#)

[UN experts deeply concerned by 'new practice' of State-sponsored abductions](#)

[UN poverty expert warns against tsunami of unchecked privatisation](#)

[Saudi Arabia must immediately release all women's rights defenders, say UN experts](#)

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 20 Oct 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 20 Oct 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 20 Oct 2018]

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

19 October 2018

[UN poverty expert warns against tsunami of unchecked privatisation](#)

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>

*Latest news*

[Niger: human rights protection must be central to migration policies, says expert](#)

11 October 2018

## **World Day Against the Death Penalty 10 October 2018**

10 October 2018

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*[Website under maintenance]*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

16 October 2018

**UN allocates \$34.6 million to drought response in Afghanistan**

16 October 2018

**Joint Visit to the Naivasha “Open Area” in Khartoum State**

15 October 2018

**Philippines: United Nations Deputy Humanitarian Chief calls for continued humanitarian support...**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

*Statement*

**In Yemen, millions of children could soon be without food or water as economic crisis deepens and Hudaydah violence drags on**

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore  
18/10/2018

*Press release*

**[Global health organizations commit to new ways of working together for greater impact](#)**

16/10/2018

*[See Milestones above for more detail]*

*Press release*

**[UNICEF announces arrival of education material for Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami affected communities](#)**

16/10/2018

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Briefing notes*

**[UNHCR delivers aid for Indonesia earthquake survivors](#)** 19 Oct 2018

**[Mass Congolese returns from Angola could lead to a humanitarian crisis](#)** 16 Oct 2018

*Press releases and news comments*

**[UNHCR evacuates vulnerable refugees out of Libya as fighting resumes](#)** 18 Oct 2018

**[UNHCR and IOM appeal to European leaders to tackle Mediterranean deaths](#)** 17 Oct 2018

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 91,093 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,852](#)**

2018-10-19 16:19

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 91,093 migrants and refugees entered Europe

**[UNHCR and IOM Appeal to European Leaders to Tackle Mediterranean Deaths](#)**

2018-10-17 16:07

Brussels – UNHCR and IOM are together appealing to European leaders to urgently take steps to address this year's record rate of drownings on the Mediterranean Sea.

**[Girls Sold into Forced Labour Largest Group of Trafficking Victims Identified by IOM in Bangladesh Refugee Camps](#)**

2018-10-16 17:04

Cox's Bazar – Young girls sold into forced labour are the largest group of trafficking victims identified by the UN Migration Agency in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps.

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**UNAIDS** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

News

19 October 2018

[Race to ensure that people living with HIV get treatment after Central Sulawesi earthquake](#)

19 October 2018

[Defending opioid substitution therapy services in Kazakhstan](#)

16 October 2018

[Germany: taking a human-rights based approach to injecting drug use](#)

15 October 2018

[UNAIDS revises its policy on adoption, paternity and surrogacy leave](#)

UNAIDS has revised its internal adoption and paternity leave policy and introduced new rules on surrogacy leave, marking an important step in ensuring a more inclusive working environment.

The revised policy includes the extension of adoption leave from eight to 16–18 weeks, depending on the number of children being adopted, the extension of paternity leave from four to 16 weeks and the introduction of 16 weeks of leave for a single birth by surrogacy and 18 weeks for multiple births by surrogacy.

The new policy is the result of concerted advocacy efforts by the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association (USSA), in collaboration with UNAIDS management, and is one of the commitments made in the recently launched [UNAIDS Gender Action Plan 2018–2023](#)...

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

#### **WHO African Region AFRO**

*Selected Featured News*

:: [The Ministry of Health of South Sudan successfully conducts its first ever diagnostic test for Ebola](#) 19 October 2018

:: [Ghana launches a nationwide campaign to fight Measles-Rubella](#) 17 October 2018

:: [Liberia Commemorates World Rabies Day](#) 15 October 2018

:: [WHO is using strategic approaches to provide lifesaving health and nutrition services in hard to reach areas of South Sudan](#) 14 October 2018

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

:: [Caribbean Ministers of Health meet to approve plan on health system resilience in the face of climate change \(10/16/2018\)](#)

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

- *No new announcement identified*

#### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: [Romania - investing in primary health care and bringing care to where it's most needed](#) 18-10-2018

:: WHO Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health: sharing experiences and best practices 15-10-2018

:: Policies to limit marketing of unhealthy foods to children fall short of protecting their health and rights 15-10-2018

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

:: Polio vaccinators in Pakistan conduct measles campaign 15 October 2018

– More than 32 million Pakistani children are to be vaccinated against measles in late October in a countrywide immunization campaign that pulls together national funding and the polio programme's greatest asset: its human resources.

From 15 to 27 October, Pakistan's Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) plans to carry out a nationwide measles campaign targeting approximately 31.8 million children aged from 9 to 59 months (and 6 to 83 months in Punjab province). Measles is a highly contagious disease which can be fatal in children, but is preventable with vaccination.

The October measles immunization campaign comes as a response to the ongoing measles outbreak in Pakistan. More than 24 000 suspected measles cases were reported in Pakistan in 2017, and so far this year there have been 30 000 suspected reported cases.

Pakistan typically encounters a measles outbreak every 8 to 10 years, and the Federal Ministry of Health, through the EPI, works proactively to stop these outbreaks with regular vaccination campaigns. Although the Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) and EPI are separate entities, both work hand in hand on efforts to improve immunization in Pakistan, with the understanding that achieving strong essential immunization coverage is a critical step in bringing Pakistan closer to ending polio, and once this goal is reached, in maintaining polio-free status.

During the upcoming national measles campaign, the polio programme will lend its human, physical and systems resources, knowledge and expertise to the task of achieving highest possible immunization coverage against measles across the country. It's a good fit: many of the areas at highest risk for polio are also at high risk for measles...

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

- *No new announcement identified*

**World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

17 October 2018

Press Release

### **The State of World Population 2018**

The power to choose the number, timing and spacing of children can bolster economic and social development, new UNFPA report shows.

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

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Announcements*

Posted on October 16, 2018

**[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)**

*International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 17 October 2018*

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 20 Oct 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 20 Oct 2018]

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

19 Oct 2018 *Press release*

**[Scaling up climate finance in Asia-Pacific through Financial Centres for Sustainability](#)**

Shanghai, 19 October 2018 – Financial Centres for Sustainability (FC4S) today launched its Asia-Pacific Centre, one of several important steps taken to scale up the financing required for climate action and sustainable...

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

16 October 2018, *New York*

**[UN World Data Forum 2018 to mark a new milestone in the journey toward making better sustainable development data for all a reality](#)**

The United Nations World Data Forum 2018 is set to kick off on 22 October in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, bringing together nearly 2,000 data leaders from more than 100 countries.

The data experts — from national statistical offices, the private sector, NGOs, academia and international and regional organizations — will gather 22-24 October to collaborate and tackle data gaps and challenges, launch new initiatives and identify mechanisms to increase financing and support for better data for sustainable development.

With over 80 sessions and parallel events, the Forum, which is being held at the Madinat Jumeirah Convention Center, is a crucial opportunity for major producers and users of data and statistics to find innovative solutions that deliver better data for policy makers and for all citizens in all areas of sustainable development and increase trust in data. Filling data gaps on important areas of sustainable development will be addressed, including on migration, health, gender and the environment, among others.

High-level speakers opening the Forum include UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed; HE Reem Bint Ebrahim Al Hashimy, Minister of State for International Co-operation, UAE; and HE Omar Al Olama, Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, UAE...

**UNESCO** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

21 October 2018

**[Director-General firmly condemns the killing of Saudi Journalist Jamal Khashoggi](#)**

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

19/10/2018 –

**[UNODC Executive Director welcomes governments' decision on review mechanism for Palermo Convention](#)**

VIENNA, 19 October 2018 - Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, today welcomed the agreement of Member States to strengthen action against organized crime under the Palermo Convention.

The ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime concluded with agreement on a resolution on the establishment of a mechanism for reviewing implementation of the Convention and its Protocols on human trafficking, migrant smuggling and firearms.

"The Palermo Convention and its Protocols on human trafficking, migrant smuggling and firearms remain the primary global tools uniting action against organized crime, to bring perpetrators to justice and support victims," said Mr. Fedotov at the closing of the ninth session.

"The review mechanism can further reinforce criminal justice responses and cooperation through the Convention, as well as help to identify assistance needs and channel development support."...

15/10/2018 –

**[UNODC Executive Director calls for renewed action against organized crime, human trafficking and illicit firearms through Palermo Convention](#)**

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Posted October 18, 2018

**[Harmonization of Urban Definitions Key to Monitoring Implementation of SDGs and the NUA](#)**

Nairobi, 17 October 2018 – A rapid assessment of approaches to collecting city level data reveals a mixed bag of results with huge variations not only in how each country defines urban, but also in how urban... 18, 2018

Posted October 17, 2018

**[Press Release: Abu Dhabi Signs Agreement with UN-Habitat to Host 10th World Urban Forum in 2020](#)**

UAE will be first Arab country to host landmark United Nations Forum ABU DHABI, 17 October 2018: Today, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFAIC) and the Abu Dhabi Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities...

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

19-10-2018

**[Committee on World Food Security focuses on food systems and nutrition](#)**

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) wrapped up its 45th Session today, tasking itself with formulating Voluntary Guidelines for Food Systems and Nutrition for approval in 2020.

**[Green Climate Fund approves \\$127 million project for El Salvador's Dry Corridor](#)**

The decision, taken by the Green Climate Fund's Board at its 17-20 October 2018 meeting in Manama, Bahrain, will see some \$35.8 million allocated to the project from the Green Climate Fund. The project will also receive \$91.8 million from the Salvadoran Government and the Initiative for the Americas Fund (FIAES).

19-10-2018

**[Unlocking the carbon storage potential of forests through better data](#)**

A UN program that is helping developing countries cut greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation has scored a number of successes by boosting their forest monitoring capacities, a new assessment says.

19-10-2018

**[Harnessing the power of livestock to drive sustainable development](#)**

A new FAO report highlights the multiple contributions made by the global livestock sector - especially to the lives of millions of poor, animal-dependent small-scale producers in developing countries - but also says that changes in policies and practices are needed in order to optimize those contributions.

17-10-2018

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**[Urgent need to step up efforts to end hunger and malnutrition in all its forms](#)**

Speakers at the global World Food Day ceremony in Rome today called for stronger political will and more financial support to end hunger and malnutrition in all its forms, urging the international community to step up its efforts until everyone has enough and quality food.

16-10-2018

**No time to lose to reverse negative hunger and malnutrition trends**

Failure to eradicate hunger will undermine all the Sustainable Development Goals, meaning "poverty will not be eradicated, natural resources will continue to degrade, and forced migration will continue to rise," he told delegates gathered in Rome for the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

15-10-2018

**Policies should not stem migration, but maximize its potential and minimize negatives**

The State of Food and Agriculture 2018 launched today urges that policies should not stem or accelerate migration but maximize the contribution of rural migration to economic and social development while minimizing the costs.

15-10-2018

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians*

**Landmark ILO Conference sets standards to measure new and invisible forms of work**

19 October 2018

International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopts unique statistical roadmap to measure progress on UN's 2030 Agenda and help policy makers create better policies on the future of work.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

19/10/18

**Driving improved and aligned assistance for aircraft accident victims**

... In support of this, a special session took place during the 13th ICAO Air Navigation Conference to review the development and implementation of the relevant ICAO instruments and documents, and regulations, policies and plans of States and other international organizations...

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

18/10/2018

**Tackling maritime emissions - IMO rolls out emissions toolkits**

A new set of free-of-charge toolkits to assess and address emissions from ships and ports is now available.

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 20 Oct 2018]

<http://news.upu.int/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

By Ann Brady on 19 October 2018

### **[New \(e-\)takeoff for aviation industry](#)**

New technologies, from robotics to machine learning, are ushering in a period of rapid change and development. While the aviation industry is working to reap the benefits of this industrial automation, standards, especially those of ISO/TC 184/SC 4, will play a key role in ensuring a smooth flight path

By Robert Bartram on 18 October 2018

### **[The new frontier for artificial intelligence](#)**

...According to Wael William Diab, Chair of the new technical committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, Information technology, subcommittee SC 42, Artificial intelligence, the field of AI includes a collection of technologies. The newly formed committee has started with some foundational standards that include AI concepts and terminology (ISO/IEC 22989). Diab stresses that the interest in AI is quite broad, bringing together a very wide range of diverse stakeholders such as data scientists, digital practitioners, and regulatory bodies

By Clare Naden on 16 October 2018

### **[New standard in the cookstoves series just published](#)**

...Technical report ISO/TR 19867-3, Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions – Harmonized laboratory test protocols – Part 3: Voluntary performance targets for cookstoves based on laboratory testing, provides voluntary performance targets for cookstoves used for small-scale household applications. It supplements ISO 19867-1, Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions – Harmonized laboratory test protocols – Part 1: Standard test sequence for emissions and performance, safety and durability. The two documents join ISO/TR 21276, Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions – Vocabulary, a technical report on terminology which was published earlier this year.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **[Creating Smart Cities for Innovative Tourism Experiences](#)**

Madrid, Spain, 16 October 2018 - The UNWTO Conference on City Breaks: Creating Innovative Tourism Experiences (15-16 October 2018) concluded today in Valladolid, Spain, with a call for cities to become smart tourism destinations, where tourism governance and the digital economy mesh together to offer travellers diverse and authentic experiences.

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**[U.S Agency for International Development Joins Other International Donors in Endorsing Political Commitments to Prevent Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment](#)**

October 18, 2018

Today, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) joined representatives of other donors to sign political commitments aimed at eliminating sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment in international assistance. The announcement of the commitments took place at the International Safeguarding Summit, a one-day event hosted by the Department for International Development (DfID) of the United Kingdom that brought together leaders from governments, the United Nations, the private sector, academia, and non-profit organizations to examine sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment from a holistic perspective. The non-profit, private, and research sectors announced similar commitments.

**[United States Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green on Foreign Assistance to Religious Minorities in Iraq](#)**

October 16, 2018

Statement

Today, the United States announced additional assistance for the religious and ethnic minority communities that are vital to a peaceful, democratic, and prosperous Iraq. Preserving Iraq's cultural mosaic, and promoting the benefits of pluralism, are essential to preventing future atrocities, securing a more peaceful nation, and providing a foundation for economic recovery.

**[Fact Sheet: U.S. Assistance to Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Iraq](#)**

October 16, 2018

As part of the continued commitment by Vice President Pence, Secretary Pompeo, and USAID Administrator Green to support ethnic and religious minorities in Iraq as highlighted earlier this year at the first-ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, the United States is proud to announce over \$178 million in U.S. foreign assistance to support these vulnerable communities in Iraq. This brings total U.S. assistance for this population to nearly \$300 million since Fiscal Year 2017, implemented by both the State Department and USAID.

**[U.S. Agency for International Development \(USAID\) Administrator Mark Green Appreciates the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Review of USAID's Global Health Supply Chain Program](#)**

October 15, 2018

**DFID** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

**[Safeguarding Summit 2018: Global aid community to take action against sexual predators](#)**

18 October 2018 DFID Press release

**[International summit to crack down on sexual predators in the aid sector](#)**

18 October 2018 DFID Press release

**[New UK aid package to provide life-saving help to millions of Yemeni children at growing risk of famine](#)**

16 October 2018 DFID Press release

**ECHO** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[EU conducts its biggest Civil Protection Mechanism exercise](#)**

The 2018 Modex Romania is the largest medical exercise ever conducted in the framework of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and is taking place in Bucharest, Romania until 18 October 2018. The simulation will mobilise over 1000 people and involve medical teams from Austria, Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Norway, and Israel, and experts from other states participating in the Mechanism...

The exercise simulates a 7.5 scale earthquake hitting Bucharest causing widespread damage to infrastructure, with a large number of wounded. National capacities are overwhelmed and Romania activates the EU Civil Protection Mechanism through which assistance from participating countries is channelled. Urban search and rescue and medical teams need to be set up as well as evacuation planes to bring wounded people to safe places in Romania and other EU Member States...

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**African Union** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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October 21, 2018

**[Commemoration of the 2018 African Human Rights Day](#)**

October 17, 2018

**[The power to choose the number, timing and spacing of children can bolster economic and social development.](#)**

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 20 Oct 2018]

<http://asean.org/category/news/asean-secretariat-news/>

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

**[ASEAN scientists work towards better engagement with policymakers](#)**

CEBU, 16 October 2018 – A total of 37 ASEAN scientists from the 2018/19 ASEAN Science and Technology Fellowship and three previous fellowship cycles across ASEAN participated in a science communication and policy advocacy workshop in Cebu, the Philippines, from 14-16 October. Organised by the ASEAN Foundation with the support of ASEAN and the U.S. [...]

### **ASEAN human rights body to enhance collaboration with civil society**

CHIANG RAI, 15 October 2018 - The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) convened the AICHR Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Symposium in Chiang Rai, Thailand on 13-15 October. Representatives from AICHR, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development, and [...]

**European Commission** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=19/10/2018>

### **ASEM Summit: Europe and Asia – Global Partners for Global Challenges**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 19 October 2018 The 12th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Summit took place on 18-19 October in Brussels, bringing together 51 countries, as well as EU and Asian institutions. Under the title "Global Partners for Global Challenges", leaders addressed some of the world's most pressing issues.

### **EU and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation join forces to support health services in Africa**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 18 October 2018 The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute €54 million (\$62.5 million) to EU efforts to strengthen diagnostic health services in Sub-Saharan Africa under the External Investment Plan.

### **Climate change: European Commission and Bill Gates-led Breakthrough Energy launch €100 million clean energy investment fund**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 17 October 2018 Today the European Commission and Breakthrough Energy have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Breakthrough Energy Europe (BEE) – a joint investment fund to help innovative European companies develop and bring radically new clean energy technologies to the market.

### **Somalia: major step in EU support to state-building**

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 15 October 2018 The EU and Somalia signed on 14 October an agreement to provide €100 million to the Somali budget over the next two and a half years. These funds will support the Federal Government's reforms to build a unified, federal state.

**OECD** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **OECD to launch new PISA report on equity in education on Tuesday 23 October 2018**

A student's or school's postcode is still the best predictor of the quality of education a child will get in many countries. A new OECD report, *Equity in Education: Breaking Down Barriers to Social Mobility*,

shows that there is no country in the world that can yet claim to have entirely eliminated socio-economic inequalities in education.

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### **[Global Material Resources Outlook to 2060: Economic Drivers and Environmental Consequences - Monday 22 October 2018](#)**

Population growth and rising incomes are likely to significantly drive up the global consumption of raw materials over the coming decades, with far-reaching environmental impacts that may also have economic consequences.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 11, 2018

### **[Working Group on Crisis of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees of the OAS General Secretariat Adds New Members](#)**

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **[Al-Othaimen: Additional Legally Binding Instruments to Tackle New Manifestation of Islamophobia Needed](#)**

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimen has stressed that the international community has to adopt a unified stance in combating religious intolerance and discrimination with a view to isolate extremist acts and discourse from both the Muslim and Western sides.

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### **[OIC Commends UN Vote Giving Palestine More Powers during 2019 Meetings](#)**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the United Nations decision, with a majority of 146 votes, to grant the State of Palestine more powers to perform its duties as the Chair of the Group of 77 + China in 2019, stating that the UN vote shows great discernment on the part of the international community to upgrade the status of the State of Palestine and further its right to full membership of the UN.

**Group of 77** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

### **[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of Egypt at the Fourth Committee of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Agenda Item 58 on "Questions Relating to Information" \(New York, 18 October 2018\)](#)**

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Karim Ismail, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, on agenda item 147: Administration of justice, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-third session of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 18 October 2018\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Counsellor Mohamed Fouad of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, on agenda item 136: Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019: Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok and progress on the replacement of office blocks a-j at the United Nations Office in Nairobi \(New York, 18 October 2018\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of 77, before the plenary of the UN General Assembly on the introduction of the draft resolution A/73/L.5 entitled "Chair of the Group of 77 for 2019" \(New York, 16 October 2018\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by the delegation of Egypt at the Second Committee of the seventy-third session of the UN General Assembly on Agenda Item 20 on "Sustainable Development" \(New York, 15 October 2018\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **Fair trade movement and UNCTAD join forces**

The Brussels-based Fair Trade Advocacy Office and UNCTAD are joining forces to improve the living and working conditions of artisans, workers and smallholder farmers and producers in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The two organizations, which have both been calling for a more equitable trading system for decades, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 19 October in Madrid.

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### **Ethiopia, Burundi can do more to capitalize on growing niche markets for coffee**

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **Latest edition of WCO News now available**

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **DG Azevêdo: "We must preserve what we have, even as we work to improve it"**

In a speech delivered in London on 17 October, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said that despite its imperfections, the multilateral trading system has delivered stability and predictability in commercial relations and helped fuel unprecedented growth and development around the world. "Let's work together to shape the trading system that we want to see — one which can meet the challenges of

today, and which continues to serve our economies and communities for generations to come," he declared. The DG spoke at the inaugural International Trade Banquet hosted by the Lord Mayor of London, together with Secretary of State Liam Fox.

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### **[DG Azevêdo: Debate on WTO reform should reflect all perspectives](#)**

At a meeting of the full WTO membership today (16 October), Director-General Roberto Azevêdo noted the emerging debate on 'WTO reform' and highlighted the importance that this discussion is inclusive. He said: "The state of this organization is an issue in which everyone has an interest, so it is important for all members to engage — whatever your perspectives may be." DG Azevêdo pointed to the links between this debate and efforts to solve the rising trade tensions between some major trading partners.

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### **IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 20 Oct 2018]**

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

18 October 2018

### **[#IPU139: Parliaments demand immediate action on climate change](#)**

With catastrophic climate change threatening to hit many parts of the world in just over a decade, 149 national parliaments have adopted an emergency resolution calling for decisive action. Concluding the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the resolution, called Climate change – Let us not cross the line, follows the report published last week by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). According to the IPCC report, limiting global warming to 1.5°C requires urgent and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society.

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### **[#IPU139: Assembly gives voice to MPs silenced at home](#)**

At the 139th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, the global parliamentary community expressed serious concerns about MP human rights violations worldwide including cases in Cambodia, Venezuela, Turkey, and Uganda. However, there was also good news from Malaysia and the Maldives. At the Assembly, the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians, the only international body with an exclusive remit to support persecuted MPs, met for its 157th session. The committee meets three times a year to hear both complainants and the parliamentary authorities. Based on these hearings and other information, the committee takes position and its decisions are adopted by the IPU's Governing Council. At this sitting, the committee took position on human rights violations of 295 MPs in 13 countries.

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### **[#MeToo: Alarming levels of sexual abuse and violence found in Europe's Parliaments](#)**

A new study by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) shows that acts of sexism, abuse and violence against women are widespread in parliaments across Europe. The findings reveal that 85 per cent of women MPs have suffered from psychological violence in parliament; women MPs under 40 are more likely to be harassed; female parliamentary staff endure more sexual violence than female MPs; and that the majority of parliaments don't have mechanisms to enable women to speak out.

**International Court of Justice** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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

Statement : 17 October 2018

**[Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, regarding the Situation in Palestine](#)**

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

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**World Bank** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[A Call for Urgent Acceleration of Climate Adaptation Solutions](#)**

On the heels of one of the deadliest summers of climate-related weather disasters affecting countries all over the world, an unprecedented gathering of global leaders launched on October 16, 2018 the new...

Date: October 19, 2018 Type: Brief

**[Update on World Bank Commitments following the UK Anti-Corruption Summit in May 2016](#)**

STATEMENT OF THE WORLD BANK GROUP Corruption is a global problem that requires global solutions. The World Bank Group works at the country, regional and global levels to help our clients build capable...

Date: October 19, 2018 Type: Brief

**[IFI update on the Joint Statement on Continuous Advancement of Standards to Prevent Sexual Harassment, Abuse, and Exploitation](#)**

In a meeting on 21 April 2018 convened by Sigrid Kaag, the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, and Penny Mordaunt, UK Secretary of State for International Development, 10 International...

Date: October 18, 2018 Type: Statement

**[World Bank Group launches new multi-donor fund in support of SDG implementation](#)**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, 2018 - Today, the World Bank Group launched the Partnership Fund for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Fund) in support of global efforts to meet the SDGs. The aim of...

Date: October 18, 2018 Type: Press Release

**[Expanding Social Safety Nets in Africa to Reduce Poverty, Boost Opportunities and Build Resilience](#)**

WASHINGTON, October 17, 2018 – For Sub-Saharan Africa’s poor and most vulnerable people to fully benefit from social safety net programs, there must be a focus on political, institutional, and fiscal...

Date: October 17, 2018 Type: Publication

### **Accelerating Battery Storage for Development**

The World Bank Group (WBG) has committed \$1 billion for a program to accelerate investments in battery storage for electric power systems in low and middle-income countries. This investment is intended...

Date: October 15, 2018 Type: Brief

**IMF** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean Has Lost Momentum**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **Senior Management Appointments at The African Development Bank**

- The President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina, is pleased to announce the following Senior Management appointments...

### **African Development Bank leads pan-African campaign against Fall Army Worm**

17/10/2018 - The African Development Bank recently convened a meeting of experts and stakeholders in the agricultural sector to design integrated pest and disease management mechanisms for controlling the spread of the Fall Army Worm in East Africa.

### **Humanitarian-Security-Development Nexus in G5 Sahel Countries: International Committee of the Red Cross discusses partnership modalities with African Development Bank**

16/10/2018 - The Gender, Women and Civil Society Department (AHGC) hosted a two day workshop from 8-9 October 2018 in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire with a delegation from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). This workshop was a promising first step to exchange knowledge, ideas and expertise on how to respond in a timely and judicious manner to the needs and priorities of the population – particularly women and girls – in transition countries in Africa.

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**Asian Development Bank** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[ADB Invests \\$25 Million in Private Equity Fund to Help Small Businesses in Southeast Asia](#)**

ADB today signed an agreement to provide a \$25 million equity investment to Exacta II, a private equity fund, to provide much-needed investments for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Southeast Asia.

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**[Experts Gather to Foster Learning to 'Enable Resilience for All'](#)**

MANILA, PHILIPPINES (17 October 2018) — More than 1,000 scientists, government officials, representatives from civil society and businesses, as well as development partners from 60 countries are meeting this week at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) headquarters in Manila for the 6th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum to share and discuss urgent adaptation solutions to build resilience against the adverse impacts of climate change.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[La République du Congo \(RC\) et le Fonds international de développement agricole \(FIDA\) renforcent leur partenariat pour améliorer les conditions de vie des petits producteurs congolais](#)**

18 Oct

**[IFAD and Japan join global push to tackle poverty in rural areas](#)**

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**[La République Démocratique du Congo \(RDC\) et le Fonds international de développement agricole \(FIDA\) s'engagent sur de nouvelles bases pour la transformation des zones rurales congolaises](#)**

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[Tunisia and IFAD to discuss results of evaluation and future opportunities for the rural development](#)

17 Oct

[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

15 Oct

[Regional Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Transformation - Asia Pacific](#)

15 Oct

[Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women](#)

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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 20 Oct 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://www.alima-ngo.org/en/press-room>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Saturday, 20 October, 2018

[Amref Health Africa Receives Royal Award for International Cooperation](#)

Amref Health Africa (global) and the Amref Health Africa office in Spain received the Princess of Asturias Award for International Cooperation in Oviedo, Spain at a ceremony officiated by the King of Spain Felipe VI. The award was received by Amref Health Africa Group Chief Executive Officer Dr Githinji Gitahi, Chair of the Amref Spain Board Álvaro Rengifo and Amref’s End FGM/C Ambassador Ms Nice Nailantei Leng’ete.

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 17, 2018

**[Enabling young entrepreneurs to start off strong](#)**

October 16, 2018

**[Food for thought: Ways to end world hunger](#)**

October 15, 2018

**[Clean hands to save lives: Innovations from South Asia](#)**

**CARE International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[CARE distributes aid kits to survivors of the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami](#)**

CARE is distributing hygiene kits to around 1,000 households over the coming days. Distributions will target some of those worst affected by the earthquake and tsunami on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. Lack of clean water and access to sanitation facilities are two of the biggest problems currently facing survivors ...

**Clubhouse International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[EU-Libya migration cooperation: Shipwrecked values of humanity](#)**

The Danish Refugee Council calls for an urgent change to the EU's external migration cooperation in the Central Mediterranean and beyond from policies that focus on securitizing borders to policies that prioritize saving lives; provide effective protection and safe migratory pathways to people on the move; and contribute rather than undermine the long-term goal of stability and prosperity in the Mediterranean.

**ECPAT** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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**[ECPAT UK presents 120,000 strong petition to Downing St.](#)**

*Citizens demand specialist support for child trafficking victims*

ECPAT UK is marking Anti-Slavery Day 2018 by delivering a 120,000 strong petition to the UK Government that demands guaranteed specialist support for trafficked children.

Young members of an award-winning ECPAT UK youth programme for victims of trafficking will be joined at a ceremony at No. 10 Downing Street today by the anti-slavery organization Freedom United,

online campaign platform [Care2](#), ethical fashion company [Beulah London](#), and Labour MP [Carolyn Harris](#)...

**Fountain House** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**[UAE: Senior military officers from around the world meet to discuss laws of war](#)**

More than 120 senior military officers from over 80 countries will participate in the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations (SWIRMO) jointly hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United A

20-10-2018 | News release

**[International Conference on the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons](#)**

The International Conference on the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) took place in New Dehli on 5 – 6 December 2017.

18-10-2018 | Report

**[Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other High-Level Officials on the current state of affairs in the field of disarmament and arms control](#)**

Statement of Robert Mardini, Permanent Observer of the ICRC to the United Nations. UN General Assembly, 73rd session First Committee.

17-10-2018 | Statement

**[General Debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items](#)**

United Nations General Assembly, 73rd Session, First Committee. Statement delivered by Ms. Kathleen Lawand, Head of Arms Unit, ICRC.

17-10-2018 | Statement

## **Global trends of war and their humanitarian impacts**

A perfect storm of converging trends in global warfare is changing how the ICRC needs to think about helping those caught in conflict.

17-10-2018 | Statement

**IFRC** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Americas, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico*

### **Red Cross assisting people traveling in mass caravan across Central America**

Panama/Geneva, October 20, 2018— Red Cross societies are providing medical care and support to thousands of people moving north through Central America. Red Cross volunteers report that many of the people they are supporting, a majority of whom are wom ...

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*Asia Pacific, Indonesia*

### **Indonesia: Massive relief effort under way three weeks after earthquake and tsunami**

Three weeks after a 7.4 magnitude earthquake and tsunami struck Sulawesi on 28 September, a massive effort is under way to distribute 215 metric tons of relief items (equivalent to the weight of 107 medium-sized cars) before monsoon rain sets in.

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*Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

### **DR Congo: IFRC expands Ebola preparedness as fears of regional spread grow**

Kinshasa/Nairobi/Geneva, 17 October 2018 – Conflict and insecurity are hampering Ebola responders' work, raising fear that the outbreak may reach a tipping point that sees the virus to spread to more provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (D ...

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*Netherlands*

### **IFRC Secretary General appointed Global Commissioner on Climate Change Adaptation**

The Hague/Geneva, 16 October 2018 – The Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Elhadj As Sy, was appointed in The Hague today as a member of the Global Commission on Adaptation. Mr Sy is one of ...

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*Africa, Middle East and North Africa*

### **Millions will remain vulnerable to disasters unless states do more to empower communities, warns IFRC**

Nairobi/Tunis, 16 October 2018—Communities in Africa and in the Middle East are facing some of the most challenging humanitarian conditions of the 21st century. The situation is likely to worsen unless governments review their policies to empower commu ...

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**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Statements*

Perspective

[\*\*David Miliband, President and CEO of the IRC, gives Bucerius Lecture at German Historical Institute\*\*](#)

October 17, 2018

**IRCT** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*News 18 Oct 2018*

[\*\*IRCT congratulates Mexican member CCTI for receiving prestigious human rights award\*\*](#)

Mexican Jesuit University System has awarded the XIII Tata Vasco Award to the Colectivo contra la Tortura y la Impunidad, CCTI. The award, which recognizes commitment and sustained work in the field of human rights, will be delivered during a ceremony in the Museum of Memory and Tolerance on 18 October 2018, in the framework of the XIII Human Rights Forum of the Jesuit University System...

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Landsea** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Statements*

*Nauru*

[\*\*Information on patient files transfer by MSF to Nauruan health authority\*\*](#)

Statement 17 Oct 2018

*[See Week in Review above for detail]*

**Mercy Corps** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Press releases*

### **[Mercy Corps Adds Vijaya Gadde To Board Of Directors](#)**

October 15, 2018

*Gadde is Twitter's Chief Legal Officer*

PORTLAND, Ore—Mercy Corps is pleased to announce that Vijaya Gadde is joining the global organization's board of directors.

Ms. Gadde currently serves as Twitter's chief legal officer, overseeing the company's legal, public policy, compliance, and trust and safety teams. In this role, Ms. Gadde helps protect Twitter users' online safety and allows the platform to remain a vibrant forum for the discussion of information and ideas.

Before joining Twitter in 2011, Ms. Gadde was senior legal director for Juniper Networks and an associate at the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati...

### **Operation Smile** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<http://www.operationismile.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 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Latest news from NRC*

*Central African Republic | 19. Oct 2018*

#### **[Where armed groups rule](#)**

Over 230,000 people were forced to flee their homes in the Central African Republic (CAR) in the first half of 2018. "It has gone from bad to worse and there are no signs of improvement," says Eric Batonon, NRC country director.

*DR Congo | 16. Oct 2018*

#### **[Hunger levels double in Congo as violence intensifies](#)**

15 million women, men and children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are without enough food to eat, up from 7.7 million last year. Some people are even joining armed groups and going into prostitution as ways to find money for food.

*Yemen | 15. Oct 2018*

#### **[Imminent famine in Yemen](#)**

Statement by Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council

*Yemen | 14. Oct 2018*

## **[Attacks that kill civilians are no longer an anomaly in Yemen's war](#)**

Statement by Mohamed Abdi, country director for the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in Yemen

**Pact** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 19, 2018

### **[Breast Cancer Survivors in Haiti Share Their Stories](#)**

in 2018 alone, PIH clinicians and staff in Haiti have been caring for 450 women diagnosed with breast cancer. Here, five survivors share their stories in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**PATH** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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### **[One in two people face starvation in South Sudan, as extreme hunger hits more states](#)**

Nearly half of South Sudan's population is facing extreme hunger, the country's highest proportion of food insecure people in the last 10 years, Save the Children is warning.

More than six million people currently need urgent food assistance, including more than one million children. Near-famine conditions are predicted in four of South Sudan's states, a rapid and worrying increase from 2017, in which famine was only declared in one state.

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### **[Democratic Republic of Congo: Rise in Ebola cases leads to worst week since start of outbreak](#)**

Aid workers trying to contain spread of deadly disease face difficulties within communities

Tuesday 16 October 2018

### **[New report highlights alarming lack of oversight of Afghan child returns from Europe](#)**

Monday 15 October 2018

### **[Generation of children in need of mental health support in Yemen](#)**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Nepal*

**[Women empowered to give children a better life](#)**

19.10.2018 - Sitta Sunar is one of a number of women who have started their own business with the support of SOS Children's Villages Nepal.

*Guatemala*

**[Family empowerment to help ensure a healthy childhood](#)**

16.10.2018 - Guatemala is one of the countries with the highest rate of chronic malnutrition worldwide. SOS Children's Villages is supporting families to meet their children's needs.

**Tostan** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR** [to 20 Oct 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)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Freedom House** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research*

*Joint Letters*

**[Freedom House Urges President Trump to Take Strong Stand on Khashoggi Murder](#)**

October 19, 2018

Freedom House urges the Trump administration to call for an independent investigation of the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, and to issue sanctions on those responsible for his death.

## **Violence against Journalists Is a Transnational Enterprise**

Oct 17 2018 - 11:20am

It's not too late for democratic leaders to establish a credible global deterrent against the murder of journalists.

**Transparency International** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

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## **Development, peace and security focus of 18th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Copenhagen**

International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) - The intersections between corruption and security, peace and development will be the focus of leading experts from politics, media, business and civil society at the 18th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in Copenhagen, 22 – 24 October 2018.

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**Bond** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

19 October 2018

## **Safeguarding Summit: highlights and takeaways for NGOs**

Key announcements, themes and actions from DFID's summit to prevent sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment in the aid sector.

[Sarah Mistry](#)

## **4 ways IATI data is informing the global community**

Over 550 CSOs are publishing data to the IATI standard - here are four ways that data is informing the sector's work.

[Tanaka Nyamadzawo](#)

17 October 2018

The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) open data standard provides a platform for sharing project data that is used across international development and humanitarian communities. The data provides an essential window into what projects are taking place where, who's funding them and what results are being achieved. And this "big" data is free and openly available for anyone to use. The initiative recently celebrated its 800th organisation as a data publisher and as of July 2018 there were 563 civil society organisations engaged in publishing.

Not only are civil society organisations sharing this data, they are also using it. Here are four ways IATI data is informing the sector's work...

## **Conflict and hunger: Can we make famine a thing of the past?**

60% of acute food insecurity cases are related to conflict. What can NGOs and governments do to end conflict-related famine?

[Simon Starling](#)

15 October 2018

**ChildFund Alliance** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 17, 2018

**[Inflated, decreasing and diverted EU Aid – AidWatch Report 2018](#)**

For the first time since 2012, the EU's aid spending decreased in 2017. This means, at the current rate of growth, the EU would need another 40 years to meet the 0.7% ODA/GNI target, reveals CONCORD AidWatch Report 2018.

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

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**[Our commitment to tackling sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment](#)**

At the Safeguarding Summit on 5 March 2018, the DEC and its member charities pledged to improve safeguarding standards. At the International Summit "Putting people first" which took place in London today, 18 October 2018, DEC and its members together with representatives of the international aid sector reaffirmed this commitment.

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**[£17 million raised for the DEC Indonesia Tsunami Appeal in just two weeks thanks to the generous British public](#)**

**The Elders** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*News 15 October 2018*

**[Event: Challenging Human Rights Leadership](#)**

Marking the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Elders will join former UN High Commissioners and young leaders to discuss the future of human rights and ethical leadership. *[This event will be livestreamed from 18:00 GMT on 29 October. [Join the event](#) to get notified when it goes live.]*

*News 15 October 2018*

**[Low carbon investment: a matter of climate justice and civil rights](#)**

Listen to the voices of those impacted most by climate change, Mary Robinson and Ricardo Lagos tell investors working towards low carbon economy

**END Fund** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Evidence Aid** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 9, 2018

**[Use of evidence in the humanitarian sector: A practice guide](#)**

Claire Allen

Evidence coming from research and evaluation can help you understand what works, where, why and for whom. It can also tell you what does not work, and help you avoid repeating the failures of others by learning from evaluations of unsuccessful humanitarian programmes. Evidence can also guide the design of the most effective ways to deliver specific interventions. This guide has been created to help you navigate around using evidence for your own purposes. If you have any questions, please send them to [Claire Allen](#) or [Karl Blanchet](#).

:: [Read the guide here](#)

**Gavi** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

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**[Global health organisations commit to new ways of working together for greater impact](#)**

*[See Week in Review above for details]*

**Global Fund** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

*News*

**[Global Health Organizations Commit to New Ways of Working Together for Greater Impact](#)**

16 October 2018

*[See Week in Review above for details]*

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

10/17/2018 *Blog*

**[HPC Fellow: Oyuntugs Bayaraa, Clubhouse International](#)**

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources*

**[UNHCR Protection Support Mission to Bangladesh](#)**

Subject: Forced displacement

October, 2018

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*News*

**[Little Ripples programme has a big effect on young refugee children in Chad](#)**

Relief Web 17 October 2018

Early learning classes at the homes of Sudanese youngsters are being provided by refugees trained as teachers.

**InterAction** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Latest News; Blog Entries*

Oct 17, 2018

**[The top 9 causes of global poverty](#)**

Picture it: you need to feed your family, travel to and from work, and get your child school supplies.

Oct 16, 2018

**[Holding Private Donors Accountable](#)**

U.S. global engagement and humanitarian assistance continues to garner broad bipartisan support.

**Start Network** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 18, 2018

**[Innovating to learn](#)**

Emmanuel Jimenez, Elizabeth M King and Ju-Ho Lee |

We are in the midst of a global learning crisis. This is the clear message from recent major reports: According to the World Bank's 2018 World Development Report on learning, "hundreds of millions of children reach young adulthood without even the most basic life skills." And the Education Commission's 2016 Learning Generation report estimates that "over three-quarters of a billion young people in low- and middle-income countries will not be on track to acquire basic secondary-level skills." Alarms are being raised that while the substantial resources being spent on education by governments and families have succeeded in increasing enrollments to unprecedented levels, schools are failing to produce more learning, including the skills needed to lift the productivity and competitiveness of economies...

**Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CHS Alliance** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Development Initiatives** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 16, 2018

**DI launches Fellows Programme**

*News*

Development experts join Development Initiatives (DI) as Fellows. This new programme launched by DI brings together a professional network of high-level experts who will work alongside DI staff to support the development and delivery of high-quality data and evidence to decision-makers to support them to drive sustainable development and end poverty.

Through this new programme, DI Fellows will contribute strategic guidance, quality assurance, mentorship and direct delivery of key outputs for Development Initiatives...

**EHLRA/R2HC** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Groupe URD** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://www.urd.org/?lang=en>

16 October 2018, Paris

**Presentation of the Djibouti Zero Hunger Strategic Review**

What can be done to ensure that all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) contribute to achieving SDG 2 on Zero Hunger? WFP and Groupe URD invite you to a presentation of the results of this Review on World Food Day, 16 October 2018, at UNESCO.

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Sphere Project** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 20 Oct 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

*Latest News*

**ICVA-PHAP Learning Stream on Navigating Change**

16 October 2018

Humanitarians operate in a constantly changing environment. New emergencies, technological evolutions, and changing political landscapes constantly pose new challenges and prompt new approaches for humanitarian action. In many parts of the world, respect for humanitarian principles is eroding and...

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## **Brookings**

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

*Latest Research*

*Accessed 20 Oct 2018*

*Economic Development*

### **[Learning from Opportunity Zones: How to improve place-based policies](#)**

Hilary Gelfond and Adam Looney

Friday, October 19, 2018

*Migrants, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*

### **[Implementing the Global Compact for Migration: Ideas for city engagement](#)**

Jessica Brandt

October 2018

*2018 Midterms*

### **[Where states and prospective governors stand on infrastructure in the 2018 election](#)**

Adie Tomer and Joseph Kane

Friday, October 19, 2018

*Early Childhood Education*

### **[Use of data from 21st century skills assessments: Issues and key principles](#)**

Alvin Vista, Helyn Kim, and Esther Care

Thursday, October 18, 2018

*Higher Education*

### **[Headwinds for graduate student borrowers: Rising balances and slowing repayment rates](#)**

Vivien Lee and Adam Looney

Thursday, October 18, 2018

## **Center for Global Development** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 15, 2018

### **[Let's Be Real: The Informal Sector and the Gig Economy are the Future, and the Present, of Work in Africa](#)**

It's time we recognized the truth about the future of work in Africa: it isn't in the growth of full-time formal sector jobs. The future of work will be people working multiple gigs with "somewhat formal" entities. This is already true, and it will be for the foreseeable future. When we consider the future of work in Africa the question shouldn't be whether jobs will be formal or informal, but how digital platforms and new technologies might make this type of work more productive and of a better quality for workers themselves.

Amolo Ng'weno and David Porteous

**CSIS**

<https://www.csis.org/>  
*Accessed 20 Oct 2018*

Report

### **[The Future of Global Stability: The World of Work in Developing Countries](#)**

October 19, 2018 | Romina Bandura, MacKenzie Hammond

A new CSIS report "The Future of Global Stability: The World of Work in Developing Countries" focuses on how developing countries can better prepare themselves in the face of future challenges, and how these same challenges shape U.S. foreign policy and national security interests.

*Report*

### **[Crossing Borders: How the Migration Crisis Transformed Europe's External Policy](#)**

October 18, 2018 | Heather A. Conley, Donatienne Ruy

A new CSIS report "Crossing Borders: How the Migration Crisis Transformed Europe's External Policy" examine the shift in the European Union's foreign and development policies through funding decisions to respond to the 2015-2016 migration crisis and its lasting consequences.

**ODI** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

### **[A state of contradiction: Sudan's unity goes South](#)**

Research reports and studies | October 2018 | Mareike Schomerus and Lotje de Vries

This book chapter examines South Sudan's succession in the context of a series of contradictory political developments.

### **[Africa's secessionism: a breakdance of aspiration, grievance, performance and disenchantment](#)**

Research reports and studies | October 2018 | Mareike Schomerus, Pierre Englebert and Lotje de Vries

This book chapter offers four interpretations of Africa's secessionism: aspiration, grievance, performance and disenchantment.

### **[Sustaining escapes from poverty](#)**

Working and discussion papers | October 2018 | Vidya Diwakar and Andrew Shepherd

This paper attempts to unravel poverty dynamics, differentiating a sustained escape from a temporary escape, or these from chronic poverty.

**Urban Institute** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 19, 2018

### **[Staffing to Support Evidence Culture and Capacity in the Federal Government](#)**

Policymakers and administrators in many federal agencies are increasingly interested in how they can best ensure the quality and value of federal programs and services. Congressional establishment of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking was part of this growing interest. The bipartisan commission's report, released in September 2017, included 22 recommendations for improving access to data, strengthening privacy

[Molly M. Scott](#), [Wilton Oliver](#)

October 19, 2018

*Research Report*

### **Does Pupil Transportation Close the School Quality Gap?**

Using uniquely detailed individual-level data on transportation provided to all New York City public school students, we examine the relationship between transportation use and school quality for elementary school students (K-5). We find that students who attend choice schools are more likely to use transportation (either school bus or free public transportation) and to attend better schools than their zoned schools.

[Sarah A. Cordes](#), [Amy Ellen Schwartz](#)

October 18, 2018

*Research Report*

### **School Choice and Commuting**

We estimate commuting times to school by public transportation for New York City students. NYC offers considerable school choice at all grade levels, and its density and public transit system make it possible to attend school further from home. Older students are much less likely than younger ones to attend their closest school, and their average commute is longer. Commuting times vary by student background, with black students

[Sean P. Corcoran](#)

October 18, 2018

*Research Report*

### **The Education-Jobs "Mix-Match"**

More people are going to college than ever, but do American job markets provide enough opportunity for people to use their education? This brief calculates the "mix-match" between the shares of people with postsecondary education and of jobs requiring it in 387 metropolitan areas. None of these areas has a higher share of jobs requiring "some college" than residents with that level of education.

[Molly M. Scott](#), [Demetra Smith Nightingale](#)

October 18, 2018

*Brief*

### **Private-Sector Humanitarians?**

With the global displaced population exceeding 68 million, the global humanitarian response system is under unprecedented stress. With widening funding gaps and no resolution in sight, new solutions are needed to address the needs of over 68 million displaced people worldwide. The private sector's innovative and financial capacity is emerging as one such avenue, resulting in dozens of partnerships with local and international

[Ammar A. Malik](#), [Edward Mohr](#), [Yasemin Irvin-Erickson](#)

October 17, 2018

*Research Report*

### **High-Tech Humanitarians:**

The world is in the midst of an unprecedented refugee crisis, and Uganda's response to the influx of asylum-seekers from South-Sudan is considered successful and is therefore a valuable target for study and replication. Uganda accepts refugees regardless of point of origin and gives them the rights of freedom of movement and the opportunity to seek employment. This case study examines the official government and humanitarian

[Patrick Meagher](#), [Ammar A. Malik](#), [Edward Mohr](#), [Yasemin Irvin-Erickson](#)

October 17, 2018  
*Research Report*

**World Economic Forum** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected News Releases*

News 16 Oct 2018

**Changing Nature of Competitiveness Poses Challenges for Future of the Global Economy**

- The World Economic Forum's annual study on the global economy finds a competitiveness landscape radically altered by the impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- Under the new framework for competitiveness, the U.S. economy is the closest to the "competitiveness frontier", followed by Singapore, Germany, Switzerland and Japan
- The Global Competitiveness Report's new methodology also offers insights into economies' readiness for the future, social capital, endowment of disruptive businesses and debt concerns, among other indicators
- Access the full report, infographics and more [here](#)

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**:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch**

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

**Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

*New York Times*, Oct. 15, 2018

**Paul G. Allen, Microsoft's Co-Founder, Is Dead at 65**

Paul G. Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft who helped usher in the personal computing revolution and then channeled his enormous fortune into transforming Seattle into a cultural destination, died on Monday in Seattle. He was 65.

The cause was complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, his family said in a statement...

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

OCTOBER 16, 2018

**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation opens new European office in Berlin**

*Foundation also announces a new Grand Challenges partnership with the African Academy of Sciences and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)*

...In addition, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the African Academy of Sciences and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have announced today a joint Grand Challenges

Partnership. The new partnership will strengthen scientific cooperation between Germany and African countries, supporting African investigators to pursue scientific innovations in maternal, neonatal and child health.

Germany is currently the world's second largest donor to international health and development programmes. The Gates Foundation has been extending and diversifying its cooperation with both the Federal Government and civil society over many years. In 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Gates Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding, seeking to strengthen their collaboration on multilateral and bilateral projects under the overarching objective of significantly reducing poverty and transforming the lives of those most in need.

Dr. Sue Desmond-Hellmann, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said: "We are excited to deepen our partnerships in Europe as we pursue our mission to give everyone the chance to lead a healthy, fulfilling life. Europe continues to show strong commitment to reducing global inequity, and our new Berlin office will allow us to tap into Germany's thriving life sciences sector and its growing role as a global health and development hub to help meet the challenges faced by the world's poorest people."...

### **Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Posted October 18, 2018

#### **[Lisa Hamilton Named Next President & CEO of the Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)**

The Casey Foundation Board of Trustees announced that Lisa Hamilton will become the Foundation's next president and chief executive officer effective Jan. 1, 2019. Hamilton is the Foundation's executive vice president and chief program officer. She will succeed Patrick McCarthy, who announced his retirement after 25 years at the Foundation.

### **Blue Meridian Partners** [to 20 Oct 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.*

October 18, 2018

#### **[Our Next Chapter](#)**

...In the three years since our start-up in 2015, Blue Meridian Partners has been building a results-driven model that is unlocking unprecedented resources for solving problems that trap youth and families in poverty.

Today we are pleased to announce plans to embark on new growth to help our nation's promising social sector leaders expand their reach and increase their impact. As we continually enlarge Blue Meridian Partners' capital base (currently totaling \$1.7 billion), we'll be looking for more ways to innovate and extend our model, partnering with others where we can, to deliver more resources, engage more investors, and help ready more leaders and strategies to achieve their goals.

**To support our work over the long run, we will also become an independent organization: Blue Meridian Partners, Inc. As a new 501(c)(3), Blue Meridian Partners, Inc. will carry on the work of our incubator and first investor, the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation (EMCF), which pioneered our performance-based investment approach to discovering and financing effective strategies capable of delivering results at national scale.**

An accompanying letter, "[An Update on EMCF's Limited Life](#)," describes how Blue Meridian Partners, Inc. will help the Foundation complete its work with longtime Youth Development Fund grantees and chart PropelNext's future....

**Clinton Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 20 Oct 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 20 Oct 2018]

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

*News* 18 October 2018

**[Ford Foundation appoints Chuck Robbins to its Board of Trustees](#)**

Chairman and chief executive officer of Cisco Systems, Robbins brings deep knowledge and experience at the intersection of business, finance, and technology.

**GHIT Fund** [to 20 Oct 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*

*October 15, 2018*

**[GHIT Fund welcomes Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. as New Funding Partner](#)**

TOKYO, JAPAN (October 15, 2018)--The Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund today welcomed Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Ono) to join GHIT as a new affiliate partner. Ono, headquartered in Osaka, Japan, is a research and development (R&D)-oriented pharmaceutical company and a pioneer in the field of immuno-oncology. With the addition of Ono, GHIT now counts 21 public and private organizations as funding partners.

"Ono's partnership with GHIT underscores the strong commitment of industry to global health R&D. GHIT's inception was led by industry and now 16 life science companies are GHIT funding partners together with the Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Programme, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Wellcome Trust. Ono's engagement increases GHIT's momentum toward accelerated product development for patients worldwide afflicted with infectious diseases." said Dr. BT Slingsby, CEO of the GHIT Fund...

**Grameen Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 18, 2018

**[You talked, we listened – how we can learn more about what helps governments respond to their citizens](#)**

By [Alfonsina Peñaloza](#)

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Press Release*

**[Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces More Than \\$19 Million in Grants, Approves New Catholic Sisters Strategy](#)**

October 17, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces More Than \$19 Million in Grants, Approves New Catholic Sisters Strategy

*Our News*

**[Consistent Collaboration Drives Ongoing Progress](#)**

October 16, 2018

Evaluation of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's Chronic Homelessness Initiative: 2018 Annual Report and Interactive Platform

**IKEA Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 17, 2018

**[Renewable energy boost for Azraq refugee camp](#)**

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has connected a new extension to the solar plant at Jordan's Azraq refugee camp, with funding from the IKEA Foundation. The project has been funded by IKEA's Brighter Lives for Refugees campaign, which raised €30.8 million for UNHCR to provide light and renewable energy for refugee families living in camps...

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 17 2018 *Research*

**[Vast Leukemia Dataset Could Help Researchers Match Therapies to Patients](#)**

*Summary*

*Data on the molecular makeup and drug sensitivity of hundreds of patient samples could accelerate progress against the aggressive blood cancer acute myeloid leukemia.*

After years of work, researchers are releasing a massive dataset detailing the molecular makeup of tumor cells from more than 500 patients with an aggressive blood cancer called acute myeloid leukemia (AML). The dataset includes how hundreds of individual patients' cells responded to a broad panel of drugs in laboratory screens.

It is the largest cancer dataset of its kind and could rapidly advance clinical trials evaluating potential AML treatments, says [Brian Druker](#), a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) who led the work with his colleague Jeffrey Tyner, also from OHSU.

Using a new [online data viewer](#), researchers can now find out in minutes what kinds of targeted therapies are most effective against specific subsets of AML cells. "People can get online, search our database, and very quickly get answers to 'Is this a good drug?' or 'Is there a patient population my drug can work in?'" Druker says. He and colleagues report the work October 17, 2018, in the journal *Nature*...

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 18, 2018 *News Release*

**[Poll: As Midterms Approach, Health Care Remains Voters' Top Issue, But President Trump and Other Factors Also Loom Large](#)**

Most Florida Voters Favor Expanding Medicaid in their State, As Do Voters across All Non-Expansion States In an expansive look at the role issues and politics may play in the 2018 midterm elections, the latest KFF Health Tracking Poll continues to find health care as the top issue for voters,...

October 16, 2018 *News Release*

**[People on Medicare Will Be Able to Choose Among 24 Medicare Advantage Plans and 27 Medicare Part D Drug Plans, on Average, During the Open Enrollment Period for 2019, New Analyses Find](#)**

With Medicare Advantage playing an increasingly larger role in Medicare, the average person on Medicare will be able to choose among 24 plans during the annual Medicare open enrollment period that began Oct. 15, finds a new analysis from KFF (the Kaiser Family Foundation). The new analysis, Medicare Advantage Plans...

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

19 October 2018

**[His Highness the Aga Khan conferred highest academic honours from leading canadian universities in unprecedented joint ceremony](#)**

18 October 2018

**[Aga Khan University and University of Calgary sign international agreement](#)**

17 October 2018

**[University of Calgary bestows highest academic honour on His Highness the Aga Khan](#)**

16 October 2018

**[Aga Khan Garden inaugurated in Canada](#)**

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*What we're Learning*

October 19, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Advocating for Access to Maternal Health Supplies](#)

October 19, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Collaborative Seeks to Increase Investment in Emerging Markets](#)

October 18, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Evaluation of the Models for Change Initiative](#)

October 17, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Investigative Reporting Encourages Reform of Electricity Access](#)

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 18, 2018

[Coastal Guardian Watchmen act as environmental stewards of First Nations' resources](#)

It's been two years since the tugboat Nathan E. Stewart, on its way south from Alaska, missed its turn, ran aground off British Columbia's Athlone Island and spilled more than 100,000 liters of diesel and engine oils into Gale Creek near Bella Bella, a town of 1,450 people in the traditional territory of the Heiltsuk First Nation. But the Heiltsuk Nation, which for millennia has relied on these waters for their lives and livelihoods, is still reeling from the devastating impact of the spill. Despite prohibition of oil tankers through their marine harvesting areas, the massive spill proved nearly impossible to contain and polluted an area of extraordinarily high cultural and commercial value.

In its report on the spill, the Heiltsuk Tribal Council stated: "We watched diesel pour into our waters and onto the shores of our ancient village site of Q'úqvai – onto clam gardens abundant with clams, other shellfish, and near shore fish species that our ancestors stewarded for millennia and our community relies on for food sustenance. Many hours passed before spill response equipment arrived. When it did, equipment that was not broken was poorly deployed and failed to contain the spill."

*Coastal Guardian Watchmen*

Randy Carpenter was among the first responders when the Nathan E. Stewart went under on October 13, 2016. Not only does he continue to monitor the effects of the oil, but for nearly twenty years he has served as a Coastal Guardian Watchmen, a group of First Nation environmental stewards who monitor and ensure that marine resources are sustainably managed, that rules and regulations are followed and that land and marine use plans and agreements are implemented effectively...

**Open Society Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 15, 2018

### **Packard Fellowships in Science and Engineering Announces New Class of Fellows and Celebrates 30th Anniversary**

(Los Altos, CA) – Today, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering by announcing the recipients of its 2018 class of Fellows. Each of the 18 innovative, early-career scientists and engineers will receive \$875,000 over five years to pursue their research.

The Packard Fellowships in Science and Engineering are among the nation's largest nongovernmental fellowships, designed to allow maximum flexibility in how the funding is used. Since 1988, this program has supported the blue-sky thinking of scientists and engineers in the hopes that their research over time will lead to new discoveries that improve people's lives and enhance our understanding of the universe.

The Packard Fellows' work has contributed to breakthroughs like the creation of the CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing technique, the discovery of soft tissues in dinosaur fossils, and the first-ever observation of a neutron star collision. Fellows have gone on to receive a range of accolades, including Nobel Prizes in Chemistry and Physics, the Fields Medal, the Alan T. Waterman Award, MacArthur Fellowships, and elections to the National Academies. The Fellows also gather at annual meetings to discuss their research, where conversations have led to unexpected collaborations across disciplines...

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Opinions*

October 17, 2018

### **Pew Report: State Laws Put Installment Loan Borrowers at Risk**

*Outdated policies obscure true cost of borrowing and discourage safer lending*

WASHINGTON—Major weaknesses in state laws have led to practices that obscure the true cost of small installment loans, discourage safer lending, and harm customers, according to a new report from The Pew Charitable Trusts, "State Laws Put Installment Loan Borrowers at Risk."

Approximately 10 million Americans use installment loans annually, spending more than \$10 billion on fees and interest to borrow amounts ranging from \$100 to more than \$10,000. The loans are issued at roughly 14,000 stores in 44 states by consumer finance companies, which differ from lenders that issue payday and auto title loans, and have much lower prices than those products. Loans are repaid in four to 60 monthly installments that are usually affordable for borrowers...

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*Latest News Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 20 Oct 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..."*

October 16, 2018

**Fundraising for Basic Scientific Research: In the Trenches with Development and Academic Leaders [Alliance Blog]**

*Sue Merrilees is an advisor at the Science Philanthropy Alliance*

Raising money for basic science from private sources can sometimes feel like a long and hard-fought battle; the set of potential donors is limited, the engagement of potential donors with the institution takes time, and the fruits of basic scientific research are unpredictable. Yet basic science is an area of giving that many philanthropists are passionate about, and many research institutions have shown that if fundraising is done right, it can result in significant commitments to fundamental research.

At a recent Science Philanthropy Alliance event in Chicago, several science and development leaders from research institutions offered some lessons they have learned about fundraising for basic scientific research...

**SDG Philanthropy Platform**

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

*SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).  
No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 20 Oct 2018 ]

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

19 October 2018

**Photographer Adrienne Surprenant commissioned to focus on dengue**

We're proud to announce that this year's Wellcome Photography Prize Commissioned photographer is Adrienne Surprenant, who will be creating a new photographic series focusing on the mosquito-borne tropical disease Dengue <https://wellc.me/2RWZEuc> #WPP19 #OnAssignment

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**Foundation Center** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

October 17, 2018

### **[Bringing Data to the Democracy and Philanthropy Discussion](#)**

New York, NY— October 17, 2018. Foundation Center has launched new dashboards on its [Foundation Funding for U.S. Democracy](#) site, a nonpartisan data visualization platform featuring tens of thousands of grants, publicly available to anyone interested in understanding philanthropy's role in U.S. democracy. Perhaps surprisingly, the dashboards reveal that only 12 percent of democracy funding from foundations is directed toward campaigns and elections. Civic participation and government each account for about 37 percent, while funding towards journalism and media account for 28 percent of total democracy funding...

October 16, 2018

### **[Research Highlights 36% Increase in Funding for Latin America by U.S. Foundations](#)**

Seattle, WA and New York, NY — October 16, 2018. A new report, [U.S. Foundation Funding for Latin America, 2014–2015, with Additional Analysis on Central America](#), released today by Foundation Center, Hispanics in Philanthropy, and Seattle International Foundation reveals a 36% increase in funding for Latin America by large U.S. foundations between 2006 and 2015, adjusted for inflation. In 2014 and 2015 alone, 306 large U.S. foundations awarded \$1 billion for Latin America. Against the context of ever-changing global relationships, it is increasingly important to understand how funding is channeled to the region to tackle issues like climate change, poverty, and migrant rights...

**Council on Foundations** [to 20 Oct 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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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**

October 2018 Volume 46, Issue 10, p1083-1200, e45-e50

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

October 2018 Volume 55, Issue 4, p433-582

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

October 2018 108(10)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 99, Issue 4, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/99/4>

Articles

#### **[Recurrent Anthrax Outbreaks in Humans, Livestock, and Wildlife in the Same Locality, Kenya, 2014–2017](#)**

*Epidemiologic data indicate a global distribution of anthrax outbreaks associated with certain ecosystems that promote survival and viability of Bacillus anthracis spores. Here, we characterized three anthrax outbreaks involving humans, livestock, and wildlife that occurred in the same locality in Kenya between 2014 and 2017.*

Mathew Muturi, John Gachohi, Athman Mwatondo, Isaac Lekoolool, Francis Gakuya, Alice Bett, Eric Osoro, Austine Bitek, S. Mwangi Thumbi, Peninah Munyua, Harry Oyas, Obadiah N. Njagi, Bernard Bett and M. Kariuki Njenga

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-0224>

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

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Global Health**

October 2018 - Volume 3 - 5

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018 )

Research article

#### **[Availability, prices and affordability of selected essential medicines in Jordan: a national survey](#)**

*Free access to essential medicines is a fundamental right. Governments should provide accessible and affordable medicines to people. The purpose of this study was to evaluate medicines' prices, availability and affordability in Jordan.*

Authors: Qais Alefan, Rawan Amairi and Shoroq Tawalbeh

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:787

Published on: 19 October 2018

Research article

**[Access to assistive technology in two Southern African countries](#)**

*Millions of people in Southern Africa are deprived of basic human rights such as the right to education and work because of the large and growing unmet demand for assistive technologies (AT). Evidence is needed...*

Authors: Rebecca A. Matter and Arne H. Eide

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:792

Published on: 19 October 2018

Research article

**[Implementing large-scale health system strengthening interventions: experience from the better health outcomes through mentoring and assessments \(BHOMA\) project in Zambia](#)**

*Under the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's African Health Initiative, five Population Health Implementation and Training partnerships were established as long-term health system strengthening projects in five S...*

Authors: Wilbroad Mutale, Susan Cleary, Jill Olivier, Roma Chilengi and Lucy Gilson

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:795

Published on: 19 October 2018

Research article

**[Patient and health system delays before registration among migrant patients with tuberculosis who were transferred out in China](#)**

*Early diagnosis and treatment is vital for effective tuberculosis (TB) management especially among migrant populations who are a vulnerable group. We aimed to study factors associated with delay before registr...*

Authors: Tao Li, Hui Zhang, Hemant Deepak Shewade, Kyaw Thu Soe, Lixia Wang and Xin Du

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:786

Published on: 19 October 2018

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

Debate

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**[Ethical considerations for HIV cure-related research at the end of life](#)**

*The U.S. National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) have a new research priority: inclusion of terminally ill persons living with HIV (PLWHIV) in HIV cure-related research. For example, the Last Gift is a clinical research study at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) for PLWHIV who have a terminal illness, with a prognosis of less than 6 months.*

Authors: Karine Dubé, Sara Gianella, Susan Concha-Garcia, Susan J Little, Andy Kaytes, Jeff Taylor, Kushagra Mathur, Sogol Javadi, Anshula Nathan, Hursch Patel, Stuart Luter, Sean Philpott-Jones, Brandon Brown and Davey Smith

### **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018 )

*Research article*

#### **[The hidden burden of measles in Ethiopia: how distance to hospital shapes the disease mortality rate](#)**

*A sequence of annual measles epidemics has been observed from January 2013 to April 2017 in the South West Shoa Zone of the Oromia Region, Ethiopia. We aimed at estimating the burden of disease in the affected...*

Authors: Piero Poletti, Stefano Parlamento, Tafarraa Fayyisaa, Rattaa Feyyiss, Marta Lusiani, Ademe Tsegaye, Giulia Segafredo, Giovanni Putoto, Fabio Manenti and Stefano Merler

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:177

*Research article*

#### **[Registration of published randomized trials: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)**

*Prospective trial registration is a powerful tool to prevent reporting bias. We aimed to determine the extent to which published randomized controlled trials (RCTs) were registered and registered prospectively.*

Authors: Ludovic Trinquart, Adam G. Dunn and Florence T. Bourgeois

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:173

Published on: 16 October 2018

### **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

### **BMJ Open**

October 2018 - Volume 8 - 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 96, Number 10, October 2018, 665-728

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/10/en/>

***Special theme: The future of eye care in a changing world***

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 44, Issue 6 Pages: 801-929 November 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

October 2018 Volume 40, Issue 10, p1621-1788

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 15 Issue 5, October 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/15/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 20 Oct 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 73 Pages 1-158 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/73/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

October 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 18, Issue 3 Pages: 205-306 September 2018  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 28, Issue 7, 2018  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 36, Issue 6 Pages: i-iv, 629, 631-759 October 2018  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>  
[New issue; No digest content identified]

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

Volume 13, Issue 7, 2018  
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 12 - Issue 4 - August 2018  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disasters**

Volume 42, Issue S2 Pages: S159-S327 October 2018  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>  
***Disasters in Conflict Areas***  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 19, Number 10 01 October 2018  
<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/10>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emergency Medicine Journal**

<https://bmcemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>  
[Accessed 20 Oct 2018]  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 24, Number 10—October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 24 Pages 1-104 (September 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/24/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 146 - Issue 13 - October 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 5, 1 October 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy** Volume 75

Volume 80 Pages 1-112 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/80/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

October 2018, Issue 5, Pages 1143-1295

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/5/page/1>

*Original Paper*

[\*\*Indigenous underutilized vegetables for food and nutritional security in an island ecosystem\*\*](#)

[Shrawan Singh, L. B. Singh, D. R. Singh, Subhash Chand, S. K. Zamir Ahmed...](#)

*Original Paper*

[\*\*African crop production trends are insufficient to guarantee food security in the sub-Saharan region by 2050 owing to persistent poverty\*\*](#)

Charles Onyutha

*Original Paper*

**[Recognizing farmer-generated innovations through contests: insights from four African countries](#)**

Justice A. Tambo

**Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 59 October 2018

<https://www.fmreview.org/GuidingPrinciples20/contents>

***Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement***

In the 20 years since they were launched, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement have been of assistance to many States responding to internal displacement, and have been incorporated into many national and regional policies and laws. However, the scale of internal displacement today remains vast, and the impact on those who are displaced is immense. This issue includes 19 articles on the main feature theme of Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

[Reviewed earlier]

**Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 45, Issue 3, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

***Alternative Paradigms of Development in State Politics and Policy Making in the Global South***

[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)**

Vol. 6, No. 3 October 03, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Global Public Health**

Volume 13, 2017 Issue 12

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

*Article*

#### **[Multidisciplinary and multisectoral coalitions as catalysts for action against antimicrobial resistance: Implementation experiences at national and regional levels](#)**

Mohan P. Joshi, Chifumbe Chintu, Mirfin Mpundu, Dan Kibuule, Oliver Hazemba, Tenaw Andualem, Martha Embrey, Bayobuya Phulu & Heran Gerba

Pages: 1781-1795

Published online: 20 Mar 2018

*Article*

#### **[Ecologies of security: On the everyday security tactics of female sex workers in Nairobi, Kenya](#)**

Robert Lorway, Lisa Lazarus, Claudyne Chevrier, Shamsad Khan, Helgar K. Musyoki, John Mathenge, Peninah Mwangi, Pascal Macharia, Parinita Bhattacharjee, Shajy Isac, Joshua Kimani, Gloria Gaaki, Marissa Becker, Stephen Moses & James Blanchard

Pages: 1767-1780

Published online: 05 Mar 2018

*Article*

#### **[Has development assistance for health facilitated the rise of more peaceful societies in sub-Saharan Africa?](#)**

Vin Gupta, Alexandre Mason-Sharma, Zoe M. Lyon, Endel John Orav, Ashish K. Jha & Vanessa B. Kerry

Pages: 1796-1806

Published online: 13 Mar 2018

### **Globalization and Health**

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

[Accessed 20 Oct 2018]

*Research*

#### **[The bumpy trajectory of performance-based financing for healthcare in Sierra Leone: agency, structure and frames shaping the policy process](#)**

*As performance-based financing (PBF) has been increasingly implemented in low-income countries, a growing literature has developed, assessing its effectiveness and, more recently, focussing on the political dy...*

Authors: Maria Paola Bertone, Haja Wurie, Mohamed Samai and Sophie Witter

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:99

Published on: 20 October 2018

*Research*

**[Donor financing of human resources for health, 1990–2016: an examination of trends, sources of funds, and recipients](#)**

*Skilled health professionals are a critical component of the effective delivery of lifesaving health interventions. The inadequate number of skilled health professionals in many low- and middle-income countries...*

Authors: Angela E Micah, Bianca S Zlavog, Catherine S Chen, Abigail Chapin and Joseph L Dieleman

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:98

Published on: 17 October 2018

*Research*

**[Results-based aid with lasting effects: sustainability in the Salud Mesoamérica Initiative](#)**

*The Salud Mesoamérica Initiative is a public-private partnership aimed at reducing maternal and child morbidity and mortality for the poorest populations in Central America and the southernmost state of Mexico...*

Authors: Charbel El Bcheraoui, Aruna M Kamath, Emily Dansereau, Erin B Palmisano, Alexandra Schaefer, Bernardo Hernandez and Ali H Mokdad

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:97

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Vol. 37 , No. 10 October 2018

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Number 72 July 2018

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***Mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian crises***

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Vol 7, No 2 (2017)

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[Accessed 20 Oct 2018]

*Case study*

#### **Assessment of net lending strategy to better reach mobile and migrant populations in malaria endemic areas of Cambodia**

*In Cambodia, internal migration involves migrants moving from non-malaria endemic areas to malaria endemic areas and vice versa. The majority of them work in farms or forests with various malaria transmission ...*

Authors: Dysoley Lek, Deyer Gopinath, Sovann Ek, Sopheab Heng, Sreng Bun, Chy Say, Nguon Sokomar, Kheang Soy Ty and Huy Rekol

Citation: Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2018 7:107

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Volume 10, Issue 5, September 2018

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### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol 5, No 10 (2018) October 2018

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Volume 31 Pages 1-1384 (October 2018)

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Volume 47, Issue 4, August 2018

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Volume 24, Issue 10 2018

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Volume 11 Issue 5 2018

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October 2018 Volume 75, p1-120

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(18\)X0010-1](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(18)X0010-1)

*Editorial*

**[The historic and unprecedented United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis \(UNGA-HLM-TB\)—‘United to End TB: An Urgent Global Response to a Global Epidemic’](#)**

Alimuddin Zumla, Eskild Petersen

p118–120

Published online: September 19, 2018

*Review*

**[A summary and appraisal of existing evidence of antimicrobial resistance in the Syrian conflict](#)**

Aula Abbara, Timothy M. Rawson, Nabil Karah, Wael El-Amin, James Hatcher, Bachir Tajaldin, Osman Dar, Omar Dewachi, Ghassan Abu Sitta, Bernt Eric Uhlin, Annie Sparrow

p26–33

Published online: June 21, 2018

**International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology**

Volume 25, 2018 - Issue 8

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tsdw20/current>

*Article*

**[‘How corporate social responsibility can be integrated into corporate sustainability: a theoretical review of their relationships’](#)**

M. Ashrafi, M. Adams, T. R. Walker & G. Magnan

Pages: 672-682

Published online: 07 May 2018

**International Migration Review**

Volume 52 Issue 3, September 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrx/current>

*Gender, Migration, and Mobility across Scales*

**[Estimates of Global Bilateral Migration Flows by Gender between 1960 and 2015](#)**

Guy J. Abel

First Published October 16, 2018; pp. 809–852

*Preview*

An indirect estimation method is used to derive country to country migration flows from changes in global bilateral stock data. Estimates are obtained over five- and 10-year periods between 1960 and 2015 by gender, providing a comprehensive picture of past migration patterns. The estimated total of global international migrant flows generally increases over the 55-year time frame. The global rate of migration over five- and 10-year periods fluctuate at around 0.65 and 1.25 percent of the population, respectively. The sensitivity of estimates to alternative input stock and demographic data are explored.

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July 2018 Volume 16 | Issue 2

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October 16, 2018, Vol 320, No. 15, Pages 1513-1612

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

*Editorial*

#### **Race, Ancestry, and Medical Research**

Phil B. Fontanarosa, MD, MBA; Howard Bauchner, MD

*Viewpoint*

#### **Examining How Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry Data Are Used in Biomedical Research**

Vence L. Bonham, JD; Eric D. Green, MD, PhD; Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, MD

JAMA. 2018;320(15):1533-1534. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.13609

This Viewpoint discusses the need for a consensus on how race, ethnicity, and ancestry data are reported in biomedical research to avoid inappropriately describing racial and ethnic groups as discrete population groups.

*Viewpoint*

#### **Inclusion Across the Lifespan - NIH Policy for Clinical Research**

Marie A. Bernard, MD; Janine A. Clayton, MD; Michael S. Lauer, MD

JAMA. 2018;320(15):1535-1536. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.12368

This Viewpoint summarizes provisions of the National Institutes of Health's Inclusion Across the Lifespan policy scheduled for implementation in 2019 for clinical trials, which will require written plans to recruit younger and older participants as a part of grant applications and documentation of participant age in trial progress reports.

### **JAMA Pediatrics**

October 2018, Vol 172, No. 10, Pages 897-996

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

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### **JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports**

October 2018 - Volume 16 - Issue 10

<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

*SYSTEMATIC REVIEW PROTOCOLS*

**[Admission and discharge criteria for adolescents requiring inpatient or residential mental healthcare: a scoping review protocol](#)**

Evans, Nicola; Edwards, Deborah

JBIG Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports. 16(10):1906-1911, October 2018.

*Abstract:*

Review objective/question

The question of this review is: what are the admission and discharge criteria for mental health inpatient care for adolescents?

The objective is to identify the criteria:

:: For admission to mental health inpatient or residential care for adolescents

:: For discharge from mental health inpatient or residential care for adolescents

: For not admitting adolescents to mental health inpatient or residential care.

**Journal of Adolescent Health**

October 2018 Volume 63, Issue 4, p377-518

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(17\)X0025-6](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(17)X0025-6)

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**Journal of Community Health**

Volume 43, Issue 5, October 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/43/5/page/1>

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**Journal of Cultural Heritage**

Volume 33, Pages 1-302 (September–October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/33/suppl/C>

***Cultural heritage in times of armed conflicts in the Middle East: Much more than material damage?***

Edited by Marilena Vecco, Andrej Srakar

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2018: Volume 8 Issue 3

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/8/3>

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Volume 134 Pages 1-484 (September 2018)

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Volume 13 Issue 4, October 2018

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October 2018 - Volume 72 - 10

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Volume 11, Issue 3 Pages: 131-215 August 2018

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**Journal of Global Ethics**

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<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

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**Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**

Volume 29, Number 3, August 2018

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**Journal of Human Trafficking**

Volume 4, Issue 3, 2018

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**Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management**

Volume 8 Issue 3 2018

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jhlscm/8/3>

Conceptual Paper

**[Humanitarian logistics research for the care of refugees and internally displaced persons:](#)**

**[A new area of research and a research agenda](#)**

[Richard Oloruntoba, Ruth Banomyong \(pp. 282 - 294\)](#)

**[International and local NGO supply chain collaboration: An investigation of the Syrian refugee crises in Jordan](#)**

Samar Al Adem, Paul Childerhouse, Temitope Egbelakin, Bill Wang (pp. 295 - 322)  
Type: Research paper

**[Approaches to the design of refugee camps: An empirical study in Kenya, Ethiopia, Greece, and Turkey](#)**

*An unprecedented scale of human migration has lead humanitarians to view camps as long-term settlements rather than temporary holding facilities. The purpose of this paper is to increase the understanding of and identify challenges with this proposed new approach to camp design.*

Marianne Jahre, Joakim Kembro, Anicet Adjahossou, Nezih Altay (pp. 323 - 345)

Type: Research paper

**[In-kind donations, cash transfers and local procurement in the logistics of caring for internally displaced persons: The case of Polish humanitarian NGOs and Ukrainian IDPs](#)**

Wojciech D. Piotrowicz (pp. 374 - 397)

Type: Research paper

**[Humanitarian supply chain management responding to refugees: a literature review](#)**

*The purpose of this paper is to map and analyse the literature from 1989 to 2016 on humanitarian supply chain management (SCM) responding to refugees. This literature review systematically assesses existing literature, thereby highlighting gaps, challenges and directions for future research... Findings The relative scarcity of literature implies that the interface of the fields of Humanitarian SCM and refugees has been rarely addressed. More specifically, the quantitative content analysis highlights a dearth of research that focusses on both fields in a well-balanced manner. In particular, empirical, practice-led studies, as well as research on development aid operations are under-represented. The qualitative analysis finds that further research on logistics models as well as technological innovations is necessary to increase data availability, forecast accuracy and the efficiency of (local) supply network operations during disasters.*

Lysann Seifert, Nathan Kunz, Stefan Gold (pp. 398 - 426)

Type: Literature review

**Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health**

Volume 20, Issue 5, October 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/20/5/page/1>

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Volume 16, 2018 Issue 4

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### **Journal of International Development**

Volume 30, Issue 7 Pages: 1069-1251 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

*Research Articles*

#### **[Enabling graduation for whom? Identifying and explaining heterogeneity in livelihood trajectories post-cash transfer exposure](#)**

[Rachel Sabates-Wheeler](#), [Ricardo Sabates](#), [Stephen Devereux](#)

Pages: 1071-1095

First Published: 03 August 2018

#### **[Parental Absence and Agency: The Household Characteristics of Hazardous Forms of Child Labour in Nepal](#)**

[Akito Kamei](#)

Pages: 1116-1141

First Published: 05 June 2018

### **Journal of Medical Ethics**

October 2018 - Volume 44 - 10

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

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Vol 20, No 10 (2018): October

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### **Journal of Operations Management**

Volume 61 Pages 1-82 (July 2018)

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Volume 5, Issue 3 (2018)

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### **Journal of Pediatrics**

October 2018 Volume 201, p1-304

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### **Journal of Public Health Management & Practice**

September/October 2018 - Volume 24 - Issue 5

<https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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### **Journal of Public Health Policy**

Volume 39, Issue 3, August 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/39/3/page/1>

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### **Journal of the Royal Society – Interface**

September 2018; volume 15, issue 146

<http://rsif.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/current>

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### **Journal of Travel Medicine**

Volume 25, Issue suppl\_1, 1 May 2018

[https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/25/suppl\\_1](https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/25/suppl_1)

***Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult***

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### **The Lancet**

Oct 20, 2018 Volume 392 Number 10156 p1369-1486 e12

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

*Editorial*

#### **[The Astana Declaration: the future of primary health care?](#)**

The Lancet

Primary health care is in crisis. It is underdeveloped in many countries, underfunded in others, and facing a severe workforce recruitment and retention challenge. Half the world's population has no access to the most essential health services. Yet 80–90% of people's health needs across their lifetime can be provided within a primary health-care framework—from maternity care and disease prevention through vaccination, to management of chronic conditions and palliative care. As populations age, and multimorbidity becomes the norm, the role of primary health-care workers becomes ever more important.

In 1978, the Declaration of Alma-Ata was ground-breaking in uniting health leaders behind the importance of primary health care as key to delivering better health for all, and to the value of social justice, health equity, and the social determinants of health. But 40 years later, this vision has not been

realised. Instead, the focus has been on individual diseases with variable results. Now the Sustainable Development Goals provide new impetus to reach universal health coverage via strengthened primary health care.

This week, on Oct 25 and 26, the Global Conference on Primary Health Care will be co-hosted by the Government of Kazakhstan, WHO, and UNICEF. 1200 leaders (including heads of state; ministers of health, finance, education, and social welfare; non-governmental organisations; researchers; health practitioners; and youth leaders) will meet in Astana, Kazakhstan, to endorse the Astana Declaration. The aim is to renew political commitment from member states and global organisations to developing people-centred primary health care, building on the principles of the Alma-Ata Declaration.

A renaissance in primary health care is essential to provide health for all, including the most vulnerable. An example is Pakistan, where the provision of universal primary health care is likely to be the only route to address the country's abysmal health indicators. Include, invest, innovate—the themes of the Tallinn Charter in 2018—put primary health care at the heart of sustainable health systems.

Investing in primary health care through four delivery platforms (community-based care, health centres, first-level hospitals, and population-based interventions) is one of the messages from the Lancet Commission on Investing in Health. The Commission's proposed package of primary health-care interventions provides a blueprint for what should be available in each of the platforms. In Ethiopia, a diagonal investment approach has led to strengthened primary health-care capacity and improved health status. The Lancet Commission on Primary Health Care in China, which will be presented in Astana and Beijing, outlines many opportunities for the Chinese government, such as integrating primary health-care and public health services.

The health workforce is a key contributor to the performance and sustainability of health systems—no more so than in primary health care. The World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) has strengthened efforts to train doctors in developing countries, but there has been insufficient investment in primary health-care staff in the past 30 years. Interprofessional teams focusing on the needs of the patient are one important way of introducing innovation. Teams in which nurses provide much of the care, including health promotion and the management of non-communicable diseases, is one possible model.

Recruitment and retention of community health workers, nurses, and doctors must improve in most regions of the world. Making primary health care a more attractive working environment is crucial to recruit and retain the best staff. Evidence presented at the European Health Forum Gastein, Austria, on Oct 3–5, documented the need for new curricula, multiprofessional settings, and more organisational support. In most European countries, there is a shortage of general practitioners (family doctors), especially in rural areas. General practice is often seen as low status, with low prestige for doctors, linked with a high administrative workload and lack of peer support. Despite some innovation, such as new roles for nurses and pharmacists in primary care, there is a need to offer more professional development and more infrastructure support, including technological innovations. Primary care clerkships, and exposing students to working in rural areas, can help to recruit into the most remote areas.

The joy depicted in the photographs in this issue illustrates just some aspects of primary health care at its best. The Astana Declaration marks the beginning of a better future for primary health care.

Leadership after the Astana meeting is essential to rejuvenate and revitalise all aspects of primary health care.

*The Lancet Commissions*

**[Alma-Ata at 40 years: reflections from the Lancet Commission on Investing in Health](#)**

David A Watkins, Gavin Yamey, Marco Schäferhoff, Olusoji Adeyi, George Alleyne, Ala Alwan, Seth Berkley, Richard Feachem, Julio Frenk, Gargee Ghosh, Sue J Goldie, Yan Guo, Sanjeev Gupta, Felicia Knaul, Margaret Kruk, Rachel Nugent, Osondu Ogbuaji, Jinyuan Qi, Srinath Reddy, Helen Saxenian, Agnés Soucat, Dean T Jamison, Lawrence H Summers

*Review*

**[Revisiting Alma-Ata: what is the role of primary health care in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?](#)**

Thomas Hone, James Macinko, Christopher Millett

**[Effectiveness and sustainability of a diagonal investment approach to strengthen the primary health-care system in Ethiopia](#)**

Yibeltal Assefa, Dessalegn Tesfaye, Wim Van Damme, Peter S Hill

*Health Policy*

**[Building the case for embedding global health security into universal health coverage: a proposal for a unified health system that includes public health](#)**

Ngozi A Erondy, Jerry Martin, Robert Marten, Gorik Ooms, Robert Yates, David L Heymann

**Lancet Global Health**

Oct 2018 Volume 6 Number 10 e1045-e1138

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/current>

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**Lancet Infectious Diseases**

Oct 2018 Volume 18 Number 10 p1047-1160 e295-e338

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>

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**Lancet Respiratory Medicine**

Oct 2018 Volume 6 Number 10 p727-800 e51-e53

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/issue/current>

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**Maternal and Child Health Journal**

Volume 22, Issue 1 Supplement, October 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10995/22/1/suppl/page/1>

***Special Issue: Taking Home Visiting to Scale: Findings from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program State-Led Evaluations***

Issue Editors: [Nicole Denmark](#), [Kyle Peplinski](#), [Mariel Sparr](#), [Judy Labiner-Wolfe](#), [Susan Zaid](#),  
[Pooja Gupta](#), [Kassie Mae Miller](#)  
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### **Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

Volume 38 Issue 7, October 2018  
<http://mdm.sagepub.com/content/current>  
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### **The Milbank Quarterly**

*A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy*  
Volume 96, Issue 3 Pages: 409-605 September 2018  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680009/current>  
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### **Nature**

Volume 562 Issue 7727, 18 October 2018  
[http://www.nature.com/nature/current\\_issue.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html)  
*Editorial* | 17 October 2018

#### **[Progress on antibiotic resistance](#)**

Clinicians, companies and researchers have come together to suggest ways to break the deadlock on finding better ways to prescribe antibiotics.

*World View* | 16 October 2018

#### **[The biggest pandemic risk? Viral misinformation](#)**

A century after the world's worst flu epidemic, rapid spread of misinformation is undermining trust in vaccines crucial to public health, warns Heidi Larson.

Heidi J. Larson

### **Nature Medicine**

Volume 24 Issue 10, October 2018  
<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/24/issues/10>  
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### **New England Journal of Medicine**

October 18, 2018 Vol. 379 No. 16  
<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>  
*Perspective*

#### **[Extensively Drug-Resistant Typhoid — Are Conjugate Vaccines Arriving Just in Time?](#)**

Jason R. Andrews, M.D., Farah N. Qamar, F.C.P.S., Richelle C. Charles, M.D., and Edward T. Ryan, M.D.

[Excerpt]

We are in a critical period. XDR S. Typhi has appeared in a densely populated area of Asia. The growth of informal settlement areas lacking adequate sanitation and water infrastructure will most likely fuel its transmission, and international migration and travel could facilitate its spread. The good news is that an effective typhoid conjugate vaccine is now available and can be used to augment typhoid-control efforts. The Typbar TCV vaccine is now being used in the outbreak response in Hyderabad, though the strain had already spread beyond the vaccine target area and may continue to disseminate.

The new WHO recommendation, availability of a prequalified vaccine with durable immunogenicity that can be given to young children, and the Gavi funding commitment provide more favorable conditions than have ever before existed for countries to incorporate typhoid vaccines into immunization programs. To guide these efforts, we need to invest in improved surveillance efforts and accelerate conjugate vaccine introduction in countries where the burden of typhoid is known to be high. Whether we will take the necessary action before the window closes is still uncertain.

### *Perspective*

#### **"Transparency" as Mask? The EPA's Proposed Rule on Scientific Data**

Joel Schwartz, Ph.D.

The Environmental Protection Agency proposes excluding from consideration in setting environmental standards any studies whose raw, individual-level data are not publicly available. Its actions seem to be an attack on the use of science in environmental policy

#### **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

Volume 47 Issue 5, October 2018

<http://nvs.sagepub.com/content/current>

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#### **Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration**

VOL. 7, NO. 1 (AUGUST 2017)

<http://oxmofm.com/current-issue/>

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#### **Pediatrics**

October 2018, VOLUME 142 / ISSUE 4

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/142/4?current-issue=y>

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#### **Pharmaceutics**

Volume 10, Issue 3 (September 2018)

<http://www.mdpi.com/1999-4923/10/3>

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#### **PharmacoEconomics**

Volume 36, Issue 10, October 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/36/10/page/1>  
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### **PLOS Currents: Disasters**

<http://currents.plos.org/disasters/>  
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### **PLoS Currents: Outbreaks**

<http://currents.plos.org/outbreaks/>  
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#### **[Real Time Forecasting of Measles Using Generation-dependent Mathematical Model in Japan, 2018](#)**

October 15, 2018 · *Research Article*

**Background:** Japan experienced a multi-generation outbreak of measles from March to May, 2018. The present study aimed to capture the transmission dynamics of measles by employing a simple mathematical model, and also forecast the future incidence of cases.

**Methods:** Epidemiological data that consist of the date of illness onset and the date of laboratory confirmation were analysed. A functional model that captures the generation-dependent growth patterns of cases was employed, while accounting for the time delay from illness onset to diagnosis.

**Results:** As long as the number of generations is correctly captured, the model yielded a valid forecast of measles cases, explicitly addressing the reporting delay. Except for the first generation, the effective reproduction number was estimated by generation, assisting evaluation of public health control programs.

**Conclusions:** The variance of the generation time is relatively limited compared with the mean for measles, and thus, the proposed model was able to identify the generation-dependent dynamics accurately during the early phase of the epidemic. Model comparison indicated the most likely number of generations, allowing us to assess how effective public health interventions would successfully prevent the secondary transmission.

### **PLoS Medicine**

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/>  
(Accessed 20 Oct 2018)

*Policy Forum*

#### **[Involuntary mental health treatment in the era of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)**

Faraaz Mahomed, Michael Ashley Stein, Vikram Patel

| published 18 Oct 2018 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1002679>

*Summary points*

:: The introduction of the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and General Comment 1 on Article 12 (GC1) has generated considerable debate regarding the assertion that people with psychosocial disabilities (disabilities arising from mental health conditions) always possess decision-making capacity.

:: While there is debate over the feasibility and acceptability of supported decision-making, stakeholders interviewed for this study suggested that coercive treatment is heavily overutilized and that there needs to be more dialogue between holders of divergent positions.

:: There are a number of important unresolved questions relating to more complex cases and to whether the right guaranteed by the CRPD is absolute and immediate or subject to limitations.

:: Ensuring participation of all key stakeholders is essential to realizing the pluralistic vision of the CRPD, as is research focusing on implementation of supported decision-making regimes, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Training on the provisions of the CRPD is also needed to ensure implementation, and addressing stigmatized beliefs among policy makers about the decision-making and cognitive abilities of mental healthcare users (MHCUs) is critical.

## **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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

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*Viewpoints*

### **[Pakistan: A nation held back by NTDs](#)**

Alexander J. Blum, M. Farhan Majid, Peter J. Hotez

| published 18 Oct 2018 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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*Editorial*

### **[Catalyzing NTD gender and equity research: A call for papers](#)**

Arianna Rubin Means, Alison Krentel, Sally Theobald, Laura Dean, Pamela Sabina Mbabazi, Thoko Elphick-Pooley, Fiona M. Fleming, Julie Jacobson, Sarah Simpson, Camilla Ducker

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Research Article

### **[What motivates Ebola survivors to donate plasma during an emergency clinical trial? The case of Ebola-Tx in Guinea](#)**

Maya Ronse, Almudena Marí Sáez, Charlotte Gryseels, Melanie Bannister-Tyrrell, Alexandre Delamou, Alain Guillard, Mustapha Briki, Frédéric Bigey, Nyankoye Haba, Johan van Griensven, Koen Peeters Grietens

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*Research Article*

### **[Health and economic growth: Evidence from dynamic panel data of 143 years](#)**

Rajesh Sharma

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### **[Social capital insights from Healthy Settings needs assessment in Malawi](#)**

Sarah Rippon, Tara K. Beattie, Kingsley Lungu, Save Kumwenda, Tracy Morse  
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**[Factors associated with unsuccessful treatment outcome in tuberculosis patients among refugees and their surrounding communities in Gambella Regional State, Ethiopia](#)**

Eyasu Ejeta, Getenet Beyene, Getu Balay, Zegeye Bonsa, Gameda Abebe  
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**[Epidemiology of the silent polio outbreak in Rahat, Israel, based on modeling of environmental surveillance data](#)**

Andrew F. Brouwer, Joseph N. S. Eisenberg, Connor D. Pomeroy, Lester M. Shulman, Musa Hindiyeh, Yossi Manor, Itamar Grotto, James S. Koopman, and Marisa C. Eisenberg  
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**Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

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October 2018 Volume 163, *In Progress*

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**Research Ethics**

Volume 14 Issue 3, July 2018

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**Reproductive Health**

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>

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*Research*

**[Female genital mutilation: current awareness, beliefs and future intention in rural Egypt](#)**

*Female genital cutting, also termed female genital mutilation (FGM), is a damaging practice with no health benefits for girls or women, and is considered to be a violation of children's rights.*

Authors: Eman S. Mohammed, Amany E. Seedhom and Eman M. Mahfouz

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## **Science**

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<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

*Report*

### **[Realizing private and practical pharmacological collaboration](#)**

By Brian Hie, Hyunghoon Cho, Bonnie Berger

Science 19 Oct 2018 : 347-350 Restricted Access

*A computational protocol enables private pharmacological data to be securely combined.*

*Sharing pharmaceutical research*

Increased collaboration will enhance our ability to predict new therapeutic drug candidates. Such data sharing is currently limited by concerns about intellectual property and competing commercial interests. Hie et al. introduce an end-to-end pipeline, using modern cryptographic tools, for secure pharmacological collaboration. Multiple entities can thus securely combine their private datasets to collectively obtain more accurate predictions of new drug-target interactions. The computational pipeline is practical, producing results with improved accuracy in a few days over a wide area network on a real dataset with more than a million interactions.

Science, this issue p. [347](#)

*Abstract*

Although combining data from multiple entities could power life-saving breakthroughs, open sharing of pharmacological data is generally not viable because of data privacy and intellectual property concerns. To this end, we leverage modern cryptographic tools to introduce a computational protocol for securely training a predictive model of drug–target interactions (DTIs) on a pooled dataset that overcomes barriers to data sharing by provably ensuring the confidentiality of all underlying drugs, targets, and observed interactions. Our protocol runs within days on a real dataset of more than 1 million interactions and is more accurate than state-of-the-art DTI prediction methods. Using our protocol, we discover previously unidentified DTIs that we experimentally validated via targeted assays. Our work lays a foundation for more effective and cooperative biomedical research.

*Policy Forum*

### **[Endangered species recovery: A resource allocation problem](#)**

By Leah R. Gerber, Michael C. Runge, Richard F. Maloney, Gwenllian D. Iacona, C. Ashton Drew, Stephanie Avery-Gomm, James Brazill-Boast, Deborah Crouse, Rebecca S. Epanchin-Niell, Sarah B. Hall, Lynn A. Maguire, Tim Male, Don Morgan, Jeff Newman, Hugh P. Possingham, Libby Rumpff, Katherine C. B. Weiss, Robyn S. Wilson, Marilet A. Zablan

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*Summary*

Many nations have laws to identify and protect imperiled species and their ecosystems. In the United States, actions taken under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have prevented many extinctions, but few listed species have recovered to the point where they can have the ESA protections removed (1, 2). One reason for this [among many (3)] is a shortfall in funding, raising a conundrum for agencies responsible for species recovery: Should resources be allocated toward species facing imminent extinction or species whose long-term survival can most benefit from investment? Some argue that the latter strategy is ethically unsound because it may abandon species with little hope of long-term recovery [for example, (4)], even when science suggests that the former strategy may miss opportunities to prevent species from ever experiencing the risk of imminent extinction (2). We suggest that framing recovery prioritization as a resource allocation problem provides a structure to facilitate constructive debate about such important questions. We discuss here the merits of an explicit resource allocation framework and introduce a prototype decision tool [(5); see supplementary materials for details] that we developed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to facilitate transparent and efficient recovery allocation decisions.

### *Research Article*

## **[Relationship of gender differences in preferences to economic development and gender equality](#)**

By Armin Falk, Johannes Hermle

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*A global investigation suggests that access to higher levels of material and social resources promotes gender-specific preferences*

*Assessing gender differences*

What contributes to gender-associated differences in preferences such as the willingness to take risks, patience, altruism, positive and negative reciprocity, and trust? Falk and Hermle studied 80,000 individuals in 76 countries who participated in a Global Preference Survey and compared the data with country-level variables such as gross domestic product and indices of gender inequality. They observed that the more that women have equal opportunities, the more they differ from men in their preferences.

### *Structured Abstract*

#### INTRODUCTION

Understanding determinants of gender differences in economic and social domains has been of interest, both in academic and public debates. Previous research has shown that gender differences in fundamental economic preferences are important in explaining gender differences in economic outcomes, such as for occupational choice, financial investment, or educational decisions, among many others. However, gaps remain in understanding the sources of gender differences in preferences and their variation.

#### RATIONALE

We contrasted and tested two hypotheses that make opposite predictions concerning the cross-country association of gender differences in preferences with economic development and gender equality. On one hand, the attenuation of gender-specific social roles that arises in more developed and gender-egalitarian countries may alleviate differences in preferences between women and men. As a consequence, one would expect gender differences in preferences to be negatively associated with higher levels of economic development and gender equality (social role hypothesis). On the other hand, greater availability of material and social resources removes the gender-neutral goal of subsistence, which creates the scope for gender-specific ambitions and desires. In addition, more gender-equal access to those resources may allow women and men to express preferences independently from each other. As a consequence, one would expect gender differences in preferences

to be positively associated with higher levels of economic development and gender equality (resource hypothesis).

We tested these competing predictions using data on experimentally validated measures of willingness to take risks, patience, altruism, positive and negative reciprocity, and trust for 80,000 individuals in 76 representative country samples. So that the data would be geographically representative, the dataset was chosen so as to include all continents and a broad range of cultures and economic development levels. In total, the data represent about 90% of both the world population and global income.

#### RESULTS

The data revealed substantial cross-country variation in gender differences in preferences. Gender differences were found to be strongly positively associated with economic development as well as gender equality. These relationships held for each preference separately as well as for a summary index of differences in all preferences jointly. Quantitatively, this summary index exhibited correlations of 0.67 ( $P < 0.0001$ ) with log GDP per capita and 0.56 ( $P < 0.0001$ ) with a Gender Equality Index (a joint measure of four indices of gender equality), respectively. To isolate the separate impacts of economic development and gender equality, we conducted a conditional analysis, finding a quantitatively large and statistically significant association between gender differences and log GDP per capita conditional on the Gender Equality Index, and vice versa. These findings remained robust in several validation tests, such as accounting for potential culture-specific survey response behavior, aggregation bias, and nonlinear relationships.

#### CONCLUSION

The reported evidence indicates that higher levels of economic development and gender equality favor the manifestation of gender differences in preferences across countries. Our results highlight the critical role of availability of material and social resources, as well as gender-equal access to these resources, in facilitating the independent formation and expression of gender-specific preferences.

#### **Social Science & Medicine**

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#### **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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#### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

Fall 2018 Volume 16, Number 4

[https://ssir.org/issue/fall\\_2018](https://ssir.org/issue/fall_2018)

All too often nonprofit organizations think that communications is simply about getting your message out. But to do that effectively you need to understand what shapes people's feelings and values. And for that you need to understand social science, which is the subject of "The Science of What Makes People Care," the cover story in the Fall 2018 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

*Philanthropy & Funding*

## **Sustainability**

Volume 10, Issue 8 (August 2018)

<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/10/8>

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## **Systematic Reviews**

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

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*Research*

**[Rapid methods including network meta-analysis to produce evidence in clinical decision support: a decision analysis](#)**

*Conducting systematic reviews is time-consuming but crucial to construct evidence-based patient decision aids, clinical practice guidelines and decision analyses. New methods might enable developers to produce...*

Authors: Oystein Eiring, Kjetil Gundro Brurberg, Kari Nytroen and Magne Nylenna

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## **Torture Journal**

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## **Trauma, Violence, & Abuse**

Volume 19 Issue 4, October 2018

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

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## **UN Chronicle**

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

**[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**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

Volume 13, Issue 4, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

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**World Heritage Review**

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/84/>

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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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