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Period ending 27 October 2018

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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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Featured Journal Content

The Lancet

Oct 27, 2018 Volume 392 Number 10157 p1487-1598

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Editorial

[Doctors and scientists must defend a free press](#)

The Lancet

Nov 2 marks the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. UNESCO has recorded 1010 killings of journalists in the past 12 years. In 90% of cases, the killers went unpunished. The work of journalists worldwide offers a vital platform to discuss and debate the health and wellbeing of populations whose plight might otherwise never come to international attention.

Death is not the only way journalists are silenced—they are regularly intimidated and detained as well. Already this year, The Lancet has condemned Shahidul Alam's detention for highlighting the Government of Bangladesh's failure to ensure road safety for its citizens. 2018 has also seen Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo of Reuters convicted after reporting on the alleged killings of ten Rohingya at the hands of soldiers and Buddhist villagers in Myanmar. Journalists risk their personal safety because highlighting health and human rights atrocities is so important.

Press freedom around the world is currently at its lowest ebb for 13 years. 2017 saw 73 000 people classify themselves as journalists or editors, down from 84 000 just 1 year previously. Only 13% of the world's population currently has a free press. Free press and free expression are inextricably linked to the struggle to advance health for individuals and populations. As we can see from the recent scrambles by Russia and Saudi Arabia to invent narratives to explain their illegal actions, it is only wider attention that can bring sufficient pressure on governments to act within the law and respect the health and human rights of its citizens. Journalists offer a key avenue for applying this pressure.

Let Nov 2, this year, mark a change in the way we think of journalists. It is not just the job of press colleagues, lawyers, and governments to defend the rights of journalists worldwide—health professionals and scientists must stand up for a free press too. If we hope for the better health of people worldwide, we must defend the rights of the most objective international monitoring mechanism we have—a free press.

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Human Rights – Relativism

[Statement by Karima Bennouna, Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights at the 73rd session of the General Assembly](#)

New York, 23 October 2018

[Excerpt; Text bolding by Editor]

...**The universality of human rights is today the cornerstone of human rights law**, regularly reaffirmed by states in new legal standards, and a foundational aspect of the human rights system. It greatly enhances the lives of all human beings, including by guaranteeing their cultural rights. It is a critical tool for human rights defenders around the world.

However, universality is currently under sustained attack from many directions, including by those who misuse culture and cultural rights justifications. This poses many challenges for all human rights, including cultural rights. In response, we need a foundational renewal of universality, and one with a broad youth constituency that can nourish the tradition of the UDHR during its next 70 years.

Meanwhile, in recent years, respect for cultural diversity has also been threatened by those who seek to impose monolithic identities and ways of being, who advocate various forms of supremacy and discrimination. Cultural diversity is still wrongly understood as being in opposition to universality, including by some Governments and other actors who misuse it as an excuse for violations of the very universal human rights within which its enjoyment is embedded, and by others who oppose the concept altogether.

Universality is not a weapon against cultural diversity, nor is cultural diversity a weapon against universality. The two principles are mutually reinforcing and interlocking. In today's polarized world, we need a sophisticated multi-directional stance. **We must simultaneously defend the universality of human rights from those seeking to use cultural claims as a weapon against rights, and at the same time defend cultural rights and respect for cultural diversity, in accordance with international standards, when those principles come under attack.** This is an important way to mark the 70th anniversary of the UDHR and its Article 27 guarantee of the right to take part in cultural life without discrimination.

Women's cultural rights are prime sites of threat to universality and must be rigorously defended, especially in a world where even some leaders openly denigrate women and deny their equality. Equality and universal human rights are not overridden by culture or what is claimed to be culture. Cultural rights are not an excuse for violations of other human rights. They do not justify discrimination or violence.

Universality is not an idea that belongs to any one country or culture, to any one region or religion. In this seventieth anniversary year, we have an obligation to remind ourselves of the contributions made by women and men from around the world to the Universal Declaration, and to promote and share its truly global history. The text adopted in 1948 was not an imposition of the values or cultures of any one region of the world, but rather a foundational challenge to entrenched systems of racial and sexual discrimination that were prevalent. **Notwithstanding abstentions, not a single country voted against the Universal Declaration [of Human Rights]. It has become not only a vital international legal standard, but also one of the most important pieces of intangible cultural heritage created during the twentieth century and, thus, part of the cultural heritage of all humankind. It requires vigilant protection.**

Ardent defenders of the universality of human rights are found in all regions. Its opponents are likewise geographically diverse. People and Governments in every part of the world are capable of violating or

sustaining this idea. The rhetoric of universality often resonates most strongly with those who are most marginalized and discriminated against.

There are many forms of relativism that undermine human rights culture and meaningful universality. These include the refusal to recognize entire categories of rights, such as economic, social and cultural rights. Such an approach results in a selective universality, which is unacceptable. Tolerance of extreme poverty in the name of markets is as undermining of universality as is the attempt to justify discrimination in the name of culture. A robust universality must include civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights, must include the rights of all people and must enable their full implementation.

In contrast to cultural diversity which is positive for human rights, cultural relativism - which suggests that some have lesser or different rights because of the collective to which they are assumed to belong, which uses culture not to amplify rights but to take them away – is destructive and has been repudiated by international law. Cultural relativism is no mere theoretical construct; the exclusions from rights protection it seeks to create have grave, sometimes lethal, consequences. The fact that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women is the human rights convention subject to the most reservations, many of which are based on unacceptable cultural relativist excuses for not implementing women's equality, is a matter of urgent concern.

It is reprehensible that relativist arguments even find their way into United Nations resolutions. "Sensitivities" do not overrule the international human rights obligations of States. No historical, social, cultural or religious "sensitivities" can justify the criminalization of one's sexual orientation or gender identity, nor could they justify racial discrimination.

To effectively challenge cultural relativism, I call on States inter alia to:

- (a) Review laws that discriminate against anyone on the basis of cultural or religious arguments, and bring them in line with universal human rights standards; and
- (b) Refrain from using culture, cultural rights or tradition to justify violations of international human rights and ensure that no representative of the State does so in national or international forums.

Cultures also have many positive implications for the enjoyment of universal human rights. Cultural diversity is a necessary condition for and the result of the exercise of cultural rights by all.

We must recognize the very real histories of forced assimilation that have sometimes been imposed, inter alia, on indigenous peoples, minorities and people living under colonialism and the disdain with which their cultural resources have often been treated. Universality is about human dignity, not about homogeneity. But we must also recognize the diversity of diversities, not only between, but within all human collectivities. In all countries, there should be provisions and mechanisms to protect those who decide to step outside given cultural and religious frameworks, such as non-religious persons, from physical attacks, threats and incitement to hatred and violence. This diversity of diversities breaks the myth of homogeneous cultural blocs, and questions the authority of any person or institution to impose an interpretation on cultural resources.

To improve respect for cultural diversity, States should inter alia:

- (a) Recognize and value it within the framework of universal human rights and avoid abusively restricting its expression; recognize and respect cultural dissent, syncretism and cultural mixing, and

the right to re-interpret cultures;

(b) Reaffirm the importance of secularism and the separation of religion and State, and of both secular and intercultural spaces, for full enjoyment of freedom of religion or belief, and cultural rights...

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Human Rights – Sexual Orientation

First United Nations Expert on Sexual Orientation Presents Inaugural Human Rights Report to Third Committee, as Others Tackle Justice, Environment Concerns

GA/SHC/4243 25 October 2018

General Assembly Third Committee

Seventy-third Session, 33rd & 34th Meetings (AM & PM)

Right Not to Be Arbitrarily Deprived of Life Universally Recognized, 'Applies at All Times', Says Special Rapporteur

Thousands of trans and gender-diverse persons are subjected to levels of violence that “offend the human conscience”, the first United Nations expert on the topic told the Third Committee today, as delegates engaged with mandate holders on the promotion and protection of human rights.

In his inaugural presentation, Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Independent Expert on the protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, who took up his mandate 1 January, said thousands of trans and gender-diverse persons have been killed in recent years. In some countries, the life expectancy of a trans woman is only 35 years, he said, meaning that at age 17, she is middle-aged, and at 23, nearing the end of her life.

Describing this as “the tip of a horrifying iceberg”, he said a lack of reporting and data collection, itself stemming from transphobia, has meant an enormous amount of information is unknown about these communities. Bureaucratic approaches that lack “rhyme or reason” only exacerbate the risk of violence and discrimination, notably when the name, sex or gender details in official documents do not match a person’s appearance.

Moreover, when Governments do recognize the gender identity of trans persons, they often impose arbitrary and abusive requirements, he said: medical certification, surgery, treatment, sterilization or divorce among them. States’ non-recognition of trans and gender-diverse persons has created a “legal vacuum”, violating the right to equal recognition before the law, and in turn, the rights to health, education and housing.

And yet, Governments have the power to end such ordeals, he said, urging them to eliminate the conception of gender as pathology. They should instead design and conduct public education campaigns — including on anti-bullying and sexual education — and formulate education policies addressing harmful social and cultural bias, misconceptions and prejudice. “These measures cannot be postponed”, he asserted.

In the ensuing dialogue, delegates expressed concern about discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people, with Albania’s representative voicing regret that more than 70 countries still criminalize sexual orientation. Colombia’ delegate advocated measures to fight such

abuse, while Costa Rica’s delegate pointed to measures adopted this year that allow people to change their names through a simple administrative procedure...

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“Migrant Caravan in Mexico” – Essential Services for Children

[An estimated 2,300 children traveling with migrant caravan in Mexico need protection and essential services – UNICEF](#)

Press release

NEW YORK/MEXICO CITY, 26 October 2018 – An estimated 2,300 children traveling with the migrant caravan now in southern Mexico need protection and access to essential services like healthcare, clean water and adequate sanitation – UNICEF warned today. The long and arduous journey has left children exposed to inclement weather, including dangerously hot temperatures, with limited access to proper shelter. Some have already fallen ill or suffered from dehydration, according to UNICEF teams on the ground.

Many of the children and families in the caravan are fleeing gang and gender-based violence, extortion, poverty and limited access to quality education and social services in their home countries of northern Central America – El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. Sadly, these conditions are part of daily life for millions of children in the region. Each day, families facing these harsh conditions make the painful decision to leave their homes, communities and countries in search of safety and a more hopeful future.

While those traveling with the caravan hope for safety in numbers, the perils of using irregular migration routes remain significant, especially for children. The journey is long, uncertain and full of danger, including the risk of exploitation, violence and abuse.

In Mexico, UNICEF is working with the Government and other partners to ensure that uprooted children are provided with the support and services they need and that their rights are upheld. This includes providing technical assistance to authorities on nutrition and child protection, and expanding access to psychosocial support. UNICEF and its partners are also providing children and families in the caravan with more than 20,000 litres of safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation packs, oral rehydration salts, sunscreen and soap.

Throughout northern Central America and Mexico, UNICEF continues to provide psychosocial counselling for children and families who have endured violence, exploitation and abuse at different stages of the migration journey. UNICEF is also developing models for alternative care to detention, and strengthening consular protection for uprooted children.

UNICEF reiterates its call on all governments to prioritize the best interests of children in the application of immigration laws and procedures, to keep families together, and to find alternatives to immigration detention of children.

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Education – Yemen Crisis

[US\\$70 million to UNICEF to support education programmes in Yemen through monthly cash stipends to unpaid teachers across country](#)

Press release

23 October 2018 – UNICEF appreciates the announcement from the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of US \$70 million towards monthly cash stipends to teachers across Yemen.

“More than 135,000 Yemeni teachers have not received their salaries in more than two years” said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore who visited Yemen in June this year. “Classrooms are where children feel some semblance of normalcy in their lives, and a place to prepare themselves for their future lives. The stipends will help teachers stay in classrooms.”

“Education has been one of the biggest casualties of this conflict,” Fore said. “We urge the warring parties to end this conflict and allow children to resume their childhood. Peace is the only solution.”

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Health

[New global commitment to primary health care for all at Astana conference](#)

Declaration of Astana charts course to achieve universal health coverage, 40 years since declaration on primary health care in Alma-Ata

News Release 25 October 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan

Countries around the world today agreed to the Declaration of Astana, vowing to strengthen their primary health care systems as an essential step toward achieving universal health coverage. The [Declaration of Astana](#) reaffirms the historic 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata, the first time world leaders committed to primary health care.

“Today, instead of health for all, we have health for some,” said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). “We all have a solemn responsibility to ensure that today’s declaration on primary health care enables every person, everywhere to exercise their fundamental right to health.”

While the 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata laid a foundation for primary health care, progress over the past four decades has been uneven. At least half the world’s population lacks access to essential health services – including care for noncommunicable and communicable diseases, maternal and child health, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health.

“Although the world is a healthier place for children today than ever before, close to 6 million children die every year before their fifth birthday mostly from preventable causes, and more than 150 million are stunted,” said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director. “We as a global community can change that, by bringing quality health services close to those who need them. That’s what primary health care is about.”

The Declaration of Astana comes amid a growing global movement for greater investment in primary health care to achieve universal health coverage. Health resources have been overwhelmingly focused

on single disease interventions rather than strong, comprehensive health systems – a gap highlighted by several health emergencies in recent years.

“Adoption of the Declaration at this global conference in Astana will set new directions for the development of primary health care as a basis of health care systems,” said Yelzhan Birtanov, Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan. “The new Declaration reflects obligations of countries, people, communities, health care systems and partners to achieve healthier lives through sustainable primary health care.”

UNICEF and WHO will help governments and civil society to act on the Declaration of Astana and encourage them to back the movement. UNICEF and WHO will also support countries in reviewing the implementation of this Declaration, in cooperation with other partners.

Notes to editors:

The Global Conference on Primary Health Care is taking place from 25-26 October in Astana, Kazakhstan, co-hosted by WHO, UNICEF and the Government of Kazakhstan. Participants include ministers of health, finance, education and social welfare; health workers and patient advocates; youth delegates and activists; and leaders representing bilateral and multilateral institutions, global health advocacy organizations, civil society, academia, philanthropy, media and the private sector.

The Declaration of Astana, unanimously endorsed by all WHO Member States, makes pledges in four key areas: (1) make bold political choices for health across all sectors; (2) build sustainable primary health care; (3) empower individuals and communities; and (4) align stakeholder support to national policies, strategies and plans.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 23 October 2018 [GPEI]

:: World Polio Day activities are in full swing. Join partners around the world in raising awareness about the global effort to eradicate polio.

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan – one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental sample;

Pakistan – two WPV1 cases and four WPV1-positive environmental samples;

Nigeria – one cVDPV2 case and three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

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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 27 Oct 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Beni: Ministry of Health and WHO condemn violence against civilians and health professionals in Ebola affected areas [in French] 22 October 2018

:: 12: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 23 October 2018

:: Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 25 October 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Weekly Situation Report 47 - 17 October 2018

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 27 Oct 2018]

Brazil (in Portugese) - *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 42: 13-19 October 2018

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 55 events in the region. This week's edition covers key ongoing events, including:

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

:: Dengue Fever in Senegal

:: Hepatitis E in Namibia

:: Cholera in Zimbabwe.

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 27 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 Humanitarian Update Covering 7 October – 21 October ...](#)
:: [Yemen: Cyclone Luban Flash Update #3 \(21 October 2018\) \[EN/A ...](#)

[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](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Somalia](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

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“Other Emergencies”

[Indonesia: Central Sulawesi Earthquake](#)

:: [Central Sulawesi Earthquake & Tsunami: Humanitarian Country Team Situation Report #5 \(as of 23 October 2018\)](#)

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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 27 Oct 2018]

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

26 October 2018

GA/SHC/4244

[With 40 Million Forced into Modern Slavery, Third Committee Expert Urges States to Protect Rights of Women, Girls, Companies Must Remedy Violations](#)

Globally, more than 40 million people are subject to modern forms of slavery — 71 per cent of them women and girls — a grave human rights situation exacerbated by gender inequality, poverty, cultural norms and discriminatory laws that demand change, the Special Rapporteur on the topic told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, Cultural) today.

24 October 2018

SC/13552

[Head of Human Rights Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar Urges Security Council to Ensure Accountability for Serious Violations against Rohingya](#)

Arguing that impunity for horrific violations against the Rohingya in Myanmar is a threat to international peace and security, the head of a human rights fact-finding mission this afternoon urged the Security Council to ensure accountability for the crimes.

23 October 2018

GA/SHC/4241

[Relativist Claims on Culture Do Not Absolve States from Human Rights Obligations, Third Committee Expert Says as Delegates Denounce Country-Specific Mandates](#)

So-called “sensitivities” and relativist arguments invoking culture do not absolve States from their human rights obligations, the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, as delegates sparred with experts over country-specific mandates for situations in Myanmar and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

23 October 2018

SC/13550

[International Community Must Take Action to Stop Catastrophic Famine in Yemen, Top Humanitarian Affairs Official Tells Security Council](#)

To stem the growing threat of famine in Yemen, the international community must act urgently to unblock imports, ensure distribution of aid and counteract a lack of foreign exchange in the war-torn gulf nation, the United Nations top humanitarian affairs official told the Security Council this afternoon.

22 October 2018

DSG/SM/1232-DEV/3366-SOC/4871

[Deputy Secretary-General, at World Data Forum, Calls for Harnessing Emerging Technologies to Save Lives, Advance Development](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Top News

[Mass expulsions from Angola have put thousands of Congolese at risk in DRC – Bachelet](#)

[Press briefing notes on mass expulsions from Angola to DRC and CAR Special Criminal Court](#)

[Comment by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on Wednesday's statement by the Government of Burundi at a meeting of the General Assembly's Third Committee in New York](#)

[Protect the human rights of Central American migrants, UN expert committees urge States](#)

[Japan must halt returns to Fukushima, radiation remains a concern, says UN rights expert](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 27 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 27 Oct 2018]

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

23 October 2018

[Statement by Karima Bennouna, Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights at the 73rd session of the General Assembly](#)

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 27 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 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 27 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>

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 27 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 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/media/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeopleindex.aspx>
22 October 2018

[Guatemala: UN experts welcome court ruling that Ixil Mayans were victims of genocide and urge the State to prosecute and punish the perpetrators](#)

UN OCHA [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

25 October 2018

[Dozens of civilians killed and injured as a result of attacks in Hodeidah](#)

24 October 2018

[DRC: Violent attacks continue to hinder response to Ebola outbreak](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://centre.humdata.org/>
No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>
Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements
Press release

[An estimated 2,300 children traveling with migrant caravan in Mexico need protection and essential services – UNICEF](#)

26/10/2018

Press release

[Sulawesi Earthquake & Tsunami: One month on from the disaster, thousands of children still homeless, out-of-school and in need of humanitarian support](#)

26/10/2018

Statement

[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the opening of the Global Conference on Primary Health Care](#)

As prepared for delivery
25/10/2018

Press release

[UNICEF Airlifts 4.7 Million Doses of Measles, Rubella and Polio Vaccines for Children in Libya](#)

25/10/2018

Press release

[New global commitment to primary health care for all at Astana conference](#)

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Press release

[US\\$ 70 million to UNICEF to support education programmes in Yemen through monthly cash stipends to unpaid teachers across country](#)

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Briefing notes

[Critical UNHCR aid reaches over 150,000 displaced Yemenis](#) 26 Oct 2018

[UNHCR says stabilizing 'caravan' situation urgently important](#) 23 Oct 2018

Press releases and news comments

[Statement by UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie in Lima, Peru](#) 23 Oct 2018

[UNHCR appeals to Australia to act and save lives at immediate risk](#) 23 Oct 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

[IOM Launches Updated Counter Trafficking Data Portal with New Statistics](#)

2018-10-26 14:46

Geneva – The new version now features data on over 90,000 cases of human trafficking and new data visualization tools.

[Myanmar Migrant Workers Benefit from Migration, Need More Protection: IOM Survey](#)

2018-10-26 14:46

Bangkok – Myanmar nationals benefit from labour migration to Thailand but need more protection to reduce their vulnerability to abuse and exploitation, an IOM survey shows.

[IOM Joins UNCTAD and UNHCR to Publish Entrepreneurship Policy Guide for Migrants and Refugees](#)

2018-10-26 14:45

Geneva – The Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees was launched this week (24/10) during the 2018 World Investment Forum at the Palais des Nations.

Evidence Shows Primary Healthcare for Migrants is Cost-saving

2018-10-26 14:45

Astana – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, pointed out that “leaving no one behind” as formulated in the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals does not necessarily mean a greater burden to health budgets.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 95,909 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,969

2018-10-26 14:38

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 95,909 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 24 October, with 45,976 to Spain, the leading destination this year.

UNAIDS [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 27 Oct 2018]

25 October 2018

News Release

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[See Milestones/Perspectives above for more detail]

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News Release

HH Pope Francis and WHO Director-General: Health is a right and not a privilege

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: Uganda's Prime Minister lauds WHO for the support during disease outbreak emergencies

26 October 2018

:: Protecting girls against cervical cancer in Tanzania 24 October 2018

:: Joint Statement on World Polio Day: WHO, UNICEF and Rotary International reaffirm their commitments to stop off polio in the Horn of Africa. 24 October 2018

:: Polio infrastructure remains crucial for mounting initial response to disease outbreaks in Nigeria 23 October 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: New global commitment to Primary Health Care for all at Astana Conference (10/25/2018)
- :: Countries of the Americas urged to take action to keep polio at bay (10/23/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new announcement identified*

WHO European Region EURO

- :: Social marketing insights help solve the puzzle of low influenza vaccination rates among health-care workers in the west of Ireland 26-10-2018
- :: New global commitment to primary health care for all at Astana conference 26-10-2018
- :: Primary health care: the time is now 24-10-2018
- :: World Polio Day celebrates history in the making 23-10-2018
- :: Is it just a "touch of the flu" for you, or do you face a greater risk? 22-10-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: Pool of experts for Middle East respiratory syndrome established 23 October 2018
- :: Contribution of United Arab Emirates acknowledged on World Polio Day 23 October 2018
- :: HH Pope Francis and WHO Director-General: Health is a right and not a privilege 23 October 2018
- :: Health system strengthening boosts immunization in Somalia 22 October 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

- *No new announcement identified*

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Posted on October 22, 2018

UNDP: New technologies are a powerful tool to tackle corruption

Corruption threatens progress and peace, particularly for the poorest but new technologies can be used as a powerful tool to tackle it, said the head of the United Nations Development Programme...

Posted on October 22, 2018

Scottish Government and UN Development Programme collaborate to mobilise private capital for sustainable development

The Scottish Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are jointly announcing a 2-year programme of collaboration aimed at mobilising private capital for the UN Sustainable...

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 27 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 27 Oct 2018]

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

22 Oct 2018 *Press release*

[Re-thinking production to boost circular economies](#)

Value-retention practices such as remanufacturing, refurbishment, repair, and direct re-use could cut industrial waste by between 80 and 99 per cent in some sectors. Greenhouse gas emissions could fall by 79 to 99 per cent...

22 Oct 2018 *Press release*

[UN Environment energy initiative lauded as best partnership at major summit](#)

Copenhagen, 22 October 2018 – UN Environment's District Energy in Cities Initiative, which is unlocking private sector finance to cut greenhouse gas emissions from heating and cooling, has been named best State-of-the-Art...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Website not responding upon inquiry.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

25 October 2018, *New York*

[New tool smooths path out of least developed country category](#)

As many as 14 of the world's 47 least developed countries (LDCs) may leave this category in the coming years thanks to their rapid economic and human development. While certainly a cause for celebration, graduation also entails the loss of certain privileges. A new tool, to premiere on 26 October in Geneva, will help governments better understand and adapt to these implications.

[Gradjet](#), a new online platform developed by the UN DESA-hosted Committee for Development Policy (CDP) Secretariat, will help officials in LDCs understand what it means to leave the LDC category and to plan a course for the future.

"The purpose of this exciting new tool is to make LDC graduation as smooth and painless as possible," said Roland Mollerus, Chief of the UN CDP Secretariat. "Its innovative format has allowed us to gather all the relevant information and contacts in one place, while customizing it for each individual country. I am convinced that Gradjet will benefit the graduating countries in the years ahead," he added...

[World Data Forum wraps up with a declaration to boost financing for data and statistics](#)

24 October 2018, New York

The second United Nations World Data Forum is concluding today with the launch of the Dubai Declaration to increase financing for better data and statistics for sustainable development. "While it is clear that the data revolution is having an enormous impact, it has not benefited everyone equally," said United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed at the Forum. "Our task is to make sure data is available to all people. We must make sure it is harnessed to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels and in all regions and countries."

"But we urgently need to bridge important gaps," she added. "Funding for data and statistical systems remains limited. And beyond funding, we need political, technical and advocacy support in all areas."

The [Dubai Declaration](#) calls for the establishment of an innovative funding mechanism for strengthening the national data and statistical systems for the 2030 Agenda. The mechanism will be open to all stakeholders and would mobilize domestic and international funds and activate partnerships and funding opportunities. The funding mechanism will be created under the guidance of statistical systems representatives and different data and donor communities...

[UN High-level Advisory Board calls for new multilateralism for sustainable development](#)

22 October 2018, New York

Eminent economists and social scientists came together for the second meeting of the United Nations High-level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Economic and Social Affairs on 16-18 October. Continuing the work from their first meeting this past July, board members discussed the current and long-term socio-economic trends and their implications for the 2030 Agenda.

"A fair, inclusive and sustainable new globalization with the SDGs at the center must protect and promote the interests of millions of people worldwide," emphasized Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary General for the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), as he addressed the closing session of the meeting.

UNESCO [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

26 October 2018

[Global coalition of aquariums set to fight plastic pollution](#)

23 October 2018

[China, UNESCO and EU conference on World Heritage and sustainable development](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Posted October 26, 2018

[Global Urban Lectures S05e04: Elisa Maceratini – Participatory urban planning: Lessons from the field](#)

The lecture shows the challenges and opportunities of participatory planning through a series of concrete experiences from the field. Planners and scholars of urban studies have acknowledged the potentialities of participatory planning since the 1960s. Today, the...

[World Cities Day 2018 to be celebrated in Liverpool with the theme of Resilient Cities](#)

Liverpool, United Kingdom, 26 October 2018 – As cities and towns around the world expand daily, Liverpool is hosting a high-level, international event on city resilience. In the past 20 years, disasters have killed 1.3 million people...

Posted October 25, 2018

[Urban policy makers discuss integrated public transport solutions](#)

La Paz, Bolivia, October 2018 – Policy makers and urban transport stakeholders from Bolivia, India and Zimbabwe met at the International Mobility Congress to discuss integrated urban public transport solutions and draw lessons from implementation of the...

Posted October 22, 2018

[Central and North Asian Countries Participate in Consultations on Asia and Pacific Cities 2019 Report](#)

Geneva, October 2018 – Policymakers and urban experts from North and Central Asia have met in Geneva to discuss the Future of Asia and Pacific Cities 2019 Report and exchange experiences on managing challenges to sustainable urbanization...

Posted October 22, 2018

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/25-10-2018>

[Africa needs its young people to modernize its agricultural sectors](#)

He made the remarks at the Italy-Africa Ministerial Conference in Rome, which includes foreign ministers and other officials from more than 45 African Countries, as well as representatives from the African Union, other international organizations, and the private sector.

23-10-2018

[Together, public and private funding can end poverty and hunger](#)

A Global Forum in Marrakesh supported by the European Union and organized by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and FAO has heard that development and international financing institutions must collaborate more strategically to leverage private investments.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Flagship Programme on Social Protection

[Expand social protection to the 4 billion excluded](#)

25 October 2018

Two UN agency heads have signed a call for action for countries to expand social security and assistance to more than four billion people currently without protection.

Social dialogue

[ILO signs new cooperation agreement with Economic and Social Councils worldwide](#)

23 October 2018

Institutions to step up collaboration on areas of mutual interest such as social dialogue and decent work.

Op-Ed

[As tech disrupts our jobs, it's not too late to turn pain into gain](#)

22 October 2018

Workers will need a magic mix of skills to survive the technological revolution.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

26/10/2018

[Implementation of sulphur 2020 limit - carriage ban adopted](#)

The complementary MARPOL amendment will prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship - unless the ship has a "scrubber" fitted.

22/10/2018

[Next steps to deliver IMO GHG strategy](#)

Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 73) approves programme to follow up on the initial IMO strategy on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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[UPU Conference on data protection and privacy explores UN-wide approaches and impact on posts](#)

- Exploring the impact of data protection and privacy laws on postal services and e-commerce markets was the topic of a high-profile conference at the Berne headquarters of the Universal Postal Union

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

23 October 2018

[UNIDO Deputy to the Director General Kuniyoshi calls for globally coherent approach to Circular Economy during the 2018 WCEF in Yokohama](#)

YOKOHAMA,– In his speech during the Grand Finale of the World Circular Economy Forum, which was jointly organized by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment and the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, UNIDO Deputy to the Director General Hiroshi Kuniyoshi called for a globally coherent approach to Circular Economy.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

22 October 2018

[AOAC and ISO announce cooperation agreement](#)

Washington, DC, 22 October 2018: AOAC INTERNATIONAL (AOAC) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) announce that they have entered into a cooperation agreement for the joint development and approval of common standards and methods. The partnership significantly increases the global...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

24 October 2018

[New UNWTO Global Report on Inclusive Tourism Destinations launched on the occasion of UN Day 2018](#)

Madrid, Spain, 24 October 2018 – A new report by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), produced in collaboration with UNWTO Affiliate Member globaldit, presents a model for inclusive tourism destinations. 'Global Report on Inclusive Tourism: Model and success stories' is launched on the occasion of the UN Day 2018 celebration in Madrid, Spain.

[Spatial Data the Focus of UNWTO Sustainable Tourism Observatories Meeting](#)

Madrid, Spain, 23 October 2018 – The World Tourism Organization's (UNWTO) International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories (INSTO) concluded its global annual meeting today in Madrid, welcoming observatories and other tourism stakeholders to share experiences of measuring and

monitoring the impact tourism has on destinations, and explore the opportunities provided to tourism by innovation in location services

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green on International Religious Freedom Day](#)

October 27, 2018

On this International Religious Freedom Day, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) reaffirms that freedom of worship, religious diversity, and respect for the dignity of all people, regardless of their faith, lie at the core of any nation that is citizen-centered and citizen-responsive. In too many regions of the world, religious liberty is under threat, as minority and other groups face persecution because of their beliefs. USAID is committed to the principles of pluralism, human dignity, and religious freedom.

[Fiscal Year 2018 was USAID's Best Year for Investing in U.S. Small Businesses](#)

October 25, 2018

[Statement by Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on USAID Congratulates Drs. Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro for Winning the World Food Prize](#)

October 22, 2018

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) congratulates this year's World Food Prize winners, Drs. Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro, our long-time partners whose efforts over the last several decades helped put nutrition at the top of the global development agenda.

DFID [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[UK Government unveils extensive measures to clamp down on global corruption, giving criminals "nowhere to hide"](#)

22 October 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>
22/10/2018

[EU releases €7.2 million to step up fight against Ebola in Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

mmmThe Commission is allocating an additional € 7.2 million to strengthen its response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is not yet under control. Total EU response so far stands at € 12.83 million in 2018.

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African Union [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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October 25, 2018

[Report: Rising Demand for Social Protection Across Africa Requires Careful Fiscal Balancing, Research](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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[ASEAN Culture Ministers commit to mainstreaming the Culture of Prevention](#)

YOG YAKARTA, 24 October 2018 – The ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts have committed to promote a culture of peace and intercultural understanding with a view to strengthening ASEAN identity through the adoption of the 'Yogyakarta Declaration on Embracing the Culture of Prevention to Enrich ASEAN Identity'. The 8th ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture [...]

European Commission [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

26/10/2018

[European Commission joins forces with world aquariums to fight plastic pollution](#)

- Press release European Commission Brussels, 26 October 2018 This is one of the commitments to be announced in Bali at Our Ocean Conference. The European Commission is joining forces with United Nations Environment Programme and other international partners to launch a coalition of aquariums to fight plastic pollution.

[EU releases €7.2 million to step up fight against Ebola in Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 22 October 2018 The Commission is allocating an additional € 7.2 million to strengthen its response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) which is not yet under control.

OECD [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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23-October-2018

Educational disadvantage starts from age 10

The academic performance gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children develops from as early as 10 years old and widens throughout students' lives, according to a new OECD report.

22-October-2018

Raw materials use to double by 2060 with severe environmental consequences

The world's consumption of raw materials is set to nearly double by 2060 as the global economy expands and living standards rise, placing twice the pressure on the environment that we are seeing today, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

October 24, 2018

OAS and AWS Present "White Paper" on Sustainable Cybersecurity in Cities

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Mohamed Fouad, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, on agenda item 138: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations, at the main part of the seventy-third session of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 23 October 2018\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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Press Releases

25 Oct 2018

- Mozambican builder wins Women in Business Award

24 Oct 2018

- Armenia, Iraq, Lesotho and Montenegro win Awards for ease of creating firms online

23 Oct 2018

- Five stock exchanges win inaugural award for commitment to sustainable development

23 Oct 2018

- The Netherlands and UNCTAD sign Strategic Partnership Agreement

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

25 October 2018

[WCO Strategic Plan 2019/2022: Consultation with the East and Southern Africa Region](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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[Ottawa ministerial gathering: DG Azevêdo welcomes commitment to strengthen the WTO](#)

Speaking at a gathering of ministers to discuss WTO reform, which was convened by the Canadian government in Ottawa on 25 October, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo welcomed the commitment of ministers to strengthen the trading system and pointed to the imperative for all members of addressing the significant challenges facing global trade.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 27 Oct 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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[World Bank Appoints Jingdong Hua as Treasurer](#)

Washington, DC, October 26, 2018—The World Bank has appointed Jingdong Hua Vice President and Treasurer. The appointment is effective on January 1, 2019. In his role as World Bank Treasurer, Mr. Hua will...

Date: October 26, 2018 Type: Press Release

[Zeroing in on What Drives Productivity is Critical to Boosting Growth in Developing Economies](#)

Human capital is one area that has been overlooked in measuring productivity drivers

WASHINGTON, October 25, 2018 — Differences in productivity account for half the differences in GDP per capita across...

Date: October 25, 2018 Type: Press Release

OECD and World Bank call for whole-of-government approach to combating tax evasion and corruption

Countries must step up work to ensure that tax authorities and anti-corruption authorities can effectively co-operate in the fight against tax evasion, bribery, and other forms of corruption, according...

Date: October 24, 2018 Type: Press Release

The Safe Food Imperative: Accelerating Progress in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

In many developing countries, food safety usually receives minimal policy attention and investment and only tends to capture national attention during foodborne disease outbreaks and other crises. As a...

Date: October 23, 2018 Type: Publication

Food-borne Illnesses Cost US\$ 110 Billion Per Year in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

WASHINGTON, DC, October 23, 2018— A new World Bank study finds that the impact of unsafe food costs low- and middle-income economies about US\$ 110 billion in lost productivity and medical expenses each...

Date: October 23, 2018 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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African Development Bank Group [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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Agri-tech can turn African Savannah into global food basket – African Development Bank

- The African Development Bank is championing a new regional and global effort to transform the African Savannah from a "Sleeping Giant" to the cradle of the continent's green revolution.

Asian Development Bank [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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25 Oct 2018

To Reach Sustainable Development for All, Asia and the Pacific Must Move Faster on Gender Equality — ADB, UN Women Report

Countries in Asia and the Pacific must accelerate progress on gender equality in order to reach the ambitious and progressive global goals under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, according to a new report by ADB and UN Women...

23 Oct 2018

Regional Cooperation Can Help Asia Tackle Rising Cross-Border Challenges

Regional cooperation is increasingly necessary to tackle a rising number of cross-border challenges in Asia and the Pacific, including infrastructure gaps, trade connectivity, financial contagion, and climate and disaster-resilience...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

23 Oct 2018

IFAD's operations support better living conditions for 50,000 rural Tunisian households

22 Oct 2018

Nutrition for girls: Save the Children / IFAD, integrated and multi-sectoral measures to save adolescent girls from malnutrition and prevent early deaths

22 Oct 018

Invitation to bid: Pro-poor agricultural innovation system for sustainable and resilient agri-food systems

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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 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

October 24, 2018

[Why has the decline of maternal deaths stalled in Bangladesh?](#)

by [Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury](#) and [Wameq Azfar Raza](#)

In 2010, Bangladesh achieved something remarkable; much to the confusion of many, the number of women dying during labor dropped dramatically from 650 in 100,000 live births in the 70s to only 194 — a 70% reduction. This is a dramatic decline that was termed by observers as “one of the great mysteries of global health.”

[Bridging the digital gender divide in financial inclusion](#)

October 23, 2018

by [Shameran Abed](#)

Partnerships are key to unlocking the potential of technology for the most excluded, especially women.

CARE International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

26th Oct 2018 *Indonesia*

[One month on from the Indonesia tsunami and the onset of the rainy season exacerbates survivors suffering](#)

One month after a terrible earthquake and tsunami hit the Indonesian island of Sulawesi the onset of the rainy season has increased the suffering for many survivors. The arrival of the rains is likely to see an increase in diseases like malaria and dengue fever, and further contamination to already ...

Clubhouse International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

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[**Neymar Jr. teams up with Humanity & Inclusion to make a difference in children's lives**](#)

Heifer International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Posted: 26 October 2018

[**Statement to the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women, March 2019**](#)

This Statement to the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women examines global trends, challenges and opportunities in ensuring older women's human right to income security through adequate and rights-based social protection.

ICRC [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[**Twenty years on, 1,647 people still missing in Kosovo**](#)

Belgrade/Pristina – Close to 20 years have passed since the armed conflict in Kosovo but as many as 1,647 families are still waiting for answers about their loved ones who are unaccounted for in connection with the 1998–1999 events and their aftermath

26-10-2018 | News release

IFRC [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Indonesia

[**Red Cross: 40,000 reached with emergency aid after Indonesian tsunami and earthquake as monsoon season looms**](#)

Palu/Geneva, 26 October 2018 – More than 40,000 survivors have received Red Cross emergency relief aid in the month since the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami disaster. With a looming rainy season and government estimates that more than 200,000 people a ...
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International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 27 Oct 2018]
<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/>
No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 27 Oct 2018]
<http://www.rescue.org/press-release-index>
Statement
[United States must uphold asylum protections for Central Americans fleeing desperate situations](#)
October 26, 2018

IRCT [to 27 Oct 2018]
<http://www.irct.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 27 Oct 2018]
<https://www.islamic-relief.org/>
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 27 Oct 2018]
<http://www.landsea.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 27 Oct 2018]
<http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/>
No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 27 Oct 2018]
<http://www.msf.org/>
Tuberculosis
[High prices restrict access to best drug-resistant tuberculosis treatment](#)
Press Release 23 October 2018

MSF calls on US pharma corporation Johnson & Johnson to halve the price of the newer TB drug bedaquiline.

Mercy Corps [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Press releases

[United States: Mercy Corps Calls For The Protection Of Rights Of Migrants In The Central American Caravan](#)

WASHINGTON – The global organization Mercy Corps urges the governments of Mexico, Guatemala and the United States to protect the estimated 7,000 Honduran migrants traveling in a caravan through Guatemala and Mexico toward the United States, in line with key principles of international human rights.

[Colombia: Mercy Corps Expands Colombia Border Response To Venezuela Crisis](#)

RIOHACHA, Colombia — The global organization Mercy Corps is expanding its operations near Colombia's border with Venezuela to meet the urgent needs of Venezuelan migrants and refugees, returning Colombians and Colombians affected by Venezuelan migration. According to Colombian authorities, more than 1 million people have fled Venezuela for Colombia since 2016, including 250,000 returning Colombians and more than 800,000 Venezuelans.

[Mercy Corps Announces New Chair For European Board Of Directors](#)

EDINBURGH, UK – Mercy Corps announced today that Dr. Nick Blazquez will take over as Chair of its European Board, effective Oct. 22. He replaces Tom Murray, who will remain as a Director of the Board.

Operation Smile [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Oxfam supports migrant caravan stranded in Guatemala with humanitarian aid](#)

24 October 2018

At least 2,500 migrants, including families with babies and elderly adults, are stranded at the Guatemala-Mexico border. They are exhausted, suffering precarious conditions, and exposed to many dangers. Oxfam and its partner organizations are currently deployed in the area.

[Oxfam publishes second progress report for "Ten-point action plan" to improve safeguarding](#)

23 October 2018

Oxfam is finalising and will soon be rolling out improved, uniform safeguarding systems and policies and new safeguarding staff across its global confederation, detailed in its second progress report published today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Latest news from NRC

Nigeria | 25. Oct 2018

[Bountiful harvest for displaced farmers in Nigeria](#)

For years, displaced farmers from north-east Nigeria were unable to produce their own food and depended solely on irregular and insufficient humanitarian aid for survival.

Iraq | 23. Oct 2018

[Iraq: Basra's children face disease outbreaks in rundown schools](#)

More than 277,000 children are at risk of contracting water-borne diseases in schools which have just reopened in Basra, where water and sanitation facilities have totally collapsed, the Norwegian Refugee Council warned today.

Pact [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Friday 26 October 2018

[One month on: Disaster ravaged Sulawesi drenched by heavy rains, more than 220,000 still homeless.](#)

Thursday 25 October 2018

[Cost of food nearly doubles putting thousands of lives at risk in Yemen](#)

Failing economy is as big a threat to children as bombs and bullets, warns Save the Children

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

YouthLinks – 24 October 2018

Using technology to boost job opportunity

SOS Children's Villages links young people with mentors to provide career advice and encouragement. More than 70 million young people worldwide are looking for work in increasingly complex and ever-changing labour markets. Young people without adequate parental care are particularly disadvantaged as they lack the networks and support that families often provide to support the first steps from school to the working world.

To address this challenge, in 2017 SOS Children's Villages launched the YouthCan! initiative, to boost access to training, mentoring and professional development opportunities. YouthCan! also offers the possibility of using a digital platform, called YouthLinks, giving young people the chance to connect online with their mentors from all over the world...

Tostan [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 27 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

Press Release | October 26, 2018

EFF Wins DMCA Exemption Petitions for Tinkering With Echos and Repairing Appliances, But New Circumvention Rules Still Too Narrow To Benefit Most Technology Users

Washington, D.C.—The Electronic Frontier Foundation won petitions submitted to the Library of Congress that will make it easier for people to legally remove or repair software in the Amazon Echo, in cars, and in personal digital devices, but the library refused to issue the kind of broad, simple and robust...

Freedom House [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

No new digest content identified.

Transparency International [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

24 Oct 2018

[African Union and Transparency International sign Memorandum of Understanding to Fight Corruption](#)

[Politics and government](#)

- The African Union Advisory Board on Corruption and Transparency International renewed their partnership to fight corruption across Africa.

24 Oct 2018

[The 18th International Anti-Corruption Conference: act now for development, peace and security](#)

[International Anti-Corruption Conference \(IACC\)](#)

- The 18th International Anti-Corruption Conference, with the theme 'Together for development, peace and security: now is the time to act', concluded today in Copenhagen with a rallying cry from the anti-corruption movement: We are a global force and we will not be silenced.

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[Daphne Caruana Galizia and Ana Garrido Ramos winners of 2018 Anti-Corruption Award](#)

[Anti-Corruption Awards](#)

- Transparency International proudly announces that Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia and Spanish whistleblower and campaigner Ana Garrido Ramos have been selected as winners of the 2018 Anti-Corruption Award.

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Bond [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ChildFund Alliance [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 22, 2018

[Migration is not a problem to be 'managed' – The real concern is inequality.](#)

Letter to Editors initially published in POLITICO, written by Davide Gnes and Fanni Bihari.

Much of the current migration from developing countries to Europe — when not responding to immediate threats such as conflict, political persecution, famine and instability — is just a symptom, among many, of the massive social and economic gap that exists between certain regions of the world.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 27 Oct 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 27 Oct 2018]

News

[**Gavi and Global Fund Commit to Addressing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment**](#)

19 October 2018

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.ineesite.org/en/news>
No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Latest News; Blog Entries

Oct 22, 2018

[NGO Community Response to USAID Transformation](#)

As part of its ongoing transformation efforts, USAID has proposed a number of structural changes intended to make the agency more efficient and impactful. These shifts were designed to strengthen existing areas of USAID's work, streamline reporting to the USAID Administrator, and prepare USAID for the development and humanitarian demands of the future.

The proposals were recently consolidated into nine Congressional Notifications sent to Congress for further review and approval in September 2018.

Read our full brief to learn more about USAID Transformation and details on each of the new bureaus

Start Network [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

24 Oct 18

[Start Network releases 2017 Annual Report](#)

A revolution in aid

News Article by Helen James

Start Network has today published its first annual report showcasing its collective efforts to revolutionise the humanitarian aid system.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

22/10/2018

[Mainstreaming PSEA in the employment cycle](#)

At the Safeguarding Summit our Executive Director, Tanya Wood, participated in a panel on preventing transgressors entering the aid sector by looking at the employment cycle. Moderated by Jonathan Potter, former Executive Director of People in Aid, the panel was also joined by Steve Reeves, Director

of Safeguarding at Save the Children, Kate Halff, Executive Secretary of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Affairs (SCHR) and Paul Stanfield, Director of Organised and Emerging Crime at INTERPOL.

22/10/2018

[CHS Alliance supports CAFOD's learning culture](#)

The Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) is a standard that requires constant improvement. It pushes for change, not only at our institutional policy level, but demonstrable change in our programmes and with the people we serve. As such, we can – and should – expect that sometimes organisations will find that they still have more work to do on some areas, and this is a welcome part of the learning process.

22/10/2018

[Safeguarding Summit – Putting People First: highlights and take-aways](#)

On 18 October DFID's Safeguarding Summit brought together more than 500 people to address sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in the aid sector. NGOs, government representatives, private sector, donors and international organisations joined survivors and victims to jointly commit to a thorough, 'generational' change in the way our sector tackles the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

22/10/2018

[CHS Alliance takes part in the 20th Humanitarian Congress Berlin](#)

On 4-5 October, the CHS Alliance took part in the 20th Humanitarian Congress Berlin. Focusing on topical issues such as migration and the safeguarding crisis, participants discussed how to best support crisis-affected people in need in a polarised political environment.

22/10/2018

[Humanitarian community in Chad discusses accountability toward crisis-affected populations](#)

The CHS Alliance and Ground Truth Solutions (GTS) undertook a joint visit to N'Djamena, Chad, from 23 September to 2 October within the framework of a joint project. Funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the project aims at collecting the points of view and priorities of affected people in order to monitor the alignment of the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017-2019 for Chad with the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS).

Development Initiatives [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 27 Oct 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 27 Oct 2018

Latest Research

[Trump's deregulatory efforts keep losing in court—and the losses could make it harder for future administrations to deregulate](#)

[Connor Raso](#)

Thursday, October 25, 2018

[Redesigning the budget process: A role for independent commissions?](#)

[Stuart M. Butler](#) and [Timothy Higashi](#)

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

[Venezuela: A path out of misery](#)

[Dany Bahar](#), [Ted Piccone](#), and [Harold Trinkunas](#)

October 2018

[Renewable Energy "versus" coal in India – A false framing as both have a role to play](#)

[Rahul Tongia](#)

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

[Political polarization and congressional candidates in the 2018 primaries](#)

[Elaine Kamarck](#) and [Alexander R. Podkul](#)

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Center for Global Development [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

October 25, 2018

[The Declaration of Alma-Ata at 40: Realizing the Promise of Primary Health Care and Avoiding the Pitfalls in Making Vision Reality](#)

Publication

At the Global Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC) in Astana on October 25–26, 2018, world leaders will redouble their commitment to PHC as a cornerstone of universal health coverage (UHC). The event marks the 40th anniversary of the Declaration of Alma-Ata, which enshrined health as a basic human right and underscored the potential of equitable, high-quality PHC to deliver “health for all.”

October 23, 2018

[Fit for the Future: Envisioning New Approaches to Humanitarian Response](#)

For more than a decade, reform efforts have attempted to put crisis-affected people at the center of humanitarian response, and make the system more cohesive and responsive. These reforms have produced ever-heavier coordination systems and technocratic guidance, but have targeted the symptoms of the system’s shortcomings rather than the causes. Traditional humanitarian response remains plagued by deep power imbalances, needless rivalries between organizations, and perverse institutional incentives. A new approach is badly needed—one that builds on the aspirations of earlier reform efforts while explicitly tackling the red-line issues that have long undermined them. A new multi-year research initiative at the Center for Global Development (CGD) aims to do just that: develop concrete, pragmatic, and actionable reform options to overhaul the outdated power structures and institutional incentives that have long skewed the humanitarian system’s behavior.

[Jeremy Konyndyk](#)

CSIS

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

Accessed 27 Oct 2018

Report

[The Trident Returns](#)

October 26, 2018

Retired Adm. Gary Roughead offers his insights on the reactivation of the U.S. Second Fleet as part of CSIS Europe Program’s Northern Connection—a new series created to bring greater attention to Northern Europe across the transatlantic community.

Report

[Twenty-First Century Transatlantic Sleepwalkers](#)

October 26, 2018 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Matthew Melino](#)

It is time to awaken the transatlantic community to the dangers of a destabilizing Western Balkans land swap before it is too late, as Heather Conley and Matthew Melino from CSIS Europe Program write in their report.

Commentary

[Kenya’s Struggling Amnesty Experiment: The Policy Challenge of Rehabilitating Former Terrorists](#)

October 26, 2018 | [Richard Downie](#)

Ultimately, amnesty and rehabilitation initiatives will remain a hard sell while public faith in Kenya’s security apparatus is low, as Richard Downie from CSIS Africa Program writes in a new commentary.

Report

[Climate Policy Risk in the U.S. Electric Power Sector](#)

October 26, 2018 | [Kyle Danish](#), [Sarah Ladislaw](#)

Most stakeholders are looking for no-regret strategies to mitigate potential risks while solving other important issues they face. But whether and how far to “get ahead” of policy is a more complicated strategic decision.

Commentary

[The U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan: The Perils of Withdrawal](#)

October 26, 2018 | [Seth G. Jones](#) The Trump administration should work with the Afghan government and regional powers to reach a political settlement with the Taliban. But it is unclear whether the United States will succeed, as CSIS Transnational Threats Project director Seth Jones writes in his commentary.

Commentary

[From the Ashes of the Nuclear Deal: The Trump Administration’s Iran Strategy](#)

October 26, 2018 | [Hijab Shah](#), [Melissa Dalton](#) As U.S. sanctions are re-imposed, questions loom within and outside the United States, particularly as European allies work to preserve the JCPOA, as Hijab Shah and Melissa Dalton from CSIS International Security Program write in their commentary.

Commentary

[Leaving the INF Treaty Now Is the Right Call](#)

October 24, 2018 | [Ian Williams](#)

While the abruptness of the administration’s announcement to leave the INF Treaty has some undesirable short-term consequences, U.S. security will benefit in the long run, as Ian Williams from International Security Program writes in a new commentary.

Critical Questions

[Competing in the Gray Zone](#)

October 24, 2018 | [Michael Matlaga](#), [John Schaus](#)

In a new CQ piece, Michael Matlaga and John Schaus from CSIS International Security Program explain the “gray zone” and the United States’ current readiness to compete in this space as it continues to face an array of challenges from adversaries.

Commentary

[Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Khashoggi: The Human Rights Lessons for the United States](#)

October 24, 2018 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

The U.S. cannot ignore the need to deal with the facts of the Khashoggi murder, but the last few weeks have b

Transcript

[Services, You Can’t Trade Without ‘Em](#)

October 24, 2018

The Trade Guys explore the world of services with special guest Christine Bliss, the president of the Coalition of Services Industries and long-time services trade negotiator.

Report

[Defining the Future of Work, before It Defines Us](#)

October 23, 2018 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Aaron Milner](#)

This report examines channeling technology for good in relation to global labor. Tech presents threats and opportunities for leapfrogging development challenges, especially for employment. The world must act now for sustainable work in the industries of the future.

Critical Questions

[WTO Reform: The Beginning of the End or the End of the Beginning?](#)

October 23, 2018 | [Jack Caporal](#) The growing frustration among WTO member states has triggered an effort to reform the organization—what U.S. ambassador to the WTO Dennis Shea termed “the Autumn of WTO reform,” as Jack Caporal from Scholl Chair and Dylan Gerstel from Simon Chair write in a joint CQ piece.

Commentary

[The Khashoggi Tragedy and U.S. Strategic Interests in the Gulf: Finding the Right Solution](#)

October 22, 2018 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

At this point, there is no way to avoid a long and painful effort to determine all the facts surrounding Khashoggi's death and establish the level of responsibility for all of the Saudis involved.

Commentary

[Venezuela's Presidency in Jeopardy](#)

October 22, 2018 | [Moises Rendon](#)

A concerted attempt by the international community to force Maduro from office by challenging his legitimacy may help Venezuelans get their country back, as Moises Rendon, associate director and associate fellow of the CSIS Americas Program, writes in a new commentary.

Commentary

[What Goes Around Comes Around](#)

October 22, 2018 | [William Alan Reinsch](#)

Managed trade coming around again is an ominous development—not because it is always a mistake but because the current administration does not know where to stop, as CSIS Scholl Chair William Reinsch writes in a new commentary.

Transcript

[Bilats, Tensions, and an NFL Victory](#)

October 22, 2018 In this episode, the Trade Guys cover a lot of ground. Japan is following EU's playbook by agreeing to bilateral trade talks with the United States.

Critical Questions

[The Implications of Khashoggi's Death for Saudi Arabia](#)

October 22, 2018 | [Jon B. Alterman](#) A great deal of uncertainty still surrounds the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. CSIS Middle East Program director Jon B. Alterman outlines what we know about this case and what developments and responses we can expect to see in the coming weeks.

Commentary

[A Strategy for Syria: Redefining Success](#)

October 22, 2018 | [Jon B. Alterman](#)

A U.S. general recently lamented that the United States has multiple policy goals in Syria, but it has not been able either to prioritize or deconflict them—that is a problem, as CSIS Middle East Program director Jon Alterman writes in a new commentary.

ODI [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Energy safety nets

Working and discussion papers | October 2018 | Andrew Scott and Sam Pickard

This literature review identifies how subsidies and social assistance mechanisms have provided energy safety nets for the poorest and most vulnerable.

Urban Institute [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

October 25, 2018

"It's Hard to Separate Choice from Transportation"

The rapid proliferation of school choice policies over the past three decades has resulted in significant changes in the number and type of schooling options available to students. As school districts have adopted school choice policies, however, new questions have arisen about school transportation policies. This report explores the challenges and costs associated with school transportation in a choice-rich environment and

[Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj](#)

Research Report

Safely Expanding Research Access to Administrative Tax Data: Creating a Synthetic Public Use File and a Validation Server

Administrative tax data contain a wealth of information that is potentially valuable for research and analysis. However, the legal and ethical imperative to protect taxpayer privacy has restricted their access to a small number of government analysts and select researchers. We propose to develop, in consultation with the experts at the Statistics of Income Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a fully synthetic tax

[Leonard E. Burman](#), [Alex Engler](#), [Surachai Khitatrakun](#), [James R. Nunns](#), [Sarah Armstrong](#), [John Iselin](#), [Graham MacDonald](#), [Philip Stallworth](#)

October 25, 2018

Research Report

How Would the President's 2019 Budget Proposal Shift Our Fiscal Path?

In this brief, we use a framework that clarifies the sources of changes in resources proposed in the president's fiscal year (FY) 2019 budget and how they relate to each other and to the nation's fiscal health. Comparing 2028 to 2017 using this framework shows that the president's priorities are to increase annual real spending on Social Security and Medicare by \$840 billion and interest on the debt by \$390 billion, essentially

[C. Eugene Steuerle](#), [Caleb Quakenbush](#)

October 25, 2018

Brief

[A Stronger Social Security Disability Insurance Program Opens the Door for Early Intervention](#)

Federal disability policy has been dominated by concerns over growth in the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program. This paper reviews the past debate over SSDI—framed by a declining U.S. labor participation rate and recent shortfalls in the trust fund that finances benefits—and the latest data on program trends showing that SSDI is now on a more stable path. It discusses how the focus on SSDI led to

[Jack Smalligan](#), [Chantel Boyens](#)

October 25, 2018

Brief

[Expanding Early Intervention for Newly III and Injured Workers and Connections to Paid Leave](#)

The employment rate of people with disabilities is half that of people without a disability. Research suggests that the most effective approach to supporting work for people with disabilities requires targeting and intervening early with workers who have developed a new potentially-disabling condition. This paper explores how four key employment support programs for people with disabilities—Social Security Disability

[Jack Smalligan](#), [Chantel Boyens](#)

October 25, 2018

Brief

[Intergenerational Homeownership](#)

This study examines how parents' homeownership and wealth influence young adults' (ages 18 to 34) tenure choices. We show that the children of homeowners are 7 to 8 percentage points more likely to be homeowners than the children of renters, all else being equal. Additionally, a 10 percent increase in parental wealth increases a young adults' likelihood of owning a home by 0.15 to 0.20 percentage points. The difference in

[Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Jun Zhu](#), [Laurie Goodman](#)

October 25, 2018

Research Report

[Evaluation Report on NYC's Advocate, Intervene, Mentor Program](#)

Over two-thirds of youth participating in the Advocate, Intervene, Mentor (AIM) program in New York City completed the program without being resentenced to a juvenile residential facility. Further, only 3 percent of participants had any felony reconviction within 12 months of completing the program. These key findings demonstrate the promise of the AIM program, an individualized mentoring program for high-risk youth on probation

[Lindsey Cramer](#), [Mathew Lynch](#), [Micaela Lipman](#), [Lilly Yu](#), [Nan Marie Astone](#)

October 25, 2018

Research Report

[Social Security and Medicare Lifetime Benefits and Taxes: 2018 Update](#)

This brief provides updated estimates of Social Security and Medicare lifetime benefits and taxes for households with different earnings histories, updated to the latest information on income, prices, mortality, and related factors. The tables illustrate how these programs continuously evolve over a 100-year period, stretching from a cohort born around the turn of the 20th century to millennials just coming into adulthood. Many

[C. Eugene Steuerle, Caleb Quakenbush](#)

October 24, 2018

Research Report

Work Requirements, Education and Training, and Child Care

Work requirements for key safety net programs are currently being discussed across the country. It is important that this debate be based on an understanding of what recipients need to meet those requirements and to successfully place themselves on a path toward self-sufficiency. Among those potentially subject to work requirements are low-income parents with limited education and low skills who need education and training to

[Gina Adams, Shayne Spaulding](#)

October 23, 2018

Brief

Bridging Research and Practice in Juvenile Probation

Over the past several decades, the knowledge base on how to improve public safety and outcomes for youth has expanded substantially, yet probation officers that work with these young people lack guidance on how this research can inform their work. This report offers practical tips for frontline juvenile probation officers to align their practice with research on successful strategies for reducing recidivism and improving

[Samantha Harvell, Hanna Love, Elizabeth Pelletier, Chloe Warnberg, Teresa Derrick-Mills, Marcus Gaddy, Akiva Liberman, Janeen Buck Willison, Mary K. Winkler, Constance Hull](#)

October 23, 2018

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

News 22 Oct 2018

Fast-tracking a Zero Waste Economy: More Governments and Business Leaders Commit to Circular Economy Action

- Denmark, Japan, the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates join over 50 leaders committed to circular economy impact by joining the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy ([PACE](#)).
- PACE is fast-tracking circular economy solutions to pressing environmental challenges, from electronic waste to plastic pollution
- The announcement comes as a major circular economy summit gets underway hosted by the Government of Japan and the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra – Fourth Industrial Revolution solutions is a key focus
- Nearly 90 billion tonnes of materials were extracted globally in 2017, with only a fraction cycled back into the economy, resulting in pollution and wasting about \$4.5 trillion in recoverable resources.

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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 27 Oct 2018]

<https://www.alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/news/>
No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>
No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>
No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 27 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.

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Press Release

October 25, 2018

[THIS SATURDAY: NINE HOUSTON PLACES OF WORSHIP PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY](#)

Houston faith leaders, convened by the Clinton Foundation to help fight the opioid epidemic, are driving congregants to two disposal locations centered at places of worship

Co Impact [to 27 Oct 2018]

www.co-impact.io

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

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 27 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
No new digest content identified.*

Grameen Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

October 23, 2018

[Safeguarding U.S. elections: Q&A with Alliance for Securing Democracy's Laura Rosenberger and Jamie Fly](#)

The Alliance for Securing Democracy (ASD) was launched in July of 2017 with one of my favorite taglines – “Putin Knocked. We Answered” – as a deliberately bipartisan, transatlantic effort to improve U.S. national security. The Hewlett Foundation was among the alliance’s first funders, with support from our Madison Initiative that works to strengthen U.S....

[Madison Initiative](#)

By [Kelly Born](#)

October 22, 2018

[Five points to look for in the International Labor Organization's Global Commission on the Future of Work report](#)

Just in time for the 100th anniversary of the International Labor Organization, the Global Commission on the Future of Work will soon conclude its ambitious task and I am eager to see what the final report has to say. That’s because this group has a special contribution to make to a crowded field of prognosticators....

[Global Development and Population](#)

By [Ruth Levine](#)

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 26 2018 *Research*

[Mapping the Chromatin Landscape of Human Cancers](#)

Summary

A novel technique has helped researchers find gene switches that could form the basis for new cancer detection techniques and treatment options.

Oct 24 2018 *Research*

[How to Grow a Custom Mouse Brain](#)

Summary

Scientists have created a new and efficient way to study mutations found in schizophrenia, autism, and brain cancer.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

October 26, 2018 *News Release*

[2019 Premiums for ACA Silver Plans Will Be 16 Percent Higher Than They Would Have Been Absent the Repeal of the Individual Mandate, Expansion of Short-Term Plans and Loss of Federal Cost-Sharing Payments, Analysis Finds](#)

Although 2019 premiums for plans in the Affordable Care Act marketplaces are flat or falling in many parts of the country, they would be substantially lower still if not for several Trump administration-backed changes to private insurance markets, finds a new KFF analysis. ACA silver-level plans sold in the marketplaces...

October 25, 2018 *News Release*

[50-State Survey Finds Flat Medicaid Enrollment Tied to a Stronger Economy and New Eligibility Systems](#)

For the first time in a decade, states are reporting no overall growth in Medicaid enrollment last year and expecting minimal growth this year amid a stronger economy, a new Kaiser Family Foundation survey finds. The 18th annual 50-state survey of Medicaid directors reveals that enrollment was flat in state...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

23 October 2018

[World Monuments Fund honours Prince Ayn Aga Khan and Dr. Eusebio Leal Spengler at annual Hadrian Gala](#)

Prince Ayn Aga Khan, brother of His Highness the Aga Khan, was presented with the Hadrian Award in recognition of his lifelong support of cultural heritage in all its forms. Prince Ayn holds multiple leadership roles within the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) — a group of development agencies with mandates that include the environment, health, education, architecture, culture, tourism, microfinance, rural development, disaster reduction, and the promotion of private-sector enterprise. He also serves on several boards and in committee positions at cultural institutions around the world...

Kellogg Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

What we're Learning

[**Evaluation and Learning for the Maternal Health Quality of Care Strategy in India**](#)

October 22, 2018 | Grantee Publications | Population & Reproductive Health

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Opinions

Press Releases & Statements

October 22, 2018

[**Achaogen Provides Data to SPARK, Pew's Platform for Antibiotic Discovery Research**](#)

WASHINGTON—Biopharmaceutical company Achaogen and The Pew Charitable Trusts announced a groundbreaking agreement today to share data from Achaogen's discontinued LpxC inhibitor antibiotic research program on Pew's open-access Shared Platform for Antibiotic Research and Knowledge (SPARK). Providing such data from a private sector biopharmaceutical company for use by scientists around the world free of charge is a significant step forward in the fight against drug-resistant superbugs...

Opinion

October 22, 2018

[**We Track Hurricanes and Wildfires. So Why Not Record What We Spend to Reduce Their Impacts?**](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

Latest News Releases

Nearly One in Six Young People Nationwide Has Obesity, New Data Show

October 24, 2018 News Release

Nationwide, 15.8 percent of young people ages 10 to 17 have obesity, according to national data from the 2016 and 2017 National Survey on Children's Health.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 27 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..."

No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 27 Oct 2018]

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

News / Published: 24 October 2018

Naguib Kheraj to join our Board of Governors

Finance industry leader Naguib Kheraj will join the Wellcome Board of Governors in January 2019.

Naguib Kheraj is Deputy Chairman of Standard Chartered PLC – a major international bank – and Chairman of Rothery Life, a specialist UK insurer. He is also a current member of Wellcome's Investment Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and advising on Wellcome's investment portfolio and strategy...

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Foundation Center [to 27 Oct 2018]
<http://foundationcenter.org/about-us/press-room>
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 27 Oct 2018]
<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>
Wednesday, October 24, 2018

[New York-Based Arts Program Studio in a School to Receive Chapman Prize](#)

The Council on Foundations announces that Studio in a School, a New York City program that serves young people by integrating visual arts into teaching and learning, will be awarded the Chapman Prize at its upcoming Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 28.

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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
November 2018 Volume 55, Issue 5, p583-758
<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
Research Articles

[Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among English-Speaking Asian Americans](#)

Anup Srivastav, Alissa O'Halloran, Peng-Jun Lu, Walter W. Williams
e123–e137
Published online: September 24, 2018

American Journal of Public Health
November 2018 108(11)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
INFLUENZA PANDEMICS, 1918–2018

[The 1918 Influenza Pandemic: Lessons Learned and Not—Introduction to the Special Section](#)

Global Health, History, Immunization/Vaccines, Infections, Prevention, Other Infections, Community Health

Wendy E. Parmet and Mark A. Rothstein

108(11), pp. 1435–1436

PANDEMICS

[The Mother of All Pandemics Is 100 Years Old \(and Going Strong\)!](#)

Epidemiology

David M. Morens and Jeffery K. Taubenberger

108(11), pp. 1449–1454

BIOMEDICAL RESPONSE

[The Spanish Flu, Epidemics, and the Turn to Biomedical Responses](#)

History, Immunization/Vaccines, Health Policy

Jason L. Schwartz

108(11), pp. 1455–1458

PHYSICIAN'S DUTY

[The Physician's Duty to Treat During Pandemics](#)

History, Infections, Ethics, Health Professionals, Injury/Emergency Care/Violence

David Orentlicher

108(11), pp. 1459–1461

NAMING EPIDEMICS

["Spanish Flu": When Infectious Disease Names Blur Origins and Stigmatize Those Infected](#)

Global Health, History, Infections, Social Science, Public Health Practice

Trevor Hoppe

108(11), pp. 1462–1464

PREPAREDNESS

[Better Prepare Than React: Reordering Public Health Priorities 100 Years After the Spanish Flu Epidemic](#)

Health Law, Public Health Practice, Epidemiology, Health Policy

Michael Greenberger

108(11), pp. 1465–1468

MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES

[100 Years of Medical Countermeasures and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness](#)

History, Prevention, Public Health Practice

Barbara J. Jester, Timothy M. Uyeki, Anita Patel, Lisa Koonin and Daniel B. Jernigan

108(11), pp. 1469–1472

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 99, Issue 4, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/99/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

September 2018 - Volume 3 - 5

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

Research article

[Structural and procedural barriers to health assessment for asylum seekers and other migrants – an explorative survey in Sweden](#)

Health assessments (HAs) for newly arrived asylum seekers have become a regular practice in most EU countries, but what is performed, how they are organized, and whether it is mandatory or not to attend varies...

Authors: Robert Jonzon, Pille Lindkvist and Anna-Karin Hurtig

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:813

Published on: 23 October 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

Debate

| 24 October 2018

[Addressing vaccine hesitancy requires an ethically consistent health strategy](#)

Vaccine hesitancy is a growing threat to public health. The reasons are complex but linked inextricably to a lack of trust in vaccines, expertise and traditional sources of authority. Efforts to increase immunization uptake in children in many countries that have seen a fall in vaccination rates are two-fold: addressing hesitancy by improving healthcare professional-parent exchange and information provision in the clinic; and, secondly, public health strategies that can override parental concerns and values with coercive measures such as mandatory and presumptive vaccination.

Authors: Laura Williamson and Hannah Glaab

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

Research article

[Is the socioeconomic status of immigrant mothers in Brussels relevant to predict their risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes?](#)

Understanding and tackling perinatal health inequities in industrialized countries requires analysing the socioeconomic determinants of adverse pregnancy outcomes among immigrant populations. Studies show that...

Authors: Mouctar Sow, Judith Racape, Claudia Schoenborn and Myriam De Spiegelaere

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:422

Published on: 26 October 2018

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 27 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 27 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 27 Oct 2018]

Research

[SMS-based smartphone application for disease surveillance has doubled completeness and timeliness in a limited-resource setting – evaluation of a 15-week pilot program in Central African Republic \(CAR\)](#)

It is a challenge in low-resource settings to ensure the availability of complete, timely disease surveillance information. Smartphone applications (apps) have the potential to enhance surveillance data transmission. The Central African Republic (CAR) Ministry of Health and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) conducted a 15-week pilot project to test a disease surveillance app, Argus, for 20 conditions in 21 health centers in Mambéré Kadéï district (MK 2016).

Authors: Ziad El-Khatib, Maya Shah, Samuel N Zallappa, Pierre Nabeth, José Guerra, Casimir T Manengu, Michel Yao, Aline Philibert, Lazare Massina, Claes-Philip Staiger, Raphael Mbailao, Jean-Pierre Kouli, Hippolyte Mboma, Geraldine Duc, Dago Inagbe, Alpha Boubaca Barry...

Citation: Conflict and Health 2018 12:42

Published on: 24 October 2018

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 8, 2018
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

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://bmcmemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>
[Accessed 27 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>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 27 Oct 2018]

Research

| 24 October 2018

Moderating the impact of patent linkage on access to medicines: lessons from variations in South Korea, Australia, Canada, and the United States

The inclusion of patent linkage mechanisms in bilateral and plurilateral trade and investment agreements has emerged as a key element in the United States' TRIPS-Plus intellectual property (IP) negotiating agenda. However, the provisions establishing patent linkage mechanisms in several agreements appear to reflect a degree of ambiguity, potentially enabling some flexibility in their implementation. In this study, we reviewed the features of the prototypic patent linkage mechanism established by the Hatch-Waxman Act in the United States, and compared these with the implementation of systems in three countries whose agreements with the US include patent linkage obligations. From these analyses, we draw lessons for moderating the impact of these mechanisms on access to generic medicines.

Authors: Kyung-Bok Son, Ruth Lopert, Deborah Gleeson and Tae-Jin Lee

Health Affairs

Vol. 37 , No. 10 October 2018

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

Social Determinants, Drug & Device Prices & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 1, June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 13 - Special Issue 3-4 - July 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Equity

Issue in Progress

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 8, 1 October 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/33/8>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Promotion International

Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 27 Oct 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 40, Number 3, August 2018

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/38821>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 72 July 2018

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-in-humanitarian-crises/>

Mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian crises

[Reviewed earlier]

IDRiM Journal

Vol 7, No 2 (2017)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/18>

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

<http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content>

[Accessed 27 Oct 2018]

Research Article

| 17 August 2018

[Reducing incidence of cervical cancer: knowledge and attitudes of caregivers in Nigerian city to human papilloma virus vaccination](#)

Authors: Adaobi I. Bisi-Onyemaechi, Ugo N. Chikani and Obinna Nduagubam

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournals.com/content>

[Accessed 27 Oct 2018]

Commentary

| 26 October 2018

[African swine fever: an unprecedented disaster and challenge to China](#)

African swine fever (ASF), caused by African swine fever virus, is a hemorrhagic and often fatal disease of domestic pigs and wild boar, which is notifiable to the World Organization for Animal Health. On August 3, 2018, China reported the first outbreak of ASF in Shenyang, a northeastern city of China. As of October 8, a total of 33 ASF outbreaks were reported in eight provinces in China, the biggest pork producer and consumer in the world.

Authors: Tao Wang, Yuan Sun and Hua-Ji Qiu

International Health

Volume 10, Issue 5, September 2018

<http://inthehealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 7, Issue 1, 2018

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/22131035/7/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 5, No 10 (2018) October 2018

<http://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/43>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 31 Pages 1-1384 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/31/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 47, Issue 4, August 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/47/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 24, Issue 10 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 11 Issue 5 2018

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/ijhrh/11/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

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)

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Volume 52 Issue 3, September 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrx/current>

Gender, Migration, and Mobility across Scales[Reviewed earlier]

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

July 2018 Volume 16 | Issue 2

<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

October 23/30, 2018, Vol 320, No. 16, Pages 1615-1718

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

Editorial

[Challenges and Opportunities for Studying Routine Screening for Abuse](#)

Karin V. Rhodes, MD, MS; Melissa E. Dichter, PhD, MSW; Kristofer L. Smith, MD, MPP

Editorial

[Addressing Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse of Older or Vulnerable Adults in the Health Care Setting—Beyond Screening](#)

Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD; Scott R. Beach, PhD; Rebecca C. Thurston, PhD

US Preventive Services Task Force

Recommendation Statement

[Screening for Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults - US Preventive Services Task Force Final Recommendation Statement](#)

US Preventive Services Task Force

JAMA. 2018;320(16):1678-1687. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.14741

This 2018 Recommendation Statement from the US Preventive Services Task Force recommends clinicians screen for intimate partner violence in women of reproductive age and provide or refer them

to support services (B recommendation), and concludes that evidence is insufficient to assess benefits and harms of screening for abuse in older or vulnerable adults (I statement).

Evidence Report

[Screening for Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults- Evidence Report and Systematic Review for the US Preventive Services Task Force](#)

Cynthia Feltner, MD, MPH; Ina Wallace, PhD; Nancy Berkman, PhD; et al.
JAMA. 2018;320(16):1688-1701. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.13212

This systematic review to support the 2018 US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement on screening for intimate partner violence and abuse of elders and other vulnerable adults summarizes published evidence on the benefits and harms of screening and of interventions for intimate partner violence, elder abuse, and abuse of vulnerable adults.

JAMA Pediatrics

October 2018, Vol 172, No. 10, Pages 897-996
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

October 2018 - Volume 16 - Issue 10
<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

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)
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 43, Issue 5, October 2018
<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/43/5/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

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
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2018: Volume 8 Issue 3

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/8/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Pages 1-608 (November 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/135/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

Mobile money and risk sharing against village shocks

Emma Riley

Pages 43-58

Abstract

Households in developing countries have gained increased access to remittances through the recent introduction of mobile money services. I examine the impact of these mobile money services on consumption after a rainfall shock, such as a flood or drought, for both users of mobile money and for household that don't use mobile money but who reside in villages with other users. This allows me to determine the extent that remittances received via mobile money are shared within villages, creating wider benefits to the community...

Research article Abstract only

Widows' land rights and agricultural investment

Brian Dillon, Alessandra Voena

Pages 449-460

This paper examines the connection between widows' land inheritance rights and land investments in Zambia. We study whether the threat of land expropriation upon widowhood deters households from fallowing, applying fertilizer, and employing labor-intensive tillage techniques.

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 13 Issue 4, October 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jre/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

October 2018 - Volume 72 - 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 11, Issue 3 Pages: 131-215 August 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17565391/current>

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Research

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[Access to innovative cancer medicines in a middle-income country - the case of Mexico](#)

Cancer has become the third cause of death in Mexico. Treatment for cancer is often complex and lengthy. New and better medicines enter the market at high prices, which may limit access. Like most Latin American countries, Mexico has an essential cancer medicines list that includes innovative medicines. Their accessibility and use in the public sector remains unknown. Therefore, we describe the use, as a proxy of access, of innovative and essential cancer medicines in the public sector in Mexico, by insurance institution, and by five regions between 2010 to 2016... Overall, the use of all medicines increased over the years, especially for trastuzumab, rituximab and imatinib. The use of

innovative medicines was higher per population covered in social health insurance institutions than in governmental facilities. Throughout the study period, the Central region (including Mexico City) has used more medicines per population than the other regions.

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[Doctors and scientists must defend a free press](#)

The Lancet

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The Lancet Commissions

[The Lancet Commission on global mental health and sustainable development](#)

Vikram Patel, Shekhar Saxena, Crick Lund, Graham Thornicroft, Florence Baingana, Paul Bolton, Dan Chisholm, Pamela Y Collins, Janice L Cooper, Julian Eaton, Helen Herrman, Mohammad M Herzallah, Yueqin Huang, Mark J D Jordans, Arthur Kleinman, Maria Elena Medina-Mora, Ellen Morgan, Unaiza Niaz, Olayinka Omigbodun, Martin Prince, Atif Rahman, Benedetto Saraceno, Bidyut K Sarkar, Mary De Silva, Iлина Singh, Dan J Stein, Charlene Sunkel, Jürgen Unützer

Executive summary

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent an exponential advance from the Millennium Development Goals, with a substantially broader agenda affecting all nations and requiring coordinated global actions. The specific references to mental health and substance use as targets within the health SDG reflect this transformative vision. In 2007, a series of papers in *The Lancet* synthesised decades of interdisciplinary research and practice in diverse contexts and called the global community to action to scale up services for people affected by mental disorders (including substance use disorders, self-harm, and dementia), in particular in low-income and middle-income countries in which the attainment of human rights to care and dignity were most seriously compromised. 10 years on, this Commission reassesses the global mental health agenda in the context of the SDGs.

Despite substantial research advances showing what can be done to prevent and treat mental disorders and to promote mental health, translation into real-world effects has been painfully slow. The global burden of disease attributable to mental disorders has risen in all countries in the context of major demographic, environmental, and sociopolitical transitions. Human rights violations and abuses persist in many countries, with large numbers of people locked away in mental institutions or prisons, or living on the streets, often without legal protection. The quality of mental health services is routinely worse than the quality of those for physical health. Government investment and development assistance for mental health remain pitifully small. Collective failure to respond to this global health crisis results in monumental loss of human capabilities and avoidable suffering...

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Articles

[Effectiveness of strategies to improve health-care provider practices in low-income and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#)

Inadequate health-care provider performance is a major challenge to the delivery of high-quality health care in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs). The Health Care Provider Performance Review (HCPPR) is a comprehensive systematic review of strategies to improve health-care provider performance in LMICs.

Alexander K Rowe, Samantha Y Rowe, David H Peters, Kathleen A Holloway, John Chalker, Dennis Ross-Degnan

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Catherine Arsenault, Keely Jordan, Dennis Lee, Girmaye Dinsa, Fatuma Manzi, Tanya Marchant, Margaret E Kruk

The Lancet Global Health Commission

[High-quality health systems in the Sustainable Development Goals era: time for a revolution](#)

Margaret E Kruk, Anna D Gage, Catherine Arsenault, Keely Jordan, Hannah H Leslie, Sanam Roder-DeWan, Olusoji Adeyi, Pierre Barker, Bernadette Daelmans, Svetlana V Doubova, Mike English, Ezequiel García Elorrio, Frederico Guanais, Oye Gureje, Lisa R Hirschhorn, Lixin Jiang, Edward Kelley, Ephrem

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Executive summary

Although health outcomes have improved in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) in the past several decades, a new reality is at hand. Changing health needs, growing public expectations, and ambitious new health goals are raising the bar for health systems to produce better health outcomes and greater social value. But staying on current trajectory will not suffice to meet these demands. What is needed are high-quality health systems that optimise health care in each given context by consistently delivering care that improves or maintains health, by being valued and trusted by all people, and by responding to changing population needs. Quality should not be the purview of the elite or an aspiration for some distant future; it should be the DNA of all health systems. Furthermore, the human right to health is meaningless without good quality care because health systems cannot improve health without it.

We propose that health systems be judged primarily on their impacts, including better health and its equitable distribution; on the confidence of people in their health system; and on their economic benefit, and processes of care, consisting of competent care and positive user experience. The foundations of high-quality health systems include the population and their health needs and expectations, governance of the health sector and partnerships across sectors, platforms for care delivery, workforce numbers and skills, and tools and resources, from medicines to data. In addition to strong foundations, health systems need to develop the capacity to measure and use data to learn. High-quality health systems should be informed by four values: they are for people, and they are equitable, resilient, and efficient.

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Editorial

Tuberculosis at the United Nations: a missed chance

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

On Sept 26, the UN General Assembly hosted the first high-level meeting on tuberculosis under the key theme "United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic" in New York (NY, USA). The purpose of the meeting was to provide a platform for high-level leaders to reaffirm their commitment to accelerate efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goal of ending the tuberculosis epidemic by 2030, but the outcome was unsatisfactory.

The meeting was preceded by the publication of the WHO 2018 Global Tuberculosis Report on Sept 18. The report showed that despite progress in reducing mortality and incidence, tuberculosis remains a leading cause of death worldwide. In 2017, 1·7 million people died of tuberculosis (300,000 of whom were coinfecting with HIV) and there were around 10·4 million new cases. These data show that we are not on track to meet the End TB strategy targets set by WHO in 2014: a 95% reduction in tuberculosis deaths and 90% decrease in new cases between 2015 and 2035.

The WHO 2018 Global Tuberculosis Report indicated that current funding for tackling tuberculosis is insufficient: of the estimated US\$10·4 billion needed by countries to fund tuberculosis interventions in 2018, only \$6·9 billion were available. Thus, it was expected that the UN high-level meeting would

address the gap in the funding by stimulating a stronger commitment from funders and governments to invest more resources to control tuberculosis.

The main objective of the UN high-level meeting was the endorsement of a declaration that should have been agreed in terms of wording by all parties in advance. However, a dispute between the USA and other member countries over language related to intellectual property, an area in which agreement had existed internationally for many years, and with implications for the affordability of drugs, complicated the drawing up of the declaration. South African Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi bravely took the lead in standing up against the world's largest donor and drove negotiations towards a compromise that maintained the status quo on intellectual property rights, but hard feelings that the USA had tried to side with the pharmaceutical industry instead of giving the priority to saving lives persisted during the meeting.

Looking closely at the final endorsed version of the political declaration on tuberculosis, however, shows that only two quantifiable short-term objectives are mentioned: commitment to provide diagnosis and treatment with the aim of successfully treating 40 million people with tuberculosis from 2018 to 2022, including 3·5 million children; and provision of preventive treatment for 30 million people by 2022. How these targets will be met, where the money and infrastructural strengthening will come from, and what individual countries will need to do to achieve those goals was not clearly defined.

People working in tuberculosis control expressed disappointment at the outcome of a unique opportunity to put tuberculosis at centre stage. One of the main issues raised was low attendance and absence of political leaders from Europe and North America. Since most funding for tuberculosis comes from these regions, the disinterest of leaders of high-income countries in the meeting gave the impression that tuberculosis was seen as a problem of others.

Another crucial point was the absence of clear targets to define improvements in tuberculosis control at the country and regional levels. The declaration fails to give any indication of what measures will be considered and what milestones a country should meet to ensure its contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal of ending the tuberculosis epidemic by 2030.

The vague political wording of the declaration also underlies another important problem: who will be accountable for the progress or worsening in the control of tuberculosis? Despite a pledge to raise the funding for tuberculosis, from where will the money come and who will manage it? And for a disease such as tuberculosis, which is strongly associated with poverty and inequalities, should there have been more focus on the role of universal health care?

The UN high-level meeting was seen as a unique chance to gain a strong political support to strengthen measures to control tuberculosis in the coming years and define targets and responsibilities. The reality is that—despite some nice words on paper—a valuable opportunity to galvanise tuberculosis control has been missed.

Articles

[**Estimates of the global, regional, and national morbidity, mortality, and aetiologies of lower respiratory infections in 195 countries, 1990–2016: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016**](#)

GBD 2016 Lower Respiratory Infections Collaborators

Estimates of the global, regional, and national morbidity, mortality, and aetiologies of diarrhoea in 195 countries: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016

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Antibody persistence after vaccination of adolescents with monovalent and combined acellular pertussis vaccines containing genetically inactivated pertussis toxin: a phase 2/3 randomised, controlled, non-inferiority trial

Punnee Pitisuttithum, Kulkanya Chokephaibulkit, Chukiat Sirivichayakul, Sirintip Sricharoenchai, Jittima Dhitavat, Arom Pitisuthitham, Wanatpreeya Phongsamart, Kobporn Boonnak, Keswadee Lapphra, Yupa Sabmee, Orasri Wittawatmongkol, Mukesh Chauhan, Wassana Wijagkanalan, Greanggrai Hommalai, Librada Fortuna, Pailinrut Chinwangso, Indrajeet Kumar Poredi, Anita H J van den Biggelaar, Hong Thai Pham, Simonetta Viviani

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From the Field

A Systematic Approach to Translating Evidence into Practice to Reduce Infant Mortality

Erika T. A. Leslie, Melinda B. Buntin

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Editorial | 23 October 2018

[Back the idea of human capital with solid research](#)

Scientists can help the World Bank and others to promote investment in health and education.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

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Original Articles

[Phase 2b Controlled Trial of M72/AS01E Vaccine to Prevent Tuberculosis](#)

Olivier Van Der Meeren, M.D., Mark Hatherill, M.D., Videlis Nduba, M.B., Ch.B., M.P.H., Robert J. Wilkinson, F.Med.Sci., Monde Muyoyeta, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D., Elana Van Brakel, M.B., Ch.B., Helen M. Ayles, M.B., B.S., Ph.D., German Henostroza, M.D., Friedrich Thienemann, M.D., Thomas J. Scriba, Ph.D., Andreas Diacon, M.D., Ph.D., Gretta L. Blatner, M.S., M.P.H., Marie-Ange Demoitié, M.Sc., Michele Tameris, M.B., Ch.B., Mookho Malahleha, M.D., M.P.H., James C. Innes, M.B., Ch.B., Elizabeth Hellström, M.B., Ch.B., Neil Martinson, M.B., Ch.B., M.P.H., Tina Singh, M.D., Elaine J. Akite, M.Sc., Aisha Khatoon Azam, M.B., B.S., Anne Bollaerts, M.Sc., Ann M. Ginsberg, M.D., Ph.D., Thomas G. Evans, M.D., Paul Gillard, M.D., and Dereck R. Tait, M.B., Ch.B.

We conducted a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2b trial of the M72/AS01E tuberculosis vaccine in Kenya, South Africa, and Zambia. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)–negative adults 18 to 50 years of age with latent M. tuberculosis infection (by interferon- γ release assay) were randomly assigned (in a 1:1 ratio) to receive two doses of either M72/AS01E or placebo intramuscularly 1 month apart. Most participants had previously received the bacille Calmette–Guérin vaccine. We assessed the safety of M72/AS01E and its efficacy against progression to bacteriologically confirmed active pulmonary tuberculosis disease. Clinical suspicion of tuberculosis was confirmed with sputum by means of a polymerase-chain-reaction test, mycobacterial culture, or both.

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Review Article

[**Model Structuring for Economic Evaluations of New Health Technologies**](#)

Hossein Haji Ali Afzali, Laura Bojke, Jonathan Karnon

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Perspective

[**Epidemiological metrics and benchmarks for a transition in the HIV epidemic**](#)

Peter D. Ghys, Brian G. Williams, Mead Over, Timothy B. Hallett, Peter Godfrey-Faussett

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Introduction

The goal of 'Ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030' has been reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and similar language has been adapted for other diseases and conditions [1]. Between 2010 and 2017, the number of AIDS-related deaths has declined by 34%, and

the number of new HIV infections has declined by 18% [2]. Although these declines constitute important achievements, progress has been slower than envisaged, which is likely due to a combination of suboptimal or inappropriate policies, lack of funding, limited or misdirected implementation of available strategies and tools, or other obstacles. Metrics and corresponding target values or benchmarks that demonstrate progress in the AIDS response and its effect on the AIDS epidemic are useful as the world heads towards that goal.

'Ending the AIDS epidemic' has not been defined in scientific terms, and it can be seen as a global aspiration in a distant future. Elimination of all new infections does not appear possible in the short and medium term with the tools available today. Metrics that signal medium-term progress and can be applied in countries, subnational entities, and population groups may be particularly valuable, as they can allow for local accountability and target-driven programme management. Achieving a certain benchmark would then herald the gradual reduction in the HIV burden in that community and could help lay the groundwork for a push to end the epidemic. The benchmarks for the metrics discussed in this paper should not be seen as indicative of tipping points, as those are unlikely to exist in the real world for an infection with a long incubation period and with survival being extended by antiretroviral treatment. Rather, they can be seen as important achievements in the management of epidemics...

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

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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

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Viewpoints

[Advanced surveillance and preparedness to meet a new era of invasive vectors and emerging vector-borne diseases](#)

Rebekah C. Kading, Andrew J. Golnar, Sarah A. Hamer, Gabriel L. Hamer

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Policy Platform

[From recognition to action: A strategic approach to foster sustainable collaborations for rabies elimination](#)

Rany Octaria, Stephanie J. Salyer, Jesse Blanton, Emily G. Pieracci, Peninah Munyua, Max Millien, Louis Nel, Ryan M. Wallace

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Research Article

[Tracing long-term trajectories of contraceptive practice across 185 countries](#)

Md Juel Rana, Srinivas Goli

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[Multidimensional measure of immigrant integration](#)

Niklas Harder, Lucila Figueroa, Rachel M. Gillum, Dominik Hangartner, David D. Laitin, and Jens Hainmueller

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Significance

While successful integration of immigrants and refugees is a goal for many host countries, scholarly assessment of progress toward that goal is hampered by the lack of an accepted measure of integration success. This study proposes a pragmatic, survey-based measure that identifies six dimensions of integration and then, through four surveys, examines the construct validity of the composite measure. The measure has the potential to advance scientific progress in the study of immigrant integration.

Abstract

The successful integration of immigrants into a host country's society, economy, and polity has become a major issue for policymakers in recent decades. Scientific progress in the study of immigrant integration has been hampered by the lack of a common measure of integration, which would allow for the accumulation of knowledge through comparison across studies, countries, and time. To address this fundamental problem, we propose the Immigration Policy Lab (IPL) Integration Index as a pragmatic and multidimensional measure of immigrant integration. The measure, both in the 12-item short form (IPL-12) and the 24-item long form (IPL-24), captures six dimensions of integration: psychological, economic, political, social, linguistic, and navigational. The measure can be used across countries, over time, and across different immigrant groups and can be administered through short questionnaires available in different modes. We report on four surveys we conducted to evaluate the

empirical performance of our measure. The tests reveal that the measure distinguishes among immigrant groups with different expected levels of integration and also correlates with well-established predictors of integration.

[More than \\$1 billion needed annually to secure Africa's protected areas with lions](#)

Peter A. Lindsey, Jennifer R. B. Miller, Lisanne S. Petracca, Lauren Coad, Amy J. Dickman, Kathleen H. Fitzgerald, Michael V. Flyman, Paul J. Funston, Philipp Henschel, Samuel Kasiki, Kathryn Knights, Andrew J. Loveridge, David W. Macdonald, Roseline L. Mandisodza-Chikerema, Sean Nazerali, Andrew J. Plumptre, Riko Stevens, Hugo W. Van Zyl, and Luke T. B. Hunter

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Significance

Protected areas (PAs) are the cornerstone of conservation yet face funding inadequacies that undermine their effectiveness. Using the conservation needs of lions as a proxy for those of wildlife more generally, we compiled a dataset of funding in Africa's PAs with lions and estimated a minimum target for conserving the species and managing PAs effectively. PAs with lions require \$1.2 to \$2.4 billion or \$1,000 to \$2,000/km² annually, yet receive just \$381 million or \$200/km² (median) annually. Nearly all PAs with lions are inadequately funded; deficits total \$0.9 to \$2.1 billion. Governments and donors must urgently and significantly invest in PAs to prevent further declines of lions and other wildlife and to capture the economic, social, and environmental benefits that healthy PAs can confer.

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Public Health

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Original Research

[What is causing high polio vaccine dropout among Pakistani children?](#)

W. Imran, F. Abbas, S.A. Javed

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An ethical framework for evaluation of public health plans: a systematic process for legitimate and fair decision-making

F. Akrami, A. Zali, M. Abbasi, R. Majdzadeh, A. Karimi, M. Fadavi, A. Mehrabi Bahar
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Highlights

:: A comprehensive and user-friendly framework for ethical evaluating of public health programs was developed.

:: Includes three sections of the general moral norms, five steps of evaluation, and a step for procedural evaluation.

:: Can be utilized to evaluate public health plans in practice, at a global level.

:: The proposed framework reduces the risk of underestimating ethical considerations.

:: This framework is recommended for a deliberative ethical decision-making process.

Abstract

Objectives

Given the increasing threats of communicable and non-communicable diseases, it is necessary for policy-makers and public health (PH) professionals to address ethical issues in health policies and plans. This study aimed to develop a practical framework for the ethical evaluation of PH programs.

Study design

A multidisciplinary team developed an ethical framework to evaluate PH plans from 2015 to 2017.

Methods

In this study, the multi-method approach was used. First, a list of moral norms in PH policy and practice was drafted and completed in two interactive sessions. Then, the Delphi method was used for consensus about the structural components to be adopted in the framework. After developing the framework, its efficiency was assessed by evaluating Iran's Fourth Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control.

Results

The framework was developed in the following three sections: (i) determination of the general moral norms in PH practice and policy; (ii) five steps of evaluation; and (iii) a procedural evaluation step to ensure fair decision-making. The ratio of the ethical points of the PH plan increased by 46% after implementation of the framework, and the frequency of ethical points increased significantly after applying the framework ($P = 0.001$).

Conclusion

The application of the framework for the ethical evaluation of various PH programs ensures a comprehensive and scientific-deliberative decision-making process, while also contributing to the development of the framework.

Effect of educational interventions on health in childhood: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Public Health Ethics

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<http://phe.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

Special Symposium on Public Mental Health Ethics

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Public Health Reports

Volume 133 Issue 6, November 2018

<http://phr.sagepub.com/content/current>

Public Health Methodology

[Reconsidering the Number of Women With HIV Infection Who Give Birth Annually in the United States](#)

Steven R. Nesheim, MD, Lauren F. FitzHarris, MPH, Margaret A. Lampe, RN, MPH, Kristen Mahle Gray, MPH

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Qualitative Health Research

Volume 28 Issue 13, November 2018

<http://qhr.sagepub.com/content/current>

Research Articles

[Clinical Research With Pregnant Women: Perspectives of Pregnant Women, Health Care Providers, and Researchers](#)

Kyoko Wada, Marilyn K. Evans, Barbra de Vrijer, Jeff Nisker

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Preview

Limited clinical research with pregnant women has resulted in insufficient data to promote evidence-informed prenatal care. Charmaz's constructivist grounded theory methodology was used to explore how research with pregnant women would be determined ethically acceptable from the perspectives of pregnant women, health care providers, and researchers in reproductive sciences. Semistructured interviews were conducted with a purposive sample of 12 pregnant women, 10 health care providers, and nine reproductive science researchers. All three groups suggested the importance of informed consent and that permissible risk would be very limited and complex, being dependent on the personal benefits and risks of each particular study. Pregnant women, clinicians, and researchers shared concerns about the well-being of the woman and her fetus, and expressed a dilemma between promoting research for evidence-informed prenatal care while securing the safety in the course of research participation.

Methods

[Appraising Qualitative Research for Evidence Syntheses: A Compendium of Quality Appraisal Tools](#)

Umair Majid, Meredith Vanstone

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Preview

As the movement toward evidence-based health policy continues to emphasize the importance of including patient and public perspectives, syntheses of qualitative health research are becoming more common. In response to the focus on independent assessments of rigor in these knowledge products, over 100 appraisal tools for assessing the quality of qualitative research have been developed. The variety of appraisal tools exhibit diverse methods and purposes, reflecting the lack of consensus as to what constitutes appropriate quality criteria for qualitative research. It is a daunting task for those without deep familiarity of the field to choose the best appraisal tool for their purpose. This article

provides a description of the structure, content, and objectives of existing appraisal tools for those wanting to evaluate primary qualitative research for a qualitative evidence synthesis. We then discuss common features of appraisal tools and examine their implications for evidence synthesis.

Refugee Survey Quarterly

Volume 37, Issue 3, September 2018

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Research Ethics

Volume 14 Issue 3, July 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/reab/current>

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Reproductive Health

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>

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Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)

http://www.paho.org/journal/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=101

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Risk Analysis

Volume 38, Issue 10 Pages: 2011-2241 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current>

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

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Science

26 October 2018 Vol 362, Issue 6413

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

Policy Forum

[Threats to timely sharing of pathogen sequence data](#)

By Carolina dos S. Ribeiro, Marion P. Koopmans, George B. Haringhuizen

Science 26 Oct 2018 : 404-406 Restricted Access

The Nagoya Protocol may impose costs and delays

Summary

Pathogen genome sequence databases are taking over important functions of physical collections of microbial and viral cultures (biobanks), adding functionalities for worldwide rapid sharing of pathogen genetic resources in support of research and outbreak response (1). But biobanks and databases also have to respect the ownership and rights of the sample and data providers, including the sovereign right of states to decide on the use of their resources [as stated in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (2)]. Where domestic or international regulation in this regard is absent or unclear, the integrity of databases and biobanks can be threatened by divergent interpretations, potentially leading to perceived violation of globally agreed sovereignty rights. In particular, the impact of the Nagoya Protocol (NP) to the CBD on public health and infectious disease control is highly debated and focused now on whether genetic sequence data (GSD) fall within the scope of the NP, which thus far has concentrated on access to physical samples. With this question on the agenda of the upcoming CBD Conference of the Parties (17 to 29 November) (3), we explore possible adaptations of existing biobank frameworks to support efficient transfer of pathogen genetic resources (PGR) during public health emergencies.

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 214 Pages 1-214 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/212/suppl/C>

Review article Abstract only

[The complexities and contradictions in participatory research with vulnerable children and young people: A qualitative systematic review](#)

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Pages 80-91

Abstract

Participatory research carried out by or with children, has become a well-established and valuable part of the research landscape investigating children's lives, views and needs. So too has a critical agenda about its ethical implications and methodological complexities. One criticism is that the involvement of children who may be considered 'vulnerable' or 'marginalised' has been slower to take root within mainstream participatory practice. This means that there has been less focus on how groups such as disabled children or children affected by abuse or neglect can shape and challenge adult-dominated types of knowledge and decision-making that are likely to affect them. This article reports on the findings of a qualitative systematic literature review of thirteen contemporary papers. The review was undertaken by a UK team in 2017. The included articles explored some core ethical and methodological issues involved in carrying out participatory research with vulnerable children and young people. It reports on three themes: 1) The extent to which participatory spaces could recalibrate opportunities and attention given to marginalised and silenced groups; 2) The ways in which these children and young people could develop skills and exercise political and moral agency through participatory activity, and, 3) How to facilitate meaningful engagement with individuals and groups and reconcile this with a critical appreciation of the important but limited nature of research as means of political and social change. The review provides a unique, contemporary analysis of participatory research with vulnerable children, illuminating in particular its conceptual complexities and contradictions, particularly regarding power, empowerment and voice. Its overall utility and interest is augmented by the disciplinary and geographical breadth of the included articles, rendering it relevant to many contexts and countries.

Research article Abstract only

[Mass incarceration, race inequality, and health: Expanding concepts and assessing impacts on well-being](#)

Kim M. Blankenship, Ana Maria del Rio Gonzalez, Danya E. Keene, Allison K. Groves, Alana P. Rosenberg
Pages 45-52

Research article Open access

[A life in waiting: Refugees' mental health and narratives of social suffering after European Union border closures in March 2016](#)

Pia Juul Bjertrup, Malika Bouhenia, Philippe Mayaud, Clément Perrin, ... Karl Blanchet
Pages 53-60

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

[Accessed 27 Oct 2018]

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Fall 2018 Volume 16, Number 4

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>

Special Issue "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Developing Countries: Current Trends and Development"

[Reviewed earlier]

Systematic Reviews

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

[Accessed 27 Oct 2018]

Commentary

[Partially systematic thoughts on the history of systematic reviews](#)

Six years after the launch of Systematic Reviews by Biomed Central, this article is part of the celebration of the journal. It contains personal reflections on the past, present and future of systematic reviews, ...

Authors: Mike Clarke

Citation: Systematic Reviews 2018 7:176

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Torture Journal

Volume 28 - Issue No. 2

<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/141>

[Reviewed earlier]

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 19 Issue 4, October 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tvaa/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

September-October, 2018 Volume 25

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Tropical Medicine & International Health

Volume 23, Issue 10 Pages: i-iv, 1045-1156 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13653156/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

UN Chronicle

Vol. LV No. 2 2018 August 2018

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

[2030 Agenda](#)

Vol. LV No. 2 2018 August 2018

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

World Heritage Review

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/84/>

World Heritage n°89 - October 2018

[World Heritage and Wetlands](#)

Wetlands are an essential, but often overlooked, aspect of our natural environment. They are vital sources of biodiversity and take many different forms – from lakes, rivers and swamps, to deltas and tidal flats, mangroves and coral reefs. Wetlands are found nearly everywhere, are essential to the survival of countless species of plants and animals, and are therefore crucial for human survival too, as water is the essence of life.

For this issue of World Heritage, we have collaborated with our friends at the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, which recognizes and helps protect wetland sites of international importance. Over 100 World Heritage properties are also designated as Ramsar Sites, in whole or in part, and our two Conventions work together closely. In an interview, Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention, describes how the two Conventions cooperate, discusses the role of wetlands in urban areas as they continue to grow, and addresses the challenge of preserving wetlands in cultural heritage places...

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Google Scholar Watch

Public Health Reviews

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[**Incitement, genocide, genocidal terror, and the upstream role of indoctrination: can epidemiologic models predict and prevent?**](#)

ED Richter, DK Markus, C Tait

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Abstract

We apply the models and tools of epidemiology and public health to propose a unified field theory showing the role of ideologies, indoctrination, and incitement, in genocide, genocidal terror, and terror by groups or individuals. We examine the effects of indoctrination and incitement as exposures and risks in relation to genocide and genocidal terror. Incitement has been recognized as a trigger to these outcomes but indoctrination is upstream to incitement. Population-wide exposure to indoctrination increases susceptibility to the effects of incitement. These relationships have been seen in all major genocides and genocidal terror in the late twentieth and twenty-first centuries. There is some insight into the relationship between ideology, incitement, and genocidal acts of violence from the so-called localized genocides in Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur, Syria, and most recently, among the Rohingya in Myanmar. There is a need to recognize the upstream role of ideologies of hate in order to determine the degree to which indoctrination posed, and continues to pose, a contributing factor. Epidemiologic models, such as the iceberg model of exposure and disease and the concept of "sick individuals" and "sick populations," guide our understanding of the content and spread of indoctrination and incitement and can provide essential insights for prevention. The hateful indoctrination and ideologies behind genocidal violence must be countered and replaced by positive ideologies and role models that emphasize respect for life and human dignity for all.

Journal of Rural Studies

Available online 20 October 2018

[**Governance of agricultural value chains: Coordination, control and safeguarding**](#)

PK Mishra, K Dey -

Highlights

- :: Agricultural value chains in India are characterized by the dominance of the informal sector, and lack of standardization.
- :: Existing literature focuses on export-oriented value chains and does not explain the complex interactions among actors.
- :: The governance of local agricultural value chains varies with the commodity and is closer to a network system.
- :: A study of six commodity-specific sub-sectors displays informal markets driven by non-retailer-traders.
- :: With the changing trend in market in favour of organized players, a shift towards a buyer-driven value chain is expected.

Global Health Research and Policy

Published: 22 October 2018

[A bibliometric analysis of global research output on health and human rights \(1900–2017\)](#)

WM Sweileh -

Baseline data on global research activity on health and human rights (HHR) needs to be assessed and analyzed to identify research gaps and to prioritize funding and research agendas. Therefore, the aim of this study was to assess the growth of publications and research pattern on HHR.

International Journal of Integrated Care

Published on 23 Oct 2018.

[Reconciling Incommensurate World Health Views and Explanatory Models of Mental Illness: A New Model of Integrated Mental Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations](#)

C Kewley, M Hazelton, L Newman

Although refugees from Ethiopia, Somalia, North and South Sudan constitute a major percentage of the 21.3 million refugees globally, there is scant research focussed on understanding how their beliefs influence attribution of mental illness and help seeking behaviour and integration following resettlement in a western donor country. The foci of this critical ethnographic study examined the complex interface between African refugee pluralistic models of mental illness and barriers to engagement and integration with mainstream mental health services following resettlement in Australia.

International Journal of Mental Health Systems

Published: 24 October 2018

[Socio-economic, trafficking exposures and mental health symptoms of human trafficking returnees in Ethiopia: using a generalized structural equation modelling](#)

LD Gezie, AW Yalew, YK Gete, T Azale, T Brand... - International Journal of ..., 2018

Mental health problems among trafficked persons could be the result of concomitantly interwoven effects of various factors. Analyzing the networked relationships concurrently could be a more substantive approach to better understand the role of risk factors in this population. This study aimed to assess the magnitude of mental health symptoms as well as the association among socio-demographic, trafficking related exposure variables, and mental health problems of Ethiopian returnees from trafficking.

Annual Review of Anthropology

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[Development and Disciplinary Complicity: Contract Archaeology in South America Under the Critical Gaze](#)

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Abstract

In South America, as elsewhere, development projects have to go through environmental permitting, a component of which is the archaeological assessment of the areas to be impacted. Because such an assessment is paid for by the development companies seeking such a permit, it has come to be known as contract archaeology. Given the accelerated pace of development projects in the region, it is not surprising that contract archaeology has grown exponentially. The academic literature dealing with it and related fields has also witnessed a rapid growth, which this article seeks to review. In doing so, it discusses the literature that accepts and promotes contract archaeology (a) as a part of environmental permitting; (b) as the primary stimulus responsible for widening the job market, whose structure has transformed disciplinary practice to a large extent; and (c) in terms of its relationship with the archaeological record and with heritage education. This article also reviews a growing literature, both supportive and critical, that assesses contract archaeology.

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