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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.



The Nobel Peace Prize for 2018

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2018 to Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. Both laureates have made a crucial contribution to focusing attention on, and combating, such war crimes. **Denis Mukwege is the helper who has devoted his life to defending these victims. Nadia Murad is the witness who tells of the abuses perpetrated against herself and others. Each of them in their own way has helped to give greater visibility to war-time sexual violence, so that the perpetrators can be held accountable for their actions.**

The physician Denis Mukwege has spent large parts of his adult life helping the victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since the Panzi Hospital was established in Bukavu in 1999, Dr. Mukwege and his staff have treated thousands of patients who have fallen victim to such assaults. Most of the abuses have been committed in the context of a long-lasting civil war that has cost the lives of more than six million Congolese.

Denis Mukwege is the foremost, most unifying symbol, both nationally and internationally, of the struggle to end sexual violence in war and armed conflicts. His basic principle is that "justice is everyone's business". Men and women, officers and soldiers, and local, national and international authorities alike all have a shared responsibility for reporting, and combating, this type of war crime.

The importance of Dr. Mukwege's enduring, dedicated and selfless efforts in this field cannot be overstated. He has repeatedly condemned impunity for mass rape and criticised the Congolese government and other countries for not doing enough to stop the use of sexual violence against women as a strategy and weapon of war.

Nadia Murad is herself a victim of war crimes. She refused to accept the social codes that require women to remain silent and ashamed of the abuses to which they have been subjected. She has shown uncommon courage in recounting her own sufferings and speaking up on behalf of other victims.

Nadia Murad is a member of the Yazidi minority in northern Iraq, where she lived with her family in the remote village of Kocho. In August 2014 the Islamic State (IS) launched a brutal, systematic attack on the villages of the Sinjar district, aimed at exterminating the Yazidi population. In Nadia Murad's village, several hundred people were massacred. The younger women, including underage children, were abducted and held as sex slaves. While a captive of the IS, Nadia Murad was repeatedly subjected to rape and other abuses. Her assaulters threatened to execute her if she did not convert to their hateful, inhuman version of Islam.

Nadia Murad is just one of an estimated 3 000 Yazidi girls and women who were victims of rape and other abuses by the IS army. The abuses were systematic, and part of a military strategy. Thus they served as a weapon in the fight against Yazidis and other religious minorities.

After a three-month nightmare Nadia Murad managed to flee. Following her escape, she chose to speak openly about what she had suffered. In 2016, at the age of just 23, she was named the UN's first Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking.

This year marks a decade since the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1820 (2008), which determined that the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict constitutes both a war crime and a threat to international peace and security. This is also set out in the Rome Statute of 1998, which governs the work of the International Criminal Court. The Statute establishes that sexual violence in war and armed conflict is a grave violation of international law. A more peaceful world can only be achieved if women and their fundamental rights and security are recognised and protected in war.

This year's Nobel Peace Prize is firmly embedded in the criteria spelled out in Alfred Nobel's will. Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad have both put their personal security at risk by courageously combating war crimes and seeking justice for the victims. They have thereby promoted the fraternity of nations through the application of principles of international law.

Oslo, 5 October 2018

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Hailing Nobel Laureates as 'Defenders of Human Dignity', Secretary-General Says Peace Prize Also Honours Hidden, Stigmatized, Forgotten Victims

5 October 2018

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I congratulate Nadia Murad and Dr. Denis Mukwege on being awarded the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize. In defending the victims of sexual violence in conflict, they have defended our shared values.

Nadia Murad gave voice to unspeakable abuse in Iraq when the violent extremists of Da'esh brutally targeted the Yazidi people, especially women and girls. As a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime since 2016, she has pursued support for victims of human trafficking and sexual slavery, and justice [against] perpetrators. Her powerful advocacy has touched people across the world and helped to establish a vitally important United Nations investigation of the harrowing crimes that she and so many others endured.

Dr. Denis Mukwege has been a fearless champion for the rights of women caught up in armed conflict who have suffered rape, exploitation and other horrific abuses. Despite regular threats to his life, he made the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo a haven from mistreatment. The United Nations has supported his efforts. He has been a strong voice calling the world's attention to the shocking crimes committed against women in wartime. As a skilled and sensitive surgeon, he not only repaired shattered bodies, but restored dignity and hope.

Ten years ago, the Security Council unanimously condemned sexual violence as a weapon of war. Today, the Nobel Committee recognized the efforts of Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege as vital

tools for peace. By honouring these defenders of human dignity, this prize also recognizes countless victims around the world who have too often been stigmatized, hidden and forgotten. This is their award, too.

Indeed, the award is part of a growing movement to recognize the violence and injustice disproportionately faced by half of our population. Let us honour these new Nobel laureates by standing up for victims of sexual violence everywhere.

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Human Rights – Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

[Collective Statement of the Members of the Secretary-General's Circle of Leadership on the Prevention of and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in United Nations Operations](#)

27 September 2018

1. As Members of the Circle of Leadership, we join the United Nations Secretary-General in issuing this Collective Statement to reaffirm our continued personal commitment as global leaders to support efforts to combat sexual exploitation and abuse across the United Nations system;
2. We recognize the unique responsibility of the United Nations to set the standard for preventing, responding to, and eradicating sexual exploitation and abuse within the United Nations system, address its impact effectively and humanely, and safeguard and empower victims;
3. We recognize the shared responsibility of the United Nations and its Member States to protect victims and whistle-blowers and take appropriate action against perpetrators;
4. We commit to working together in partnership with the Secretary-General to implement his strategy to strengthen a system-wide approach across all United Nations entities and all categories of personnel – military, police, and civilian. We underscore the crucial role of this partnership in the achievement of zero tolerance for sexual exploitation and abuse. We recognize the need for the consistent and coordinated implementation of policies and approaches to prevent the occurrence of sexual exploitation and abuse across the United Nations system and the ongoing need to ensure accountability for perpetrators. We strongly encourage the efforts of the Secretary-General in confronting unequal power relationships and gender roles through meaningful organizational culture change;
5. We commend those Member States that have contributed to the Trust Fund in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, as well as those that are signatories to the Voluntary Compact on Preventing and Addressing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse;
6. We welcome the steps taken by the United Nations and Member States to enhance the institutional response by actively following up on reports and cases. We are convinced that the highest standards of conduct require training, capacity-building, awareness-raising, vetting and the appropriate enforcement of national laws. We encourage the United Nations system to continue to promote best practice and raise awareness;
7. We pledge to continue our efforts to elevate the rights and dignity of victims and expand opportunities and modalities for them to report sexual exploitation and abuse and advocate for their

own needs. In this regard, we also reaffirm the importance of the role of the Victims' Rights Advocate. We strongly encourage the further strengthening of an integrated response to victim assistance across the United Nations system, together with Member States and civil society;

8. We honour the thousands of women and men working under the United Nations flag – civilian and uniformed – who uphold the values of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights every day, often at great personal risk and sacrifice. We strongly condemn the behaviour of those who violate and undermine the values of the Organization through their behavior by abusing and exploiting those who are looking to the United Nations for protection;

9. We commend the efforts of other international and regional organizations to support the implementation of the strategy of the Secretary-General to improve the Organization's system-wide approach to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse. We also applaud the work of civil society in this endeavour;

10. We urge all United Nations entities to strengthen the alignment of their policies and programmes with the strategy of the Secretary-General and to commit to the spirit of this Collective Statement;

11. We encourage all Heads of State or Government to join the Circle of Leadership. We will discuss progress in the implementation of the strategy of the Secretary-General at our next meeting to be convened during the High-level Segment of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly;

12. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to make zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse a reality. This is an urgent and moral imperative, as well as an operational necessity to ensure the effectiveness and credibility of the United Nations around the world.

List of members of the Secretary-General's Circle of Leadership endorsing the Collective Statement

1. H.E. Antoni Martí-Petit, Prime Minister, Principality of Andorra
2. H.E. Mauricio Macri, President, Republic of Argentina
3. H.E. Scott Morrison, Prime Minister, Commonwealth of Australia
4. H.E. Alexander van der Bellen, President, Republic of Austria
5. H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh
6. H.E. Charles Michel, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Belgium
7. H.E. Lyonchoen Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Bhutan
8. H.E. Michel Temer, President, Federative Republic of Brazil
9. H.E. Rumen Radev, President, Republic of Bulgaria
10. H.E. Roch Marc Christian Kaboré, President, Burkina Faso
11. H.E. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, Canada
12. H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
13. H.E. Nicos Anastasiades, President, Republic of Cyprus
14. H.E. Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Prime Minister, Denmark
15. H.E. Danilo Medina Sánchez, President, Dominican Republic
16. H.E. Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President, Arab Republic of Egypt
17. H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid, President, Republic of Estonia
18. H.E. Sauli Niinistö, President, Republic of Finland
19. H.E. Emmanuel Macron, President, French Republic

20. H.E. Angela Merkel, Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany
21. H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President, Republic of Ghana
22. H.E. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister, Republic of Iceland
23. H.E. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Republic of India
24. H.E. Leo Varadkar, Taoiseach, Ireland
25. H.E. Giuseppe Conte, Prime Minister, Republic of Italy
26. H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister, Japan
27. H.E. Jae-in Moon, President, Republic of Korea
28. H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President, Republic of Lithuania
29. H.E. Mark Rutte, Prime Minister, Kingdom of the Netherlands
30. H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister, Norway
31. H.E. Juan Carlos Varela Rodríguez, President, Republic of Panama
32. H.E. Martín Vizcarra Cornejo, President, Republic of Peru
33. H.E. António Luís Santos da Costa, Prime Minister, Portuguese Republic
34. H.E. Klaus Werner Iohannis, President, Romania
35. H.E. Allen Michael Chastanet, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia
36. H.E. Macky Sall, President, Republic of Senegal
37. H.E. Andrej Kiska, President, Slovak Republic
38. H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President, Republic of South Africa
39. H.E. Pedro Sánchez, Prime Minister, Spain
40. H.E. Maithripala Sirisena, President, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
41. H.E. Alain Berset, President, Swiss Confederation
42. H.E. Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
43. H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President, Togo
44. H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President, Republic of Uganda
45. H.E. Theresa May, Prime Minister, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
46. H.E. Donald J. Trump, President, United States of America
47. H.E. Tabaré Vázquez, President, Oriental Republic of Uruguay
48. H.E. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President, Republic of Zambia

List of the United Nations Entities endorsing the Collective Statement

1. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations on behalf of all UN Secretariat entities
2. Mr. Mohamed Ali Alhakim, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the Pacific (UN/ESCWA)
3. Mr. Jose Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
4. Ms. Fang Liu, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
5. Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
6. Mr. William L. Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
7. Mr. Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Emergency Relief Coordinator, and Chair of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee
8. Mr. Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
9. Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
10. Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
11. Ms. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
12. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
13. Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

14. Ms. Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
15. Mr. Yury Fedotov, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna/UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNOV/UNODC)
16. Mr. Pierre Krähenbühl, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
17. Mr. David Malone, Rector of the United Nations University (UNU)
18. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-WOMEN)
19. Mr. David Muldrow Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Program (WFP)
20. Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
21. Mr. Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
22. Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

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Governance

Pakistan Orders 18 International Aid Groups Closed

By The Associated Press

Oct. 5, 2018

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan ordered 18 international aid organizations to close, threatening the assistance they provide to some of the country's most vulnerable, international aid workers said Friday. The majority of the shuttered aid groups are U.S.-based, while the remainder are from Britain and the European Union, according to a government list, which was seen by The Associated Press.

Caught in the latest order to close are aid groups such as World Vision U.S., Catholic Relief Services U.S., International Relief and Development U.S., ActionAid U.K., and Danish Refugee Council, Denmark.

There was no official explanation from the new government and there was no response to queries about the closures from the Interior Ministry, which issued the order. The Information Ministry and Foreign Ministry also did not respond to the AP requests for comments...

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Global Financial Governance – Fragile, Conflict Contexts

IMF - Managing Director's Statement on the Role of Fund Engagement in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States

October 4, 2018

In light of the recent Independent Evaluation Office report on The IMF and Fragile States and to ensure that we deliver our best to these countries in terms of capacity development (CD), policy advice, and financial support, I seek endorsement by the IMF membership of an ambitious package of interlinked actions to further strengthen the effectiveness of our engagement and to underline the importance of our work in FCS.

The IMF is a global institution with a responsibility to address the risks and fragilities that threaten economic stability in each member, to the best of its ability. In addition, supporting countries in fragile and conflict situations (FCS) is an international priority that affects all Fund members, including through rising migration, forced displacement, trafficking, and terrorism.

The IMF is committed to put in place HR policies, in the context of a new HR strategy, that would ensure staff expertise and experience are appropriate to effectively meet FCS needs including by introducing stronger career incentives to work on FCS and low-income countries. These actions, along with staff training and consideration in the budget of additional resources to provide appropriate staffing in FCS missions, will lay the foundation for more effective support to these members.

As institutional weakness is a defining characteristic of fragility, CD must be front and center in our engagement. Each FCS country team will articulate a succinct engagement strategy that identifies the nature of fragility, surveillance and, where applicable, program priorities, where and how CD can be best delivered in the short and medium term to address identified institutional weaknesses in areas of Fund competence, complemented by, as warranted, Fund financial support. The country strategies will be discussed with country authorities and as needed with development partners as part of the Article IV consultation process and in new program requests. It will underpin alignment of the Fund engagement strategy with the authorities' needs while also improving CD coordination.

We will continue to look for ways to make our CD in FCS more impactful, by reaping benefits from our investment in results-based management, learning lessons from our FCS engagement in financial sector and statistical capacity development, taking stock of the existing Capacity Building Framework pilots, stepping up training on macro policies in FCS, and aiming to raise adequate funding for CD provision in FCS, particularly long-term experts in-country or in the region, that are able to help country authorities implement CD recommendations.

We are committed to continue to improve and tailor financing facilities to FCS needs, recognizing the strong catalytic role of Fund's financing. The ongoing Review of Facilities for LICs explores proposals to raise access, and to both extend the duration of arrangements and provide shorter-term options for countries meeting specified criteria.

To deliver on these plans, a high-level interdepartmental Committee on FCS, reporting to Management, will assess progress made in delivering this Management Implementation Plan (MIP) through end-2020. The Committee will be supported by a Technical Taskforce comprising of staff from departments engaged in FCS work, that will review the MIP implementation, revisit FCS guidance, and conduct policy and analytical work on FCS issues. These efforts will be complemented by stronger Fund staff engagement with agencies, country groupings, and other organizations that tackle FCS issues including OECD, World Bank, United Nations, bilateral agencies, G7+, Think Tanks, and CSOs.

As is often the case, the combined impact of these actions should be significantly greater than the sum of the parts—so this is a package deal where success is measured across many dimensions, by efforts of many staff across the IMF. We will report to the Board on progress in 2019 and 2020.

In closing, let me thank the IEO for bringing these long-standing issues to the fore, and the Board for acknowledging that the Fund needs to be more agile and integrated in its support of members in fragile and conflict situations.



Featured Journal Content

The Lancet

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Articles

[Measuring human capital: a systematic analysis of 195 countries and territories, 1990–2016](#)

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Summary

Background

Human capital is recognised as the level of education and health in a population and is considered an important determinant of economic growth. The World Bank has called for measurement and annual reporting of human capital to track and motivate investments in health and education and enhance productivity. We aim to provide a new comprehensive measure of human capital across countries globally.

Methods

We generated a period measure of expected human capital, defined for each birth cohort as the expected years lived from age 20 to 64 years and adjusted for educational attainment, learning or education quality, and functional health status using rates specific to each time period, age, and sex for 195 countries from 1990 to 2016. We estimated educational attainment using 2522 censuses and household surveys; we based learning estimates on 1894 tests among school-aged children; and we based functional health status on the prevalence of seven health conditions, which were taken from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2016 (GBD 2016). Mortality rates specific to location, age, and sex were also taken from GBD 2016.

Findings

In 2016, Finland had the highest level of expected human capital of 28·4 health, education, and learning-adjusted expected years lived between age 20 and 64 years (95% uncertainty interval 27·5–29·2); Niger had the lowest expected human capital of less than 1·6 years (0·98–2·6). In 2016, 44 countries had already achieved more than 20 years of expected human capital; 68 countries had expected human capital of less than 10 years. Of 195 countries, the ten most populous countries in 2016 for expected human capital were ranked: China at 44, India at 158, USA at 27, Indonesia at 131, Brazil at 71, Pakistan at 164, Nigeria at 171, Bangladesh at 161, Russia at 49, and Mexico at 104. Assessment of change in expected human capital from 1990 to 2016 shows marked variation from less than 2 years of progress in 18 countries to more than 5 years of progress in 35 countries. Larger improvements in expected human capital appear to be associated with faster economic growth. The top quartile of countries in terms of absolute change in human capital from 1990 to 2016 had a median annualised growth in gross domestic product of 2·60% (IQR 1·85–3·69) compared with 1·45% (0·18–2·19) for countries in the bottom quartile.

Interpretation

Countries vary widely in the rate of human capital formation. Monitoring the production of human capital can facilitate a mechanism to hold governments and donors accountable for investments in health and education.

Funding

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

Research in context

Evidence before this study

Previous studies have examined the association between a range of dimensions of human capital and economic growth. These studies have shown that the average number of years of completed schooling is associated with subsequent economic growth and that incorporation of measures of the distribution of education might explain more of this variation. More recent analyses from the past 5–10 years that use performance on international student assessments as a measure of educational quality or learning find it to be a more predictive measure of economic growth than attainment alone. Far fewer efforts have been made to expand the measurement of human capital so that it also encompasses health; however, these studies suggest that an expanded measurement might also be important for understanding economic growth. Despite the accumulated evidence of the associations between the core dimensions of human capital—education and health—and economic growth, no comprehensive measure presently exists for all countries globally.

Added value of this study

This study provides a new measure of expected human capital for 195 countries, consisting of four components: educational attainment, learning, health, and survival, based on a systematic analysis of all available data. This measure, in units of health, education, and learning-adjusted expected years lived between age 20 and 64 years, is estimated each year from 1990 to 2016 and can be updated annually. Compared with existing metrics of human capital, this more comprehensive measure provides a detailed characterisation of these differences across countries and over time, revealing marked variations in expected human capital for children born in different countries and differential progress in the improvement of expected human capital over the past 25 years. An inconsistent gender differential exists—for countries below approximately 10 years of expected human capital, this tends to be higher in males; for countries above this level, it is higher in females.

Implications of all the available evidence

Human capital is an important factor in economic development that requires improved metrics and regular monitoring. The systematic analysis of data on four components—educational attainment, learning, health, and survival—establishes the feasibility of an annual measurement of expected human capital, providing a means to monitor and assess investments in health and education. This more comprehensive measure of human capital has revealed variability across countries in building human capital that is independent of baseline levels of health and education, suggesting that building human capital is amenable to policy intervention.

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Featured Journal Content

[Discovering Invisible Truths](#)

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The rise of populist movements worldwide is challenging science and motivating scientists to join the debate and enter politics. Based on my experience, taking a public stand will not come without slanderous personal and institutional attacks as an attempt to shake scientific credibility.

INTRODUCTION: GIVING VOICE TO SCIENCE

Several years ago, I was a leading influenza scientist (1). I headed a fantastic team at the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie, Legnaro, Italy. There, I was very fortunate to lead at least two impactful projects. First, we developed a vaccination system for avian influenza in poultry that successfully controlled and eradicated subsequent epidemics of the disease in Italian farms (2). Second, we ignited an international debate on sharing avian influenza virus genetic sequences in an open-access environment to boost research and preparedness in a pre-pandemic phase (3, 4). The latter challenged an existing paradigm on data sharing across disciplines and organizations and was covered broadly in the popular press (5, 6).

However, scientific research and the efforts of scientists are not often fully recognized or appreciated by the general public, stakeholders, and policymakers. In the current environment, some believe that standing up and fighting for science has become part of the responsibility scientists hold and is a moral imperative. I had that opportunity and I grasped it. The Italian Prime Minister in office in 2013, Mario Monti, asked me to run for a seat in the Italian Parliament "to populate the Italian Parliament with members who understand the complexity of science policy and who can defend and promote science to make Italy more competitive" (M. Monti, personal communication, 6 January 2013). I accepted (7).

MATERIALS AND METHODS: CONSPIRACY THEORY AND SLANDER

I was elected to the House of Representatives of the Italian Parliament and then selected as Vice Chair of the Science, Culture and Education Commission of the Chamber. I was motivated to make a difference. I was the speaker for the nation's research budget (Fondo Ordinario per il finanziamento degli Enti e istituzioni di ricerca; FOE), and I achieved a unanimous vote on my proposed modification of part of the nation's €1.7 billion research funding scheme. It was a complicated and challenging task and I was respected and appreciated for how I was managing the process.

One year after my election, an Italian weekly magazine, *L'Espresso*, published a cover article entitled "Virus traffickers: scientists have agreements with 'Big Pharma' to sell their vaccines and create epidemics" (8). The magazine cover was bright yellow and pictured a scientist in a biosafety level 4 (BSL4) lab suit with subheadlines screaming "Commercial agreements between scientists and pharmaceutical companies to manufacture and sell vaccines for their own profit," alleging that bird flu strains were being "smuggled through the mail," and referring to epidemics as "big business" (8) (the publisher declined a request to reproduce the image here). The article summarized a secret investigation led by the Rome Deputy District Attorney into a purported criminal organization that was selling influenza field viruses to pharmaceutical companies to enable them to produce vaccines for contemporary strains. The investigation also clearly alleged that there was evidence of deliberate spread of pathogenic viruses into the environment, with the criminal intention of establishing avian influenza epidemics in poultry and in humans in Italy between 1999 and 2008. The magazine cited me as the criminal mastermind behind an organization of approximately 40 people (8, 9).

I learned about the accusations with horror and dismay by reading the 6-page article, which also included distasteful pictures from layer poultry farms and infected sites during culling operations. The

story was based on an absurd distortion of real events occurring between 1999 and 2007 that had been extensively reported in the scientific literature by myself, my collaborators, and external observers in review articles. To exemplify the level of inaccuracy of the investigation, investigators and prosecutors had confused outbreaks occurring in different years and caused by different viruses in different countries. As an example, they stated or believed that highly pathogenic (HP) A/H7N3/Pakistan/1995 (A/H7N3/PAK/95) was the causative agent of outbreaks caused by low-pathogenic viruses, such as A/H7N3/Italy/2003. These two viruses were addressed generically as H7N3 and then were additionally confused with an A/Italy/H7N1/HP/2000 virus. The “subtle” genetic, pathogenetic, and antigenic differences between H7 viruses were not taken into account in the narrative, and relevant scientific literature was completely ignored by the investigators (10). According to their reconstruction of events, I had taken personal advantage of the avian influenza vaccination campaign for my own profit, through royalties and contracts with pharmaceutical companies. A simple fact-checking exercise would have clearly shown that all intellectual property rights related to the DIVA (Differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals) test had been transferred to my home institution (9, 11). Another accusation was that I had actually promoted sharing of influenza virus sequence data globally so that I could create “killer” viruses in the lab. Further, conversations with colleagues, captured through phone tapping, in which I discussed my commitment to provide strains held in our repository to other scientists worldwide, were used against me as proof of misconduct. My words were repositioned in space and time and misrepresented to support a conspiracy theory between scientists and Big Pharma. I was accused of a dozen crimes, one of which was punishable with life imprisonment (9).

RESULTS: VISIBLE TRUTHS

Justice is never fast enough, and certainly it is particularly slow in Italy. For over 2 years, I was shamed in the media and violently attacked in the Italian Parliament. I was asked publicly and repeatedly to resign and was the subject of multiple interrogations by populist parliamentarians. But the worst was the personal shame—neighbors' and acquaintances' slippery looks and abrupt shifts on the sidewalk left me in great distress. I was also shamed in the scientific community. The story was covered by both *Science* and *Nature* (12–16). The personal and professional alienation was paralyzing (9).

Notwithstanding my status in Parliament as a full-fledged lame duck, I continued to advocate for science and for greater attention to emerging threats, including antimicrobial resistance, Ebola preparedness and response, and *Xylella fastidiosa* infection in olive trees. I also was dedicated to maintaining a balance and institutional representation during the Commission sessions I chaired.

But a new challenge had begun. I had to provide evidence for my innocence, and to prove that members of my team had nothing to do with this. I spent endless days and nights assembling a 400-page dissertation to defend my professional work—digging out old papers, reviews, emails, calendars, presentations, and records of trips and meetings. I had to recover and document everything that happened in my professional life between 1999 and 2008, compiling evidence to nullify the accusations. Those were years of fear—fighting for science and my reputation against a system that is highly bureaucratized and scientifically incompetent.

A little over 2 years after the leak to the press, the judge for the preliminary investigation reviewed the case and dropped all charges against me and others because “there was no case to answer” (17). My 400-page defense had convinced the judge of our innocence. After being completely cleared, I resigned as a Member of Parliament (9).

DISCUSSION: THE INVISIBLE TRUTHS

The series of events that have triggered this rather devastating experience are irrelevant to the argument I would like to make. The detail is just an example; the context is instead very concerning. This happy-ending horror story is not only about me—it is about all of us and it holds multiple invisible truths.

The winds of anti-science ideology are now strong on both sides of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The rise of populist movements and the dawn of the post-truth era are a threat to the values we cherish as scientists and to scientific competence. The populist movements generate oversimplified solutions to complex problems, and the post-truth era contributes to this framework by giving more value to sensationalism and opinions than to facts. The combination of these effects is destructive and should be of great concern to all, as it has the power of undermining basic scientific tenets, such as the efficacy of vaccination.

Scientists are entering or approaching politics in record numbers to stand up for and defend science and science-based investigation. In the current environment, this is both important and necessary. From my experience, it is a calling that comes with personal and professional sacrifice and risk, especially in a populist and post-truth setting. It is possible that increased exposure of scientists in the political arena might elicit stronger anti-science campaigns from populist movements. Anti-science movements often support Big Pharma conspiracy theories and include extremists of the anti-vaccination movement or of animal rights activist groups. As a community, we must be vigilant and prepared.

Microbiologists and molecular biologists have easily become among their targets. Some of us work with pathogens that elicit fright with even a mention. Terms such as “cloning,” “mutation,” and “virulence” are a small part of the peculiar verbiage we use to describe daily work and ordinary challenges. Snippets of these conversations can be easily misconstrued and interpreted incorrectly or deliberately taken out of context, especially by people who are motivated to do so from a political point of view. We should be mindful that we are in an era in which competence and truth are devalued. Certain groups may go beyond demonstrating against some of our activities and may try to attack our credibility. This is an asset we cannot afford to lose.

We do science because we want the world to be a better place. But we cannot take for granted that science stands on its own. Some of us have taken on the challenge of fighting for science to defend its place in society, and more and more scientists are expected to join in. Perhaps as a community, we should reflect on how to proactively manage the challenges to come before they manifest themselves with the destructive force of slander.

Inappropriate reactions to slander could nullify important achievements of the past and weaken our strength in battles we are called to fight, such as tackling antimicrobial resistance or continuing our work on developing novel vaccines. As scientists, we have the moral responsibility to support the advancement of science rather than its devaluation and decline. Hard times seem to be approaching, and we cannot be caught unguarded, unprepared, or unable to respond to attacks fueled by anti-science movements.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This is a summary of the keynote lecture I delivered in Baltimore, Maryland, on 14 February 2018 at the Biothreats 2018 meeting ([18](#)). The audience present gave me the most overwhelming standing ovation. I thank those who were there and gave me that long applause—it meant very much to me.

My thanks also to Stefano Bertuzzi, Chief Executive Officer of the American Society for Microbiology, and Stacey Schultz-Cherry, President of the American Society for Virology, who strongly encouraged me to put pen to paper.

Writing this Gem was hard. I would like to thank my collaborators for kneading my words with questions, ideas, and thoughts that have made this Gem more precious.

References available at title link above

PDF available at: <https://jvi.asm.org/content/92/20/e00757-18.full-text.pdf>

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 25 September 2018 [GPEI]

:: Preparations for World Polio Day are in full swing: partners and stakeholders across the world are preparing for World Polio Day on 24 October, to raise awareness and resources for the global eradication effort. Join Rotarians around the world in making this year's World Polio Day a huge success. Click [here](#) to view a video message by Rotary International President Barry Rassin, inviting everyone to join in World Polio Day activities.

Summary of new viruses this week:

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

Pakistan – seven WPV1-positive environmental samples;

Nigeria – three cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2);

Horn of Africa (Somalia) – one cVDPV type 3-positive environmental sample

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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 6 Oct 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [09: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 4 October 2018

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

[See Milestones above for detail]

Nigeria

:: [Yobe State requests WHO's expertise over fresh cholera outbreak](#)

Damaturu, 27 September 2018 - The Yobe state Government has called on the World Health Organization (WHO) to deploy its human resources and technical expertise to contain the ongoing outbreak of cholera in the state. The request was contained in a Press statement in Damaturu, the state capital by the Commissioner for Health, Dr Muhammad Bello Kawuwa...

Syrian Arab Republic

:: WHO delivers largest cross-border shipment of health supplies to northwest Syrian Arab Republic to date

5 October 2018 -- The World Health Organization (WHO) supported close to 180 health facilities in northwest Syrian Arab Republic in September 2018 with essential medical supplies, totaling over 104 tonnes worth US\$ 1.3 million. This is one of the biggest monthly shipments to date this year from its operational hub in Turkey, delivered to prepare for any possible escalation of conflict.

With these supplies, health facilities will be able to provide approximately 677 000 medical treatments for surgery and trauma, communicable and non-communicable diseases, and more. Medical supplies allow health facilities to remain functional and continue providing medical services to both trauma patients and those in need of primary health care...

Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

[See joint WHO-UNICEF press release above]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis - *No new announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 6 Oct 2018]

Zimbabwe

:: Zimbabwe to vaccinate 1.4 million people against cholera in Harare

3 October 2018, Harare – The Government of Zimbabwe with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners is launching today an oral cholera vaccination (OCV) campaign to protect 1.4 million people at high risk of cholera in Harare...

[See OCV above for more detail]

Iraq

:: Restoring mobility and hope in Mosul 5 October 2018

MERS-CoV

:: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) – Saudi Arabia 3 October 2018

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*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new announcements identified*

Libya - *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

South Africa Listeriosis (2017) - No new announcements identified

Sudan - No new announcements identified

Ukraine - No new announcements identified

Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 37: 22 -28 September 2018

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 54 events in the AFRO region. This week's edition covers key ongoing events, including:

- :: Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe
- :: Cholera outbreak in Cameroon
- :: Plague outbreak in Madagascar
- :: Monkeypox outbreak in Nigeria.

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 6 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 18 - 27 September 2018 | Issue 28

Key Issues

- Food and fuel prices have skyrocketed following a sharp depreciation of the Yemeni Rial against the US dollar. Crippling fuel queues are reported in Sana'a.
- Food security has further deteriorated, which could add another 3.5 million people to the 8.4 million people who currently need emergency food assistance in Yemen.
- The main Al Hudaydah-Sana'a road remains inaccessible due to fighting; access to the city is only from the north, on the Al Hudaydah-Hajjah road.
- Over 2.3 million people have been displaced by conflict since 2015; and an additional 58,000 households were displaced between June and August 2018.

- Efforts are underway to expedite the release of humanitarian cargo currently held at Yemen's main entry points awaiting import approval.

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 64 | 17 - 30 September 2018

Somalia

:: Humanitarian Bulletin Somalia, 5 September – 4 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 6 Oct 2018]

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

5 October 2018

SG/SM/19278

[Hailing Nobel Laureates as 'Defenders of Human Dignity', Secretary-General Says Peace Prize Also Honours Hidden, Stigmatized, Forgotten Victims](#)

3 October 2018

SC/13529

[Security Council Renews Authorization for States to Inspect Vessels Suspected of Smuggling Migrants off Libya's Coast, Adopting Resolution 2437 \(2018\)](#)

The Security Council today decided to renew, for a period of one year, its prior authorization allowing Member States to inspect vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya, given reasonable grounds for suspicion that they are being used for smuggling migrants or human trafficking.

2 October 2018

GA/12074

[Nelson Mandela Peace Summit Concludes with Urgent Calls for Dialogue, Tolerance to Resolve Prolonged Conflicts](#)

The Nelson Mandela Peace Summit concluded today as senior Government officials and representatives of international organizations called on world leaders to uphold the principles

Mr. Mandela stood for — courage, humility and tolerance — to promote peace and stability across the globe. Speakers stressed that Mr. Mandela’s teachings are the foundation for global peace initiatives.

2 October 2018

SG/SM/19271-DEV/3362

[Secretary-General Commends India’s Political Will, Commitment to Driving Swift Improvements towards Achieving Sanitation for All](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Top News

[Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege](#)

[Bachelet urges Iran to stop executing juvenile offenders](#)

[India: Terrorism charges are pretext to silence human rights defenders, say UN experts](#)

[UN expert condemns killing of more Palestinian protesters](#)

[Poland: UN expert concerned that erosion of cultural freedom threatens the country’s rich cultural life](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

1 October 2018

[Committee on the Rights of the Child considers Saudi Arabia's implementation of the Optional Protocols on the sale of children and on children in armed conflict](#)

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

5 October 2018

[Poland: UN expert concerned that erosion of cultural freedom threatens the country’s rich cultural life](#)

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

[to 6 Oct 2018]

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

3 October 2018

[Malaysia: UN expert says child marriages must end](#)

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

1 October 2018

Venezuela: Human rights experts say health system in crisis

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Latest news

Joint Statement on the right to health of older persons in Venezuela

1 October 2018

Venezuela: Human rights experts say health system in crisis

1 October 2018

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

05 Oct 2018

Special Representative Patten congratulates Ms. Nadia Murad and Dr. Denis Mukwege on being awarded the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end sexual violence in conflict

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

06 October 2018

Shelling of a displaced persons camp kills a civilian and injures many

06 October 2018

United Nations humanitarian and development chiefs join forces to support crisis-affected people in north-east Nigeria

05 October 2018

The currency crisis in Yemen is driving millions of people one step closer to famine

03 October 2018

[\\$15 million for Indonesia's efforts to support earthquake ...](#)

01 October 2018

[Support for underfunded crises from UN Emergency Fund](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [toto 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

[UNICEF supports Indonesian authorities in identifying unaccompanied and separated children in areas affected by earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia](#)

05/10/2018

Press release

[Health workers in Yemen reach more than 306,000 people with cholera vaccines during four-day pause in fighting – WHO, UNICEF](#)

Vaccination campaign covers war-torn areas of Hudaydah and Ibb

05/10/2018

Press release

[Joint statement: World Teacher's Day](#)

05/10/2018

Press release

[UNICEF unmask supervillain in new global comic contest](#)

Contest will showcase the power of young people in helping to end violence in schools

05/10/2018

Press release

[UNICEF is concerned for safety of thousands of children in Indonesia following Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami](#)

05/10/2018

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Briefing notes

[UNHCR and UNDP complete first assessments in Myanmar's northern Rakhine](#) 5 Oct 2018

[UNHCR deep concern at return of Myanmar nationals from India to Myanmar](#) 5 Oct 2018

Press releases and news comments

[South Sudan signs the 1951 Refugee Convention](#) 1 Oct 2018

[South Sudanese surgeon honoured at 2018 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award ceremony](#) 1 Oct 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 84,345 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,777](#)

2018-10-05 17:15

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 84,345 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 3 October, with 38,451 to Spain, the leading destination this year.

[Despite Ongoing Conflict Al-Hudaydah Port Remains Lifeline of Yemen](#)

2018-10-05 17:05

Al-Hudaydah — Despite renewed and ongoing clashes in the city of Al-Hudaydah, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is continuing its support to displaced persons in the city and across Yemen.

[António Vitorino Begins Term as IOM Director General](#)

2018-10-02 16:50

Geneva – On Monday (01/10), António Vitorino of Portugal became the latest Director General of IOM, the United Nations Migration Agency.

[IOM, FAO Re-Plant Bangladesh Forest to Repair Environmental Damage Caused by Refugee Influx](#)

2018-10-02 16:20

Cox's Bazar – In just two weeks over 45,000 trees and around 700,000 grass cuttings have been planted by Rohingya refugees and local villagers in Cox's Bazar as part of a joint UN Migration Agency (IOM) and UN Food and Agriculture Agency (FAO) project to help...

UNAIDS [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

News 1 October 2018

[UNAIDS joins United Nations and world leaders to stand together against sexual exploitation and abuse](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 6 Oct 2018]

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News Release

[Health workers in Yemen reach more than 306,000 people with cholera vaccines during four-day pause in fighting – WHO, UNICEF](#)

1 October 2018

News Release

[WHO FCTC opens 8th COP session to review progress, strengthen global fight against tobacco use](#)

1 October 2018

News Release

WHO calls for increased investment to reach the goal of a toilet for all

Commentary

Ending the epidemics of high-impact communicable diseases

Why primary health care matters

1 October 2018

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: South Sudan establishes Rota sentinel surveillance to determine the extent of Rotavirus infection among children with acute diarrhoea 04 October 2018

:: East African Countries intensify collaboration and Preparedness as Ebola Outbreak Continues in DRC 03 October 2018

:: Zimbabwe to vaccinate 1.4 million people against cholera in Harare 03 October 2018

:: From high burden to high impact: getting back on track to end malaria 29 September 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- No new announcement identified

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Major Earthquake Hits Sulawesi, Indonesia, 28 September 2018

A 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit Donggala District Central Sulawesi, Indonesia on 28 September 2018. A tsunami hit Palu City, the provincial capital of Central Sulawesi, around fifteen minutes after the quake. The twin disaster affected over 500,000 people, damaging homes, leaving 70,000 homeless and causing loss of over 1500 lives.

The Government of Indonesia is spearheading the emergency response with exhaustive search and rescue operations, and healthcare efforts. WHO is closely monitoring the public health needs of the affected while supporting the national authorities in coordination of the health sector response...

WHO European Region EURO

:: Healthy cities of the European Region adopt the Belfast Charter, ushering in a new phase of commitment 05-10-2018

:: Changing cities to change the world 03-10-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- No new announcement identified

WHO Western Pacific Region

- No new announcement identified

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 6 Oct 2018]

[http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2018/](http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2018/04/10/18)

04/10/18

[Launch of the OIE Rinderpest Challenge](#)

What would happen if the rinderpest virus, the only animal disease eradicated in the world, returns from the past threatening animal health security globally? The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) launches today the Rinderpest Game with a global Challenge on its dedicated website: www.rinderpestvigilance.com. From 4 October to 1 November 2018 players are invited to find the source of the rinderpest outbreak and save the world!

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Posted on October 4, 2018

[World Teachers' Day - "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher"](#)

World Teachers' Day "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher"

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October 5, 2018

[Global Schools Program launches SDG resources hub for schools and educators](#)

Vienna, October 5: The Global Schools Program launched its first digital hub of SDG resources for schools and educators at the IB Global Conference in Vienna.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 6 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 6 Oct 2018]

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

03 Oct 2018 *Press release*

[Celebrating bold environmental leadership and a plastic-free future in India](#)

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recognized for his environmental leadership on the global stage with a Champions of the Earth Award in Delhi today. Modi champions the International Solar Alliance, a global...

02 Oct 2018 *Press release*

[Making trade work for the environment, prosperity and resilience](#)

UN Executive Director Erik Solheim and World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevêdo launched the publication "Making trade work for the environment, prosperity and resilience" today. The report identifies how...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

5 October 2018, New York

[Integrated approaches to water and energy can be a climate solution, experts say](#)

Just as climate change is affecting the implementation of all of the Sustainable Development Goals, the solutions to this global challenge will have to come from all stakeholders, including water and energy providers, said experts at a United Nations General Assembly side event focused on integrating the approaches to these sectors.

4 October 2018, New York

[Third Committee signals urgent need for new initiatives to spur social development](#)

In the wake of a busy UN high-level week, the UN General Assembly's Third Committee, covering social, humanitarian and cultural affairs, kicked off its seventy-third session on 2 October. Chaired by Ambassador Mahmoud Saikal of Afghanistan, the Committee will be deliberating a range of issues related to the advancement of women, the protection of children, indigenous issues, the treatment of refugees, the promotion of fundamental freedoms through the elimination of racism and the right to self-determination. During its session, the Committee will also hone in on endeavors to empower youth, the rights of older persons and global efforts to combat inequality.

UNESCO [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

05 October 2018

[Interview with 2018 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Denis Mukwege: a life dedicated to victims of sexual assault](#)

05 October 2018

[UNESCO emergency mission to Rio de Janeiro helps guide global efforts to restore Brazil's National Museum](#)

UNESCO has wrapped up an expert emergency mission to the National Museum of Brazil, working closely with national and local authorities to assess damage and help guide recovery efforts in the aftermath of a huge fire that gutted the 200-year-old museum on 2 September.

The objective of the mission, from 12 to 24 September, was to assist Brazilian authorities with the arduous task of assessing the scale of the damage to the museum building and its vast collection of culturally significant objects, and to propose urgent interventions and recovery measures.

UNESCO's mission benefited from the expertise of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM). The team also included two German experts made generously available by the German Government.

The mission resulted in a detailed Action Plan that prioritizes emergency interventions, including the structural stabilization and sheltering of the museum building, salvaging artefacts from the debris, reconstituting the collections through loans and donations from other museums worldwide, and developing emergency risk management plans for other museums in Brazil...

02 October 2018

[Guatemala presents major Mayan archaeological discovery at UNESCO Headquarters](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

06/10/2018 –

[UNODC and International Olympic Committee enter partnership to tackle corruption in sport](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Posted October 3, 2018

[SpeakUP: An app on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse in the Workplace](#)

UN-Habitat has launched an app on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse in the Workplace. This application aims to: Raise awareness on the prevention and prohibition of sexual harassment and abuse in the workplace. Provide a single...

Posted September 30, 2018

[Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director's message on World Habitat Day](#)

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

5-10-2018

[Boosting farm productivity in Africa through the sustainable use of machines](#)

The African Union joined forces with FAO to increase agricultural efficiency and reduce drudgery by launching Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization: A Framework for Africa (SAMA).

[FAO Food Price Index down in September amid robust supplies](#)

The FAO Food Price Index declined 1.4 percent from August and is now 7.4 percent below its level during September 2017.

4-10-2018

EU and FAO reaffirm commitment to build a more sustainable future for all

The European Union (EU) and FAO today reaffirmed their commitment to tackle common global concerns such as rising hunger, bring about prosperity and peace, and build a more sustainable future for all.

3-10-2018

FAO chief and Nobel Peace Laureate Muhammad Yunus stress links between tackling violence and hunger

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva and Nobel Peace Laureate Muhammad Yunus today marked the International Day of Non-Violence by stressing that violence and hunger are often interlinked and that tackling this also requires creating income-generating opportunities for people in rural areas.

2-10-2018

Transforming agriculture and food systems to nourish people and to nurture the planet

Addressing the biennial meeting of FAO's Committee on Agriculture (COAG, 1-5 October), the Director-General noted how current farming practices have contributed to deforestation, water scarcity, soil depletion and high levels of greenhouse gas emissions.

1-10-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

9th American Regional Meeting

Ryder: Social dialogue, the key to a future of work with social justice

02 October 2018

At the opening of the 19th American Regional Meeting, ILO Director-General encourages governments, workers and employers to work together in order to face the challenges in the region.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

3/10/18

ICAO Council President Aliu urges States to remain engaged as much work lies ahead in CORSIA implementation

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

3 October 2018

WMO receives LUI Che Woo Prize for protecting public safety

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has received the 2018 LUI Che Woo Prize award for Welfare Betterment for its role in improving weather forecasts and disaster warnings and protecting public safety.

1 October 2018

[Understanding the IPCC special report on 1.5°C global warming](#)

INCHEON, Republic of Korea, 1 October 18 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) opened a meeting on Monday to consider its special report Global Warming of 1.5 °C, including the impacts and associated risks of such a temperature increase. WMO and the UN Environment Programme, as co-sponsors of the IPCC, issued a brief to provide context and explanation of key concepts about the landmark report.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

News

[UPU's World Postal Business Forum: Helping to seize opportunities in the digital age](#)

03.10.2018 - The digital age is changing not only the way we live, but also the way we think about the world. One of the most startling advances is in the way businesses deal with consumers.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 3 October 2018

[Getting the packaging right: international guide just updated](#)

Packaging has come a very long way since its humble beginnings of gourds and clay pots. These days, the world of packaging is much more complex, needing to be safe and sustainable whilst remaining appealing and functional. An international guide has just been revised to help organizations ensure their...

[ISO/IEC Guide 41](#), *Packaging – Recommendations for addressing consumer needs*, an international document published jointly by ISO and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), provides guidance to product designers, manufacturers, regulators, and others involved in decision making regarding packaging – including standards developers....

By Clare Naden on 2 October 2018

[Toilets that save lives: a new International Standard to help](#)

More than 2.3 billion people across the world lack access to basic sanitation services, including 892 million who defecate in the open. Hundreds of thousands of young children die each year from diseases as a result. New technology is shaping up to provide safe sanitation systems in places that don't...

[ISO 30500](#), *Non-sewered sanitation systems – Prefabricated integrated treatment units – General safety and performance requirements for design and testing*, is much awaited both by the industry that produces the systems and the countries that need them.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

4 October 2018

Tourism Enters the Global Innovation Agenda

The 20 semi-finalists of the 1st UNWTO Tourism Startup Competition, being held in partnership with Globalia, presented their projects. Selected from among 3000 projects from 132 countries, the semi-finalists participated in the official celebration of World Tourism Day (27 September, Budapest, Hungary). The collaboration between the UNWTO and Globalia continues with regional competitions, beginning in the Middle East in the framework of the next UNWTO Executive Council (Bahrain, 31 October 2018). Madrid, Spain, 4 October 2018 - The first edition of the 1st UNWTO Tourism Startup Competition, organized by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in partnership with Globalia, the leading tourism group in Spain and Latin America, is a pioneering initiative that has identified emerging companies at the forefront of the transformation of the tourism sector and the promotion of innovation ecosystems through tourism. The 20 semi-finalists, from 12 countries, pitched their projects in the framework of the recent official celebration of World Tourism Day in the presence of public and private sector leaders of the global tourism sector, as well as investors. The finalist projects will be presented at the next edition of the International Tourism Fair of Madrid (Fitur), in January 2019.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 2, 2018 PR/2018/823

WIPO Assemblies Close, Marked by Robust Growth in Treaty Accessions, Guidance on Future Work

The WIPO Assemblies meetings ended with robust growth in countries adhering to the treaties that underpin the global intellectual property (IP) system, signaling the strength of multilateral engagement by the membership, while delegates agreed new guidance on WIPO's future work.

Oct 1, 2018 PR/2018/822

European Union Joins WIPO's Marrakesh Treaty, Greatly Expanding Coverage

The European Union has joined WIPO's Marrakesh Treaty in a big expansion in membership for the accord, which eases the creation and transfer across national boundaries of texts specially adapted for use by visually impaired people.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

Statement by USAID Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on Additional Humanitarian Assistance for People Affected by the Earthquake and Tsunami in Indonesia

October 5, 2018

Today, the United States announced an additional \$3.6 million in humanitarian assistance to help people affected by the 7.5 magnitude earthquake and tsunami that struck Central Sulawesi in the Republic of Indonesia on September 28, 2018. This funding brings the total U.S. humanitarian assistance for this response to \$3.7 million.

[USAID Extends Innovation and Research Partnership with Texas A&M University](#)

October 5, 2018

Today, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced the extension of a research partnership with Texas A&M University to identify solutions and opportunities to increase the adoption of farmer-led irrigation in sub-Saharan Africa.

[Statement by Administrator Mark Green on the Launch of USAID's Self-Reliance Roadmaps](#)

October 4, 2018

Statement

As I have said on a number of occasions, the ultimate goal of development assistance must be to work towards the day when it is no longer necessary, and we should measure our work by how far every one of our investments moves us closer to that day. At the heart of our work is the core belief that each country must lead its own development journey. USAID is realigning its policies, strategies, programs, and investments to support our partner countries on what we call their "Journey to Self-Reliance."

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green on the Creation of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation \(USIDFC\)](#)

October 3, 2018

Statement

[Statement by USAID Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on the Earthquake and Tsunami in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia](#)

October 1, 2018

Statement

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) expresses its condolences for the people affected by the 7.5 magnitude earthquake and tsunami that struck Central Sulawesi in the Republic of Indonesia on September 28. This tragic natural disaster has claimed over 844 lives, and left over 48,000 displaced. The United States stands with the people of Indonesia in their hour of need, and USAID is providing immediate assistance to people displaced by the earthquake and tsunami.

[Statement by USAID Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on the Deployment of a Disaster Assistance Response Team in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

October 1, 2018

Statement

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to boost current efforts by the United States and the Government of the DRC to contain the outbreak of Ebola in Eastern DRC. The response to this Ebola outbreak is a priority for the U.S. Government since efforts to contain and prevent the disease from spreading to neighboring countries also keep it from coming to the United States.

DFID [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Minister for Africa hails UK and Uganda co-operation in fighting infectious diseases](#)

5 October 2018 DFID Press release

[DFID appoints two new Board members](#)

5 October 2018 DFID Press release

[Government to double £2 million of UK support to Indonesia Appeal](#)

4 October 2018 DFID Press release

[UK aid sending shelter and water purifiers to help people left homeless by Indonesian disasters](#)

3 October 2018 DFID Press release

[UK leads the charge in eradicating modern slavery](#)

3 October 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

ECHO [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

04/10/2018

[EU scales up humanitarian support to Afghanistan as worst drought in decades looms large](#)

Large parts of Afghanistan are facing severe drought, worsening an already dire humanitarian situation. In response, the European Commission has committed an additional €20 million in emergency aid, bringing the total EU humanitarian aid for...

01/10/2018

[EU responds to Indonesian earthquake with €1.5 million in emergency aid](#)

Following the high number of casualties and damages caused by the earthquake and tsunami that struck Indonesia this weekend, the European Commission has responded with a commitment of an initial €1.5 million in emergency humanitarian assistance....

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African Union [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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October 05, 2018

[Statement by the Chairperson of the Commission on the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize 2018](#)

October 02, 2018

[Africa CDC Workshop on "One Health" in East Africa Held Today](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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ASEAN Explores Stronger Public-Private Partnership in Disaster Management

PUTRAJAYA, 04 October 2018 – The ASEAN Ministers in charge of disaster management gathered in Putrajaya, Malaysia, today for the 6th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (COP to AADMER). The ministerial meeting was preceded [...]

ASEAN, UN move forward in achieving Vision 2025 and SDGs

NEW YORK, 30 September 2018 – ASEAN and the United Nations (UN) reaffirmed the importance of further strengthening their Comprehensive Partnership towards the fulfilment of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the ASEAN-UN Ministerial Meeting at the UN Headquarters in New York, the United States, on 28 September [...]

European Commission [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

04/10/2018

EU scales up humanitarian support to Afghanistan as worst drought in a decade looms large

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 4 October 2018 EU humanitarian will support communities affected by the drought, civilian war casualties, and displaced populations The European Commission has allocated an additional €20 million in emergency aid to Afghanistan as the humanitarian situation has worsened since the beginning of 2018, due...

EU releases €1.5 million in emergency aid for victims of Indonesian earthquake

30/09/2018 - EU releases €1.5 million in emergency aid for victims of Indonesian earthquake European Commission - Press release Brussels, 30 September 2018 EU releases €1.5 million in emergency aid for victims of Indonesian earthquake Following the high number of casualties and damages caused by the earthquake and tsunami that struck Indonesia this weekend, the European Commission has released an initial €1.5 million in...

Statement on the deadly earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 29 September 2018 High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides issue the following statement: Hundreds of people have lost their lives as yet another deadly natural disaster has hit Indonesia.

OECD [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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4-October-2018

David Henderson 1927-2018

David Henderson, Chief Economist of the OECD from 1983 until his retirement in in 1992, died on 30 September 2018, aged 91.

1-October-2018

[OECD Secretary-General Gurría welcomes announcement of new trade agreement between the US, Mexico and Canada](#)

OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría has welcomed the announcement of a new, modernised United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations at the Third Committee of the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 2 October 2018\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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Press Releases

03 Oct 2018 –

[Digitalization set to revolutionize shipping – new United Nations report](#)

03 Oct 2018 –

[Trade war threatens outlook for global shipping, warns new United Nations Report](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

05 October 2018

[Signing ceremony for the HS Programme in Africa between the EU and the WCO](#)

04 October 2018

[Global Security Conference: three-year anniversary of the Punta Cana Resolution](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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DG Azevêdo welcomes B20 support for the WTO

5 October 2018

WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo welcomed the support of the business community

to strengthen the multilateral trading system during his visit to Buenos Aires on 4 October 2018, where he attended the B20 Summit.

High-level panel calls for integration of fragile states into the global economy

5 October 2018

A high-level panel at this year's Public Forum examined the link between peace and trade, focusing on the opportunities and challenges that conflict-affected states face in developing their capacities to trade. These countries need to be integrated into the global economy, the panellists stressed, so that they can contribute to and benefit from economic growth. The session was moderated by WTO Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff.

DDG Wolff: "The future of the WTO and the world trading system is bright"

5 October 2018

In a speech to the Graduate Institute in Geneva on 5 October, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said that while the multilateral trading system is more likely to be subject to greater stress, conflicts can give rise to improvements in the system. "It is my belief that the system will continue to evolve. It will be improved, because it can be, it should be, and inevitably, ineluctably, it must be." The text of his remarks is below:

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

3 October 2018

Alleged Violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America) –

The Court indicates provisional measures in order to preserve certain rights claimed by Iran and asks the Parties to refrain from any action which might aggravate or extend the dispute

Press release 2018/50

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 6 Oct 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement : 5 October 2018

Statement of ICC President, Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji: States' public support reinforces the hope of countless victims and the Court's determination to deliver justice

As part of the ongoing 73rd session of the UN General Assembly, high representatives of United Nations member States and others made interventions in both the Mandela Peace Summit (held on 24 September 2018) and the UNGA General Debate (which commenced on 25 September 2018 and concluded on 1 October 2018.)

It is noted with gratitude that many of those interventions recognised the continuing importance of the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC) - either by explicit statements of strong and unequivocal support for the Court as such, or indirectly by stressing the need for an international accountability mechanism to ensure that there is no impunity for those who engage in gross violations of international human rights or humanitarian legal norms.

That so many world leaders have spoken up to reaffirm their support for the ICC and international mechanisms of accountability is truly heartening for the Court, which must continue its independent and impartial work in the service of justice and the rule of law.

The support and cooperation of States, civil society and individuals remain key to the Court's ability to contribute to ending impunity for the gravest crimes under international law – genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression – and provide redress to victims, as envisaged by States when they adopted the Rome Statute 20 years ago.

These public statements reinforce the determination of all those around the world that are promoting justice and the rule of law, as well as the hope of countless victims of heinous atrocities that they may receive a measure of justice for the harm they suffered.

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World Bank [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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Gender-Based Violence (Violence Against Women and Girls)

CONTEXT Gender-based violence (GBV) or violence against women and girls (VAWG), is a global pandemic that affects 1 in 3 women in their lifetime. The numbers are staggering: 35% of women worldwide have...

Date: October 05, 2018 Type: Brief

Domestic Resource Mobilization

Revenue mobilization is a key development priority and essential to finance investments in human capital and infrastructure to achieve the World Bank's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting...

Date: October 04, 2018 Type: Brief

Africa's Pulse in Five Charts: Boosting Productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa

This issue of Africa's Pulse suggests that the economic recovery of Sub-Saharan Africa continues but at a slower pace than expected. To accelerate and sustain an inclusive growth momentum, policy makers...

Date: October 03, 2018 Type: Publication

Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth

DOWNLOAD THE REPORT (PDF) WASHINGTON, 30 September 2018 – “Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth”, a joint publication released today by the World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, and...

Date: September 30, 2018 Type: Publication

IMF [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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October 4, 2018

Managing Director's Statement on the Role of Fund Engagement in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

October 1, 2018

Christine Lagarde Appoints Gita Gopinath as IMF Chief Economist

African Development Bank Group [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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02/10/2018

African Public Procurement Heads Sign Digital Revolution in Public Procurement Declaration

- Thirteen (13) heads of Public Procurement Regulatory Authorities from Africa have signed a declaration committing to use innovative technologies in order to enhance public procurement processes in their respective countries.

Asian Development Bank [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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4 Oct 2018

ADB President Takehiko Nakao Offers Condolences to Victims of Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami

ADB President Mr. Takehiko Nakao extended profound sympathies and condolences to the Indonesian people following the loss of lives and devastation caused by the recent earthquake and tsunami in central Sulawesi.

2 Oct 2018

Fifth Asia Water Forum Discusses Innovation and Technology to Address Asia's Water Challenges

More than 800 gathered today at the Asian Development Bank headquarters in Manila for the opening of the Asia Water Forum 2018, focusing on “Information, Innovation, and Technology.”

1 Oct 2018

Shortage of Quality Infrastructure in South Asia Impedes Growth — ADB

South Asia suffers from severe and persistent shortages of quality infrastructure that threaten to halt its progress as the fastest growing subregion in the world, according to a new paper from ADB.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 6 Oct 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Tuesday, 2 October, 2018

Amref Health Africa Partners with IT Firm ASIL to Scale up Availability of Blood Supply in Kenyan Hospitals

Nairobi... Amref Health Africa and technology solutions firm Advanced IT Solutions (AISL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to scale up blood availability in hospitals through a Blood Services Information Management System dubbed *Damu – Sasa*.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October Summit 2018 is the twelfth annual series of workshops and consultations held in honour of the birth anniversary of our founder, Dr. G. Venkataswamy. These events are held to deliberate the real issues relating to effective eye care programmes and services and to find innovative solutions through sharing experiences and mutual consultation.

BRAC [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Learning

The Ugandan teacher who leads learning through play

October 4, 2018

by [Edwinah Nassuna](#)

Nankinga Justine's childhood was taken away from her all too early. Now that she is a teacher, she ensures that her students are making the most of theirs. This World Teacher's Day, let us celebrate the teachers who were patient enough to play and sing with us.

Urban

For waste-wise, sustainable cities

October 2, 2018

by [Mahira Khan](#)

Dhaka Match Colony is a slum in the peripheries of South Dhaka. In many ways, it is the quintessential urban slum – inadequate housing, cramped alleys and piles of solid waste clogging its waterways. The slum, however, has recently been transforming itself.

CARE International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

5th Oct 2018 *Indonesia*

CARE begins procurement of key relief items for Indonesia earthquake response

CARE aims to target some of the most remote and in-need communities affected by the earthquake and tsunami

2nd Oct 2018 *Indonesia*

CARE responds to earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia

As death toll soars, CARE aims to focus on hard-to-reach areas, north of Palu

1st Oct 2018 *Indonesia*

CARE begins emergency response activities in Indonesia as death toll soars

International NGO CARE today began preparations for an assessment of the damages caused by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami that has left at least 832 people dead and a further 540 injured on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi.

Clubhouse International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October 04, 2018 2:23 PM

HI launches new challenge to map areas at risk of humanitarian disaster

In emergencies like the Indonesian earthquake and tsunami, humanitarian actors are often confronted with a lack of maps, which are crucial to make quick decisions, ultimately saving lives. To address this issue, HI and crowdAI launched the Mapping Challenge. The five best solutions are being presented at the 5th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics, held in Turin on October 1st to 4th, 2018.

The challenge

In emergency situations, humanitarians need recent and precise maps of the damaged or destroyed area.

"We need a clear picture of the situation so we can make the right decisions quickly," explains Paul Vermeulen, Project manager for Strategic Innovation at HI. "We also need regular updates of these maps during our interventions."

Many parts of the world have never been mapped. For instance, in developing countries, settlements with several thousand inhabitants might be marked by no more than simple roads. Such inadequate mapping is especially true in the most marginalized areas—those most vulnerable to natural disasters.

"Without accurate maps, it is a huge challenge for international organizations to identify resources and plan an effective emergency response," explains Lars Bromley, principal analyst and research advisor at UNOSAT. "Obtaining maps of these potential crisis areas greatly improves the preparations, planning and implementation of emergency actions. UNOSAT and others have long worked hard to provide such information. More data for mapmaking is always a crucial need and one of our primary focuses."...

Heifer International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

01-10-2018 | News release

[New research shows urban warfare eight times more deadly for civilians in Syria and Iraq](#)

One week after world leaders gathered to discuss Syria's upcoming reconstruction challenges, new figures from the ICRC serve as a stark reminder of the ongoing scale of civilian suffering.

IFRC [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Asia Pacific, Indonesia

[Indonesia: Red Cross aid reaches shattered communities in Palu and Donggala](#)

Palu/Geneva, 5 October 2018 – One week after earthquakes and a powerful tsunami devastated the island of Sulawesi, more and more relief is arriving in shattered communities after Red Cross teams reached previously inaccessible areas of Palu, Donggala a ...

Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

[Red Cross volunteers injured during Ebola burial in DR Congo](#)

Kinshasa/Nairobi/Geneva, 4 October 2018 – Three Red Cross volunteers were injured Tuesday (2 October) when they were attacked while carrying out a safe and dignified burial in the city of Butembo in the north east of the Democratic Republic of the Cong ...

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Press Release

[International Medical Corps Responding to Indonesian Earthquake and Tsunami](#)

October 1, 2018

International Medical Corps has sent an emergency response team to Indonesia following a series of powerful earthquakes that struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi on Friday, September 28. The largest quake, a powerful magnitude 7.5, triggered a tsunami that hit nearby coastlines, including the coastal city of Palu. The massive earthquake was centered about 35 ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Statement

[Finding your safe place at school – through sport and games](#)

October 4, 2018

Press Release

[IRC Reacts: U.S. District Court on TPS](#)

October 3, 2018

IRCT [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Latest News

[Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami](#)

3rd October 2018 *Indonesia*

Latest reports indicate that 1,407 people have passed away after a tsunami triggered by a magnitude 7.5 earthquake hit Sulawesi, Indonesia.

[Islamic Relief assisting rescue efforts in Donggala and Palu](#)

October 1, 2018 *Indonesia*

Islamic Relief and local partner organisations are assisting rescue and aid efforts in Donggala and Palu, as the death toll from the recent earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia continues to rise and could reach in the thousands.

Landsea [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Statements

South Sudan

[MSF resumes medical activities in Maban after suspension](#)

Project Update 5 Oct 2018

South Sudan

[Helping Yambio's demobilised child soldiers come to terms...](#)

Project Update 5 Oct 2018

Yemen

[MSF suspends activities after attack in Ad Dhale](#)

Statement 2 Oct 2018

Rohingya refugee crisis

[Crisis update – September 2018](#)

Crisis Update 1 Oct 2018

Mercy Corps [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Press releases

[DR Congo: Mercy Corps: Increasing Violence In DRC Threatens Efforts Against Ebola](#)

October 4, 2018

GOMA, Democratic Republic of Congo – The global organization Mercy Corps warns that increasing insecurity in North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo poses a serious threat to current efforts against Ebola there. The province is the epicenter of the current Ebola outbreak and as of October 2, there were 162 cases of Ebola in DRC. Complicating matters, some 120 armed groups are fighting in the region.

[Indonesia: Mercy Corps Prepares Emergency Response to Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami](#)

October 4, 2018

PALU, Indonesia – The global organization Mercy Corps is preparing an emergency response following the 7.4 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck the island of Sulawesi, Indonesia, last week. According to the latest reports, more than 1,500 people have been killed and tens of thousands are displaced from their homes.

Operation Smile [to 6 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 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

4 October 2018

[Oxfam treatment units on way to Palu with clean water in short supply](#)

Oxfam water treatment units and purification kits are enroute to Palu, Sulawesi, with clean water in short supply after the deadly Indonesia earthquake and tsunami.

1 October 2018

[Oxfam scales up response to deadly Indonesia earthquake and tsunami](#)

Oxfam and partner organisations are scaling up their response to support 500,000 people after the Indonesian Government announced Monday that more than 2 million people may be affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Sulawesi.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Published 05. Oct 2018

[Press release: We congratulate Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad](#)

The Norwegian Refugee Council congratulates Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad, the winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Pact [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 04, 2018

[Dr. Marta Lado on Ebola, and Its Aftermath, in Sierra Leone](#)

Dr. Marta Lado, chief medical officer for Partners In Health in Sierra Leone, talks about the lessons she learned while treating patients for Ebola, and why she stayed to help build the public health system. [Read More](#)

Oct 02, 2018

[Dr. Paul Farmer Calls for Action on Tuberculosis in STAT and on NPR](#)

PIH Co-founder Dr. Paul Farmer comments in major news outlets on the importance of drawing attention, resources, and action to the global battle against tuberculosis. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Friday 5 October 2018

[Vital aid delivered to earthquake and tsunami-hit region of Indonesia by Save the Children](#)

Save the Children, working through its partner Yayasan Sayangi Tunas Cilik (YSTC), has delivered vital aid on a military plane to Palu, the Indonesian city devastated by Friday's earthquake and tsunami.

Eight hundred shelter and hygiene kits have been flown to Palu and are being distributed to children and families who urgently need them. Another air shipment and distribution is planned for Saturday.

Friday 5 October 2018

[Investing in Teachers is Critical for Refugee Children, New Save the Children Report Finds](#)

Four million refugee children around the world are out of school – missing out on their right to an education due to displacement, poverty and exclusion. For refugee children who are in school, teachers matter more than any single factor and serve on the frontline in delivering on the world's promise to provide all refugee children with a quality education, according to a new report by Save the Children.

Wednesday 3 October 2018

[Sulawesi quake and tsunami: Urgent need to identify children who are lost shocked and alone, six days after tsunami warns Save the Children](#)

Stories of survival bring hope to those hardest-hit

Wednesday 3 October 2018

[Children in earthquake and tsunami-hit communities face growing risk of disease outbreak and water-borne illness, warns Save the Children](#)

Communities have been devastated by the earthquake and tsunami which Disaster Response Officials believe to have killed over 1300 people in Indonesia's Sulawesi island. Families now face growing health risks as the full scale of the crisis becomes known.

Tuesday 2 October 2018

[Suspected cholera cases in Hodeidah nearly triple over three months](#)

Malnutrition, displacement and attacks on water supplies could spark a new wave of the disease

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Nepal – 4 October 2018

[SOS mother retires after 40 years of caring for children](#)

Many committed SOS mothers devote years caring for children, but Chandra Kala Thapa of Nepal has the distinction of being one of the longest serving mothers in the global SOS Children's Villages organisation.

Tostan [to 6 Oct 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 6 Oct 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 6 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 3, 2018

[Briefing Thursday: EFF's Eva Galperin and Lookout Discuss, Demo Cybersecurity Attacks On Democracy](#)

Washington, D.C.—On Thursday, Oct. 4, at 2 pm, Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) Director of Cybersecurity [Eva Galperin](#) will speak at a special session for congressional staffers and representatives about how malware and spyware targeted at mobile devices is being used against dissidents, activists, journalists, and others to disrupt democracy...

Freedom House [to 6 Oct 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Press Releases*

[Ukraine: Address Attacks against Activists and Human Rights Defenders](#)

October 3, 2018

More than 50 attacks on activists and human rights defenders in Ukraine have been recorded by local human rights groups in just the last nine months.

Transparency International [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Bond [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

4 October 2018

[Highlights from Conservative Party Conference 2018](#)

A round up of the key international development speeches from the Conservative Party Conference, as well as details of Bond's packed fringe event with Penny Mordaunt.

[Paul Abernethy](#)

2 October 2018

What does new World Bank data tell us about progress on poverty?

New World Bank data estimating the number of people in poverty as of 2015 shows that although progress has been made on aggregate, poverty headcounts are increasing in a number of countries.
Zach Christensen

1 October 2018

A respectful organisational culture is crucial to safeguarding

Recommendations for cultivating an inclusive, supportive culture for NGOs.
Aneeta Williams

ChildFund Alliance [to 6 Oct 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

October 05, 2018

ChildFund responds to Indonesia earthquake and tsunami emergency

Statements

ChildFund is working with a local partner in Indonesia to assess the most urgent needs, and distribute emergency aid to children and families in the affected areas, including 5,000 family kits. ChildFund will provide psychosocial support activities through child-centered spaces for three to six months.

“With ChildFund’s expertise in child protection in emergencies, we are committed to reducing the effects of disaster situations on children and their families,” said Meg Gardinier, Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance. “For this emergency response, ChildFund is collaborating with Lembaga Penanggulangan Bencana dan Perubahan Iklim Nahdlatul Ulama, a national nongovernmental organization with a long-standing presence in the affected areas and experience in responding to emergencies.”

ChildFund will also assess the functioning of the formal child protection mechanisms, and provide psychosocial support to child protection duty-bearers...

CONCORD [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Oct 1, 2018

Development going digital? – Report

Digitalisation is becoming a vital part of our world, and by extension of development cooperation. It represents new challenges and opportunities for our sector. The report commissioned by FOND Romania and CONCORD Europe analyses the key digital trends and the impacts of digitalisation on the development agenda as well as it explores the roles of and the opportunities for civil society organisations in this new environment. Don’t miss it now!

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World

05/10/2018

DEC appeal raises £6 million for Indonesia Tsunami in first day

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for survivors of the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia has raised £6 million, with donations from the public still coming in.

The UK Government matched pound for pound the first £2 million donated by the public to the DEC Indonesia Tsunami Appeal.

More than 1,500 are confirmed dead after a 7.4 magnitude earthquake and a tsunami with waves as high as 18 feet hit Central Sulawesi Province a week ago...

The Elders [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

News 4 October 2018

[Five reasons climate change is the greatest existential threat of our time](#)

The Elders explain why urgent climate action is needed now not tomorrow.

END Fund [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 6 Oct 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 6 Oct 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

[NGO Rapporteur Intervention UNCHR ExCom October 2018](#)

October, 2018

NGO Statement Internal Protection UNCHR ExCom October 2018

October, 2018

NGO Statement General Debate UNCHR ExCom October 2018

October, 2018

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

IRIN 3 October 2018

WTF? A guide to disaster aid acronyms

International disaster responders have a language all of their own. Things like this would make total sense: "UNDAC are on the ground, and linking with the HCT. Needs include CRI, AAP, WASH, and CMCoord, and pledges are updated in FTS. It can't be long before an IA RTE and some kind of MIRA-style NA is underway, even while SAR should follow INSARAG guidelines – including K9s."

InterAction [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Latest News

Oct 5, 2018

InterAction Fellowship Program Welcomes First Cohort

Four established leaders from the international nonprofit community have joined InterAction in its first fellowship program cohort. Fellows were selected for their standing within the NGO community, history of leadership, vision to help move the sector forward, and dedication to explore beneficial issues for members of InterAction. Fellows pursue projects that align with the mission of InterAction and can contribute insights to improve our community...

Start Network [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

'We survived Cyclone Sagar'

How the Start Fund supported people affected by Cyclone Sagar in Djibouti

by Amrina Rana

Case study

Start Network member, The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) was awarded Start funds to provide a rapid response to families who had been affected by Cyclone Sagar in Djibouti. The cyclone hit the Gulf of Aden and the Horn of Africa between 16th- 20th May 2018. According to United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), it is estimated 830,000 people had been affected by the cyclone and 290,000 had been temporarily displaced...

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 6 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 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

04/10/2018

[How change happens in the humanitarian sector – CHS Alliance launches flagship report](#)

On 1st October the CHS Alliance, in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), launched the 2018 edition of the Humanitarian Accountability Report (HAR) in Geneva. Two years after the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, at which the humanitarian sector committed to substantial changes, the Alliance's flagship report sheds light on what has happened, what not and why.

Development Initiatives [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 6 Oct 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 6 Oct 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October 1, 2018

[Policy Responses to De-risking: Progress Report on the CGD Working Group's 2015 Recommendations](#)

In November 2015, CGD published the report Unintended Consequences of Anti-Money Laundering Policies for Poor Countries, which warned that efforts to curb illicit finance were producing significant adverse side effects. This new report takes stock of what has been accomplished as well as what remains to be done.

Jim Woodsome , [Vijaya Ramachandran](#) , [Clay Lowery](#) and Jody Myers

ODI [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Localisation: opportunities and challenges for protection in disaster response](#)

Working and discussion papers | October 2018 | Larissa Fast and Kate Sutton

This framing paper explores the existing literature on protection and localisation in disasters, focusing on the Pacific.

[Disaster Risk Reduction and violent conflict in Africa and Arab states: implications for the Sendai Framework priorities](#)

Briefing papers | October 2018 | Katie Peters and Laura E.R. Peters

Examining the role of violent conflict in disaster vulnerability and its impact on the Sendai Framework priorities in Africa and the Arab region.

[Changing the lives of rural women and girls for the better](#)

Briefing papers | October 2018 | Steve Wiggins

This briefing explores what an inclusive agricultural transformation that empowers women and girls in the global South might look like.

[Delivering blockchain's potential for environmental sustainability](#)

Briefing papers | October 2018 | Miriam Denis Le Sève, Nathaniel Mason and Darius Nassiry

This briefing note explores the opportunities and challenges around using blockchain to resolve environmental sustainability challenges.

[A political economy analysis of Uganda's rural water supply sector](#)

Research reports and studies | October 2018 | Miriam Denis Le Sève

This report presents the findings from a political economy study of Uganda's rural water supply.

[A political economy analysis of Malawi's rural water supply sector](#)

Research reports and studies | October 2018 | Naomi Oates and Evance Mwathunga

This report presents the findings from a political economy study of Malawi's rural water supply sector.

Urban Institute [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October 4, 2018

[Going the Distance: Understand the Benefits of a Long Commute to School](#)

In an analysis of 3,100 students entering ninth grade in Denver, this report identified 1,000 “super travelers,” students willing to travel farther or past more schools to get to their first-choice high school. Super travelers’ first-choice schools had better academic outcomes, fewer disciplinary incidents, and more advanced courses and dual-language programs than schools closer to home. Though most super travelers could have

[Patrick Denice](#), [Betheny Gross](#)

Research Report

[“We Carry Guns to Stay Safe”](#)

Homicide is the leading cause of death for black boys and men ages 15 to 34 in Chicago, and the easy availability of guns is a contributing factor. To stem the tide of gun violence in Chicago, policymakers need more insight into why young adults carry guns and what might deter them from doing so. To that end, the Urban Institute, in partnership with community program providers and with support from the Joyce Foundation, surveyed

[Jocelyn Fontaine](#), [Nancy G. La Vigne](#), [David Leitson](#), [Nkechi Erondu](#), [Cameron Okeke](#), [Anamika Dwivedi](#)

October 4, 2018

Brief

[Engaging Stakeholders in Learning Agenda Development](#)

A key element of a federal agency’s approach to evidence building is its plan for identifying and prioritizing learning questions and activities, including evaluation, data analysis, and other forms of research. This process can take many forms and has multiple names, but it is most commonly known as a learning agenda. Several government agencies and subagencies have developed formal learning agendas, and many more conduct

[Will Schupmann](#), [Keith Fudge](#), [Kathryn Reynolds](#), [David Whyman](#)

October 3, 2018

Brief

[Rental Housing for a 21st Century Rural America](#)

Many rural communities are facing shortages of affordable rental housing, an issue that is becoming increasingly urgent as incomes stagnate and federal supports are stretched thin. One in four rural renters is spending more than 50 percent of their income on housing, yet the rental housing supply in rural communities is often small or shrinking. As rural America’s housing requirements change, it is essential to assess the

[Corianne Scally](#), [Brandi Gilbert](#), [Carl Hedman](#), [Amanda Gold](#), [Lily Posey](#)

October 2, 2018

Research Report

[Rethinking the Opioid Crisis](#)

The opioid crisis is widely recognized as a difficult policy challenge but the reasons why it is difficult and the paths to overcoming those difficulties are less easily understood. As a result, policymakers risk spending limited public resources on potentially ineffective or even counterproductive efforts. Adopting the perspective of pay for success (PFS) – an outcomes-oriented funding model – helps to mitigate these risks and

[Dave McClure](#), [Mayookha Mitra-Majumdar](#), [Jacob Fass](#)

October 2, 2018

Research Report

Reclassified

Recognizing the harm caused by felony convictions and the importance of targeting limited correctional resources more efficiently, state policymakers and voters have made key adjustments to their drug laws in recent years. Five states have reclassified all drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor: California, Utah, Connecticut, Alaska, and Oklahoma. This brief explores the policy details of reclassification, the potential

[Brian Elderbroom](#), [Julia Durnan](#)

October 2, 2018

Brief

How Affordable Housing Providers Can Boost Residents' Economic Mobility

Affordable housing providers are increasingly focusing on supporting residents to build assets, improve incomes, and get jobs with real career ladders that will help them move out of poverty. This brief draws from the experiences of 16 highly-regarded housing and service providers and distills four key lessons: Pay Residents for Training and Work: Paying participants in workforce training programs removes a barrier to

[Megan Gallagher](#), [Eric Burnstein](#), [Wilton Oliver](#)

October 2, 2018

Brief

Harnessing The U.S. Intergovernmental Grant System for Place-Based Assistance In Recession and Recovery

American places are pulling apart from one another—economically, socially, and politically. Declining regional income convergence, increasing geographic concentration of joblessness, and an increasing awareness of the social costs of long-term joblessness and economic isolation have led many economists to question their traditional skepticism of policies that aim to revitalize distressed areas. Arguments in this vein typically

[Tracy Gordon](#)

October 2, 2018

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

News 05 Oct 2018

Public-Private Task Force Launched to Close India's Skills Gap

News 02 Oct 2018

Leaders from Western Balkans Commit to Strengthen Economic, Social Ties and Prepare the Region for the Future

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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 6 Oct 2018]

<https://www.alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/news/>
[Website not responding at inquiry]

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>
OCTOBER 04, 2018

Tanganyika Province Affirms Commitment to Strengthening Routine Immunization in Partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

SEATTLE, October 4, 2018 – Today, the honorable Mr. Richard Ngoy Kitangala, governor of Tanganyika Province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Chris Elias, President, Global Development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to improve vaccination coverage among children in Tanganyika Province and thus save people's lives.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Blue Meridian Partners [to 6 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 6 Oct 2018]

<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>
No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 6 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 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 6 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 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Our News

[Youth Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment \(SBIRT\) Research Roundtable](#)

Substance Use Prevention October 3, 2018

Youth SBIRT Research Roundtable: Current Status and Future Directions

IKEA Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October 3, 2018

[South Sudanese doctor honoured at UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award](#)

Dr Evan Atar Adaha, an inspirational doctor from South Sudan, has won the 2018 [Nansen Refugee Award](#). IKEA Foundation and IKEA co-workers were among the special guests at the award ceremony on 1 October and witnessed Dr Atar receive the honour. The event was hosted by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Geneva and supported by the IKEA Foundation.

The Nansen Award is presented every year to a person or organisation who has dedicated their time, going above and beyond the call of duty to help people forcibly displaced from their homes...

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Research Oct 01 2018

[This Wild Plant Could Be the Next Strawberry](#)

By combining genomics and gene editing, researchers have figured out how to rapidly bring a plant known as the groundcherry toward domestication.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

October 3, 2018 News Release

Premiums for Employer-Sponsored Family Health Coverage Rise 5% to Average \$19,616; Single Premiums Rise 3% to \$6,896

1 in 5 Large Employers Gather Data from Workers' Mobile Apps, FitBits or Other Wearable Devices
San Francisco, Calif. – Annual family premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance rose 5 percent to average \$19,616 this year, extending a seven-year run of moderate increases, finds the 2018 benchmark Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

4 October 2018

2018 Global Centre for Pluralism Annual Lecture at the Aga Khan Centre

London, United Kingdom, 4 October 2018 – Karen Armstrong, the British author, delivered the annual 2018 Global Centre for Pluralism Lecture today at the new Aga Khan Centre. The title of Ms. Armstrong's lecture was "Compassion or Toleration? Two Approaches to Pluralism". Each person invited to give the Annual Pluralism Lecture is asked to reflect on how to build and strengthen pluralist societies. The Lecture is hosted by the Global Centre for Pluralism, an independent, charitable organisation founded by His Highness the Aga Khan in partnership with the Government of Canada. It is based in Ottawa, Canada.

In her lecture, Ms. Armstrong spoke about the value of religion during what could be the "last gasp" of nationalism: "What the religions all tell us... [is] that enlightenment insists on overcoming the ego, letting the ego go. Nationalism is about ego, it's about swelling the ego, and often that means excluding the other, as Lord Acton pointed out."...

Kellogg Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

2018 MacArthur Fellows

The MacArthur Fellowship is a \$625,000, no-strings-attached award to extraordinarily talented and creative individuals as an investment in their potential.

There are three criteria for selection of Fellows:

- :: Exceptional creativity
- :: Promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishments
- :: Potential for the Fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work.

The MacArthur Fellows Program is intended to encourage people of outstanding talent to pursue their own creative, intellectual, and professional inclinations. In keeping with this purpose, the Foundation awards fellowships directly to individuals rather than through institutions. Recipients may be writers,

scientists, artists, social scientists, humanists, teachers, entrepreneurs, or those in other fields, with or without institutional affiliations. They may use their fellowship to advance their expertise, engage in bold new work, or, if they wish, to change fields or alter the direction of their careers.

"Working in diverse fields, from the arts and sciences to public health and civil liberties, these 25 MacArthur Fellows are solving long-standing scientific and mathematical problems, pushing art forms into new and emerging territories, and addressing the urgent needs of under-resourced communities. Their exceptional creativity inspires hope in us all."

Fellows Summary: <https://www.macfound.org/programs/fellows/>

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Opinions

October 3, 2018

[Pew Applauds First International Agreement Protecting Newly Opened Arctic High Seas](#)

Pact will prevent unregulated commercial fishing until science-based measures are in place

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts today praised the signing of an international agreement that prevents unregulated fishing in the high seas of the Central Arctic Ocean for at least 16 years unless science-based measures are agreed upon and established. Delegations from nine nations and the European Union met on Wednesday near Greenland's Ilulissat Ice Fjord to finalize the accord, the first proactive ecosystem-based approach to conservation in the Arctic Ocean.

Pew has worked for more than eight years with government officials, scientists, the fishing industry, and Indigenous leaders to postpone industrial fishing in the region, where diminishing Arctic ice is opening new waters to commercial activity. In 2012, [over 2,000 scientists signed a letter](#) backing a moratorium on commercial fishing pending further research on fish stocks. The moratorium received further backing in a [2015 letter from the Inuit Circumpolar Council](#), which followed up earlier this year with its [Utqiaqvik Declaration](#) calling for the use of Indigenous knowledge in all processes related to the fishing moratorium...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

Latest News Releases

[Percent of Plans with Out of Network Benefits](#)

October 4, 2018 *Report*

Bills from out-of-network health care providers is an issue that has been gaining prominence with coverage from the media and growing policymaker interest.

[How Collaboration Fosters Safer Communities for Kids](#)

October 3, 2018 *Blog Post*

Collaborative approaches by communities help ensure kids grow up with a solid foundation of safety and with a support system for those affected by violence.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 6 Oct 2018]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

October 3, 2018

[Science Philanthropy Alliance Receives AIRI 2018 Public Service Award](#)

At its annual meeting in Carlsbad, CA, on October 1, 2018, the Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI) presented its 2018 Public Service Award to Science Philanthropy Alliance president Marc Kastner and executive director Valerie Conn. "This award is due to the commitment of our board members, staff, consultants, members, and the philanthropists who are generously supporting basic science research," said Valerie...

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 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

News / Published: 6 October 2018

[Sir Roger Gibbs, 1934-2018](#)

It was with great sadness that we learned yesterday that Sir Roger Gibbs has died. Sir Roger was the Chairman of Wellcome from 1989 to 1999, overseeing perhaps the biggest transformation in our history and laying the foundations for what Wellcome has become today.

News / Published: 4 October 2018

[The quest to know everything: 25 years of the Sanger Institute](#)

Since 1993, the Wellcome Sanger Institute has been uncovering the secrets of life through its ground-breaking genomics projects. In this special feature to mark its first 25 years, Rob Reddick explores how its unique work is changing the world.

Opinion / Published: 3 October 2018

[Used effectively, your research can improve policy and practice](#)

In this blog I'm focusing on using knowledge effectively, the third pillar of Wellcome's Science strategy. The first pillar concerns knowledge creation, but the appropriate use of that knowledge to improve health is fundamental to what we're trying to achieve.

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Foundation Center [to 6 Oct 2018

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

Press Release

[Shifting Power and Money Through Participatory Grantmaking](#)

Emerging practice reveals shift in philanthropy away from top-down decision-making and towards inclusive processes

New York, NY—October 2, 2018. New research released today by GrantCraft, a free service of Foundation Center, explores how funders can cede decision-making power about funding decisions to the communities they aim to serve. With financial support from the Ford Foundation and Open Society Foundations, [Deciding Together: Shifting Power and Resources Through Participatory Grantmaking](#) illustrates why and how funders globally are engaging in this growing practice.

"This approach isn't just about more effective grantmaking, but it also creates a paradigm shift in how we work alongside communities as agents of change in their own context. By sharing decision-making power about money, the participatory approach itself is part of the impact," says Katy Love, director of resources at the Wikimedia Foundation, an organization that takes a participatory grantmaking approach

Participatory grantmaking is increasingly visible and of interest to a range of funders, because it revolutionizes traditional structures of philanthropy. Specifically:

:: It redefines who qualifies as a "grantmaker," and challenges traditional power dynamics, which affect everything from who knows about grant opportunities to who gets those grants.

:: It goes beyond grantmaking to the importance of advancing public and democratic participation in decision making.

:: It strengthens trust and credibility between donors and grantees...

Council on Foundations [to 6 Oct 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

American Journal of Infection Control

October 2018 Volume 46, Issue 10, p1083-1200, e45-e50

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

October 2018 Volume 55, Issue 4, p433-582

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

October 2018 108(10)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 99, Issue 2, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/99/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

October 2018 - Volume 3 - 5

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

Editorial

[Towards equity in global health partnerships: adoption of the Research Fairness Initiative \(RFI\) by Portuguese-speaking countries](#) (10 September, 2018)

António Carvalho, Carel IJsselmuiden, Kirsty Kaiser, Zulmira Hartz, Paulo Ferrinho

Research

[Pushing the envelope through the Global Financing Facility: potential impact of mobilizing additional support to scale-up life-saving interventions for women, children and adolescents in 50 high-burden countries](#) (2 October, 2018)

Victoria B. Chou, Oliver Bubb-Humfries, Rachel Sanders, Neff Walker, John Stover, Tom Cochrane, Angela Stegmuller, Sophia Magalona, Christian Von Drehle, Damian G. Walker, Maria Eugenia Bonilla-Chacin, Kimberly Rachel Boer

Practice

[Data for decision making: using a dashboard to strengthen routine immunisation in Nigeria](#) (2 October, 2018)

Sulaiman Etamesor, Chibuzo Ottih, Ismail Ndalami Salihu, Arnold Ikedichi Okpani

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

Research article

4 October 2018

[Acceptability of HIV self-testing to support pre-exposure prophylaxis among female sex workers in Uganda and Zambia: results from two randomized controlled trials](#)

HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is highly effective for prevention of HIV acquisition, but requires HIV testing at regular intervals. Female sex workers (FSWs) are a priority population for HIV prevention

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Authors: Katrina F. Ortblad, Michael M. Chanda, Daniel Kibuuka Musoke, Thomson Ngabirano, Magdalene Mwale, Aidah Nakitende, Steven Chongo, Nyambe Kamungoma, Catherine Kanchele, Till Bärnighausen and Catherine E. Oldenburg

Research article

| 4 October 2018

[The landscape of vaccines in China: history, classification, supply, and price](#)

Authors: Yaming Zheng, Lance Rodewald, Juan Yang, Ying Qin, Mingfan Pang, Luzhao Feng and Hongjie Yu

Abstract

Background

Vaccine regulation in China meets World Health Organization standards, but China's vaccine industry and immunization program have some characteristics that differ from other countries. We described the history, classification, supply and prices of vaccines available and used in China, compared with high- and middle-income countries to illustrate the development of Chinese vaccine industry and immunization program.

Methods

Immunization policy documents were obtained from the State Council and the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC). Numbers of doses of vaccines released in China were obtained from the Biologicals Lot Release Program of the National Institutes for Food and Drug Control (NIFDC). Vaccine prices were obtained from Chinese Central Government Procurement (CCGP). International data were collected from US CDC, Public Health England, European CDC, WHO, and UNICEF.

Results

Between 2007 and 2015, the annual supply of vaccines in China ranged between 666 million and 1,190 million doses, with most doses produced domestically. The government's Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) prevents 12 vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) through routine immunization. China produces vaccines that are in common use globally; however, the number of routinely-prevented diseases is fewer than in high- and middle-income countries. Contract prices for program (EPI) vaccines ranged from 0.1 to 5.7 US dollars per dose - similar to UNICEF prices. Contract prices for private-market vaccines ranged from 2.4 to 102.9 US dollars per dose - often higher than prices for comparable US, European, and UNICEF vaccines.

Conclusion

China is a well-regulated producer of vaccines, but some vaccines that are important globally are not included in China's EPI system in China. Sustained and coordinated effort will be required to bring Chinese vaccine industry and EPI into an era of global leadership.

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

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BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

Research article

[Projecting the end of the Zika virus epidemic in Latin America: a modelling analysis](#)

Zika virus (ZIKV) emerged in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region in 2013, with serious implications for population health in the region. In 2016, the World Health Organization declared the ZIKV outbre...

Authors: Kathleen M. O'Reilly, Rachel Lowe, W. John Edmunds, Philippe Mayaud, Adam Kucharski, Rosalind M. Eggo, Sebastian Funk, Deepit Bhatia, Kamran Khan, Moritz U. G. Kraemer, Annelies Wilder-Smith, Laura C. Rodrigues, Patricia Brasil, Eduardo Massad, Thomas Jaenisch, Simon Cauchemez...

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:180

Published on: 3 October 2018

Correspondence

Data sharing from pharmaceutical industry sponsored clinical studies: audit of data availability

Clinical trial transparency is important to participants, trialists, publishers, and regulators, and there have been recent major policy changes by the pharmaceutical industry regarding clinical study data sharing. However, it is unknown if these changes are enabling independent researchers to access participant-level data from prominent contemporary clinical trials sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry 2 years after publication of the primary results.

Authors: Ashley M. Hopkins, Andrew Rowland and Michael J. Sorich

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:165

Published on: 28 September 2018

Research article

Healthcare service delivery to refugee children from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in Durban, South Africa: a caregivers' perspective

Refugees are generally considered a vulnerable population, with refugee children (newborn and young children) being particularly so. Access to healthcare for this population remains a challenge. The main purpo...

Authors: Anna Meyer-Weitz, Kwaku Oppong Asante and Bukenge J. Lukobeka

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:163

Published on: 27 September 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

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BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bm Cresnotes/content>

(Accessed 6 Oct 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

October 2018 - Volume 8 - 10

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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

EDITORIALS

[Benefits of integrating eye care into health systems](#)

– Ivo Kocur, Etienne Krug, Silvio P Mariotti & Megan McCoy

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.221887>

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 44, Issue 6 Pages: 801-929 November 2018

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

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Narrating hope and resistance: A critical analysis of sources of agency among Palestinian children living under military violence](#)

[Guido Veronese](#), [Federica Cavazzoni](#) [Silvia Antenucci](#)

Pages: 863-870

First Published: 07 August 2018

Abstract

Background

In light of critical and socioconstructionist theories, the aim of our research was to analyze source of agency, psychological adjustment to trauma as protective factors against political violence in children living in three different refugee camps in Palestine, as well as exploring the risks to which these children are exposed.

Methods

Thematic content analysis was applied to children's written and drawn productions in order to extract the main categories and themes.

Results

Four main domains of agency emerged from the analysis: personal growth, political well-being, social relationships, and geographical context. For each domain, specific dimensions are discussed.

Conclusions

The results of this preliminary exploration of children's agency suggest that the children's living environment plays a key role in shaping their suffering and reactions to war and ongoing violence. Furthermore, the social nature of the children affected by war-related suffering forces practitioners and policymakers to question the effectiveness of intervention programs that are predominantly focused on symptoms.

Clinical Therapeutics

September 2018 Volume 40, Issue 9, p1429-1620

<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 6 Oct 2018]

Research

| 1 October 2018

[Health status of returning refugees, internally displaced persons, and the host community in a post-conflict district in northern Sri Lanka: a cross-sectional survey](#)

Authors: Rachel Burns, Kolitha Wickramage, Anwar Musah, Chesmal Siriwardhana and Francesco Checchi

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 73 Pages 1-158 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/73/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 3 Pages: 205-306 September 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 28, Issue 7, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 36, Issue 6 Pages: i-iv, 629, 631-759 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 7, 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 3 - June 2018

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

[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>

Opinion

[Proportionate and scientifically sound risk assessment of gene-edited plants](#)

The European Court of Justice's decision that gene editing should be regulated as genetic modification has wide implications for plant science and agriculture. However, the original EU legislation for environmental releases of GMOs already allows for more flexibility to regulate gene-edited plants.

EMBO Reports (2018) 19: e46907

Josep M Casacuberta, Pere Puigdomènech

[Human dignity and gene editing - Using human dignity as an argument against modifying the human genome and germline is a logical fallacy](#)

A common argument against gene editing the human germline is the notion of dignity as linked to the human genome. But this based on a logical fallacy and should rather prompt us to consider gene editing for therapeutic purposes in order to preserve human dignity.

EMBO Reports (2018) 19: e46789

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Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 6 Oct 2018]

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 10—October 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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 79 Pages 1-340 (August 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 10, Issue 4, August 2018

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

Food Security Research in Tanzania (pages 773-938)

[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.

Foreword: The 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles – building solidarity, forging commitment

Cecilia Jimenez-Damary

2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. Much has been achieved over the past 20 years but with over 40 million people internally displaced as a result of conflict and violence, and no sign of numbers decreasing, we need to ask ourselves: Where do we go from here?

The experience of internal displacement is traumatic, life-changing and frequently life-threatening. Each person displaced has lost access not only to the home that offered shelter but also to security, dignity, cherished possessions, livelihoods, memories and a sense of belonging and community.

For children, the experience can be particularly traumatic and confusing, often leading to long-lasting psychosocial issues and difficulties that commonly go untreated. Deprived of education, stability and routine often for months or years, it is no exaggeration to speak of a lost generation of young people in some situations. Too often, displaced women and girls experience the further atrocity of sexual violence, exploitation or the threat of violence. And there is increasing evidence that sexual violence against displaced men and boys may be far more widespread than was previously understood.

For older people with strong ties to their homes and who often have weaker coping mechanisms than the young, the experience can be shocking and disorientating. For those with disabilities, the experience can bring immense problems, sometimes relating to their mobility or their ability to access basic assistance and services. For those who may face discrimination in daily life generally, such as ethnic and religious minorities, indigenous peoples or members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities, displacement can exacerbate the challenges and threats that they face and they may find themselves targeted, marginalised or excluded from assistance.

The Guiding Principles constitute the key international standard on internal displacement. They provide a definition of an internally displaced person (IDP) and set out IDPs' rights to be protected and assisted before and during displacement and in their search for durable solutions following displacement. They give national authorities the primary responsibility for protecting IDPs and clarify key principles relating to humanitarian assistance provided by international and non-governmental bodies...

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>

COMMENTARIES

Open Access

[Beyond the Safe Motherhood Initiative: Accelerated Action Urgently Needed to End Preventable Maternal Mortality](#)

Mary Ellen Stanton, Barbara E. Kwast, Theresa Shaver, Betsy McCallon and Marge Koblinsky
Global Health: Science and Practice October 2018, 6(3):408-412; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-18-00100>

Many countries will need to double, or more than double, their current annual rate of reduction of maternal mortality to ensure sufficient progress toward national targets and the global Sustainable Development Goals. Dedication to the principles and actions of quality, equity, dignity, social justice, and human rights are key.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

Open Access

[Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Introduction in South Africa: Implementation Lessons From an Evaluation of the National School-Based Vaccination Campaign](#)

Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, Karen F. Kelley, Shamagonam James, Fiona Scorgie, Hasina Subedar, Nonhlanhla R Dlamini, Yogan Pillay, Nicolette Naidoo, Admire Chikandiwa and Helen Rees
Global Health: Science and Practice October 2018, 6(3):425-438; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-18-00090>

Evaluation of the campaign confirmed its feasibility in this setting: it achieved high coverage, few adverse events, and mostly positive media coverage. However, challenges occurred in data and cold

chain management. Future implementation requires improved partnerships between government ministries, simplified informed consent, and closer monitoring of social media messaging.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Assessment of Family Planning Service Availability and Readiness in 10 African Countries](#)

Moazzam Ali, Madeline Farron, Thandassery Ramachandran Dilip and Rachel Folz

Global Health: Science and Practice October 2018, 6(3):473-483; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-18-00041>

In the 10 countries surveyed, the availability of oral contraceptives, injectables, and condoms varied greatly, and the availability of basic items indicating service readiness, such as guidelines, trained staff, equipment, and certain commodities, was low.

REVIEWS

Open Access

[Use of Mid-Upper Arm Circumference by Novel Community Platforms to Detect, Diagnose, and Treat Severe Acute Malnutrition in Children: A Systematic Review](#)

Jessica Bliss, Natasha Lelijveld, André Briend, Marko Kerac, Mark Manary, Marie McGrath, Zita Weise Prinzo, Susan Shepherd, Noël Marie Zagre, Sophie Woodhead, Saul Guerrero and Amy Mayberry

Global Health: Science and Practice October 2018, 6(3):552-564; <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-18-00105>

Limited studies suggest that with robust program inputs caregivers and CHWs can correctly use mid-upper arm circumference to detect severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and that properly trained and supported CHWs can treat uncomplicated SAM in communities.

Global Public Health

Volume 13, 2017 Issue 11

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 6 Oct 2018]

Research

| 1 October 2018

[Using concept mapping to develop a human rights based indicator framework to assess country efforts to strengthen rehabilitation provision and policy: the Rehabilitation System Diagnosis and Dialogue framework \(RESYST\)](#)

Rehabilitation is crucial for the realization of the right to health and a proper concern of global health. Yet, reliable information to guide rehabilitation service planning is unavailable in many countries in part due to the lack of appropriate indicators. To ensure universal health coverage and meet the central imperative of "leaving no one behind" countries must be able to assess key aspects of rehabilitation policy and provision and monitor how they have discharged their human rights responsibilities towards those most disadvantaged, including people with disability. This article describes the process of developing an expert guided indicator framework to assess governments' efforts and progress in strengthening rehabilitation in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Authors: Dimitrios Skempes, John Melvin, Per von Groote, Gerold Stucki and Jerome Bickenbach

Health Affairs

Vol. 37 , No. 10 October 2018

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

Social Determinants, Drug & Device Prices & More

Research Article Pharmaceuticals & Medical Technology

[Provider Payments And The Receipt Of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Among Privately Insured Adolescents](#)

Yuping Tsai, Megan C. Lindley, Fangjun Zhou, and Shannon Stokley
1587-1595

Financial concerns such as high vaccine purchase costs and inadequate insurance reimbursement are cited as a key barrier to human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination of adolescents who are covered by private health insurance

Research Article Ethics

[A Systematic Review Of The Food And Drug Administration's 'Exception From Informed Consent' Pathway](#)

William B. Feldman, Spencer Phillips Hey, and Aaron S. Kesselheim
1605-1614

Abstract

In 1996 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) created an "exception from informed consent" (EFIC) pathway for trials conducted on people incapacitated by life-threatening conditions with a therapeutic time window too narrow for reliable surrogate consent. The goals were to promote therapeutic innovation and encourage rigorous but ethical experimentation on this vulnerable population. To evaluate outcomes of this pathway, we reviewed the complete FDA docket of EFIC trials from the past two decades, encompassing forty-one trials. Among the 46,964 patients included in this review, ninety-six percent were enrolled without consent, and fewer than 1 percent withdrew before the primary endpoint. Two (8 percent) of the twenty-four superiority trials demonstrated a benefit from the experimental interventions. Many interventions were associated with adverse effects, including increased mortality, neurological deficits, and myocardial infarctions. Nearly one-third of US patients in EFIC trials were African American. While EFIC trials have yielded medical advances, investigators in future trials must pay better attention to managing withdrawals and ensuring fair demographic representation.

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>

Editor's Choice

[The role of the traditional leader in implementing maternal, newborn and child health policy in Malawi](#)

[Aisling Walsh](#); [Anne Matthews](#); [Lucinda Manda-Taylor](#); [Ruairi Brugha](#); [Daniel Mwale](#) ...

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 8, 1 October 2018, Pages 879–887,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy059>

Original Articles

[Civil society participation in global public private partnerships for health](#)

[Katerini Tagmatarchi Storeng](#); [Antoine de Bengy Puyvallée](#)

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 8, 1 October 2018, Pages 928–936,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy070>

Abstract

The growth of global public-private partnerships for health has opened up new spaces for civil society participation in global health governance. Such participation is often justified by the claim that civil society organizations, because of their independence and links to communities, can help address democratic deficits in global-level decision-making processes. This article examines the notion of 'civil society engagement' within major public-private partnerships for health, where civil society is often said to play a particularly important role in mediating between public and private spheres. How do major global health partnerships actually define 'civil society', who represents civil society within their global-level decision-making bodies, and what formal power do civil society representatives hold relative to other public and private-sector partners? Based on a structured analysis of publicly available documents of 18 of the largest global public-private partnerships for health, we show that many of them make laudatory claims about the value of their 'civil society engagement'. Most use the term 'civil society' to refer to non-governmental organizations and communities affected by particular health issues, and state that they expect these actors to represent the needs and interests of specific populations in global-level decisions about strategies, funding models and policies. Yet, such civil society actors have a relatively low level of representation within the partnerships' boards and steering committees, especially compared with private-sector actors (10.3 vs 23.7%). Moreover, there is little evidence of civil society representatives' direct and substantial influence within the partnerships' global-level governing bodies, where many decisions affecting country-level programmes are made. Rather, their main role within these partnerships seems to be to implement projects and advocate and raise funds, despite common discourses that emphasise civil society's watchdog function and transformative power. The findings suggest the need for in-depth research into the formal and informal power of civil society within global health governance processes.

Review

[The impact of ASEAN economic integration on health worker mobility: a scoping review of the literature](#)

Vannarath Te; Rachel Griffiths; Kristy Law; Peter S Hill; Peter Leslie Annear
Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 8, 1 October 2018, Pages 957–965,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czy071>

Health Promotion International

Volume 33, Issue 4, August 2018
<https://academic.oup.com/heapro/issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>
[Accessed 6 Oct 2018]
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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 6 Oct 2018]
[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>
[Accessed 6 Oct 2018]
[No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 10, Issue 5, September 2018

<http://inthealth.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>

Editorial

[Nipah virus infection: a deadly disease emerging in India](#)

Ramesh Verma, Mukesh Dhankar, Avneet Singh, Vinod Chayal, Raj Kumar, Rohit Dhaka, Kapil Bhalla, Ginni Agrawal, Gopal Kumar

DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20183951](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20183951)

Original Research Articles

[A study on the immunisation status and the factors responsible for incomplete immunization amongst children of age group 0-12 months coming to a tertiary care hospital \(IGIMS\)](#)

Shivani Sinha, Sanjay Kumar, Sanjay Kumar Chaudhary, Setu Sinha, Varsha Singh, Seema Kumari

DOI: [10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20183969](https://doi.org/10.18203/2394-6040.ijcmph20183969)

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>

Research article Abstract only

[An intelligent multi-agent based decision support system for refugee settlement siting](#)

Maria Drakaki, Hacer Güner Gören, Panagiotis Tzionas

Pages 576-588

Abstract

The refugee crisis resulted in a large influx of refugees in the Mediterranean since 2014. However, crises are inherently complex phenomena, whereas the ultimate goal of all involved actors is to provide humanitarian aid to the affected populations. The required supply chain management and logistics operations are characterized by complex decision making whereas coordination between involved actors is necessary for effective aid delivery. Therefore, distributed problem solving based on autonomous and interacting agent can be used as a decision support tool in this field. The purpose of this paper is to address the solution of the refugee settlement site planning problem with an intelligent multi-agent system (MAS) modeling method. In particular, intelligent agents use two well-known multi-criteria decision-making methods (MCDM), Fuzzy Analytical Hierarchy Process (FAHP) and Fuzzy axiomatic design approach with risk factors (RFAD), to rank alternative sites for refugee settlement siting. Up to authors' knowledge, this study is the first that utilizes MAS and MCDM approaches in a

decision support system for refugee settlement planning in literature. The proposed method has been applied to evaluate four currently operating refugee accommodation sites in Greece. Obtained results have confirmed and reflected the current situation in these camp locations.

Research article Abstract only

[Language translation during disaster: A comparative analysis of five national approaches](#)

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October 2, 2018, Vol 320, No. 13, Pages 1297-1396

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Viewpoint

[Addressing the Tuberculosis Epidemic - 21st Century Research for an Ancient Disease](#)

Anthony S. Fauci, MD

JAMA. 2018;320(13):1315-1316. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.12852

In this Viewpoint, Anthony Fauci summarizes the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' (NIAID's) 2018 Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis (TB), which comprises investments in development of point-of-care diagnostics, vaccines, shorter-duration therapeutics, and infrastructure for systems biology and "omics" approaches to the infection.

Viewpoint

[Crossing the Global Health Care Quality Chasm - A Key Component of Universal Health Coverage](#)

Donald Berwick, MD; Megan Snair, MPH; Sania Nishtar, PhD, FRCP

JAMA. 2018;320(13):1317-1318. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.13696

In this Viewpoint, Don Berwick and colleagues summarize a 2018 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) report on global health care quality emphasizing that universal access will yield improvements in population health only when paired with quality reforms characterized by systems design, transparency, collaboration, anticipatory care, evidence-based decisions, and continuous feedback and learning.

JAMA Pediatrics

October 2018, Vol 172, No. 10, Pages 897-996

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

Original Investigation

[Rotavirus Vaccination and the Global Burden of Rotavirus Diarrhea Among Children Younger Than 5 Years](#)

Christopher Troeger, MPH; Ibrahim A. Khalil, MD; Puja C. Rao, MPH; et al.
JAMA Pediatr. 2018;172(10):958-965. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.1960

This analysis of data from the Global Burden of Disease Study examines the extent of rotavirus infection and associated deaths among children younger than 5 years worldwide and whether the rotavirus vaccine has reduced the diarrhea-associated mortality.

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

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[The Urgent Need for Research and Interventions to Address Family-Based Stigma and Discrimination Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth](#)

Caroline M. Parker, Jennifer S. Hirsch, Morgan M. Philbin, Richard G. Parker
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[HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Medication for Adolescents and Young Adults: A Position Paper of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine](#)

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Cultural heritage in times of armed conflicts in the Middle East: Much more than material damage?

Edited by Marilena Vecco, Andrej Srakar

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Volume 13 Issue 4, October 2018

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Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

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Articles

Measuring human capital: a systematic analysis of 195 countries and territories, 1990–2016

Stephen S Lim, Rachel L Updike, Alexander S Kaldjian, Ryan M Barber, Krycia Cowling, Hunter York, Joseph Friedman, R Xu, Joanna L Whisnant, Heather J Taylor, Andrew T Leever, Yesenia Roman, Miranda F Bryant, Joseph Dieleman, Emmanuela Gakidou, Christopher J L Murray

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Human capital is recognised as the level of education and health in a population and is considered an important determinant of economic growth. The World Bank has called for measurement and annual reporting of human capital to track and motivate investments in health and education and enhance productivity. We aim to provide a new comprehensive measure of human capital across countries globally.

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Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 22, Issue 1 Supplement, October 2018

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Special Issue: Taking Home Visiting to Scale: Findings from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program State-Led Evaluations

Issue Editors: [Nicole Denmark](#), [Kyle Peplinski](#), [Mariel Sparr](#), [Judy Labiner-Wolfe](#), [Susan Zaid](#), [Pooja Gupta](#), [Kassie Mae Miller](#)

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Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Volume 38 Issue 7, October 2018

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The Milbank Quarterly

A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy

Volume 96, Issue 3 Pages: 409-605 September 2018

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Volume 562 Issue 7725, 4 October 2018

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[An abstract drawing from the 73,000-year-old levels at Blombos Cave, South Africa](#)

A silcrete flake with a 73,000-year-old cross-hatched ochre drawing, from Blombos Cave, South Africa, demonstrates that early Homo sapiens used a range of media and techniques to produce graphic representations.

Christopher S. Henshilwood, Francesco d'Errico[...] & Luca Pollarolo

Abstract

Abstract and depictive representations produced by drawing—known from Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia after 40,000 years ago—are a prime indicator of modern cognition and behaviour¹. Here we report a cross-hatched pattern drawn with an ochre crayon on a ground silcrete flake recovered from approximately 73,000-year-old Middle Stone Age levels at Blombos Cave, South Africa. Our microscopic and chemical analyses of the pattern confirm that red ochre pigment was intentionally applied to the flake with an ochre crayon. The object comes from a level associated with stone tools of the Still Bay techno-complex that has previously yielded shell beads, cross-hatched engravings on ochre pieces and a variety of innovative technologies^{2,3,4,5}. This notable discovery pre-dates the earliest previously known abstract and figurative drawings by at least 30,000 years. This drawing demonstrates the ability of early Homo sapiens in southern Africa to produce graphic designs on various media using different techniques.

Nature Medicine

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New England Journal of Medicine

October 4, 2018 Vol. 379 No. 14

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Perspective

[Being PrEPared — Preexposure Prophylaxis and HIV Disparities](#)

Robert H. Goldstein, M.D., Ph.D., Carl G. Streed, Jr., M.D., and Sean R. Cahill, Ph.D.

[Initial text]

If current trends persist, one in six U.S. men who have sex with men will be infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).¹ This prediction highlights the long road ahead if we are to end the spread of HIV in the United States, but it does not tell the full story, which is complicated and nuanced. Of the 39,782 new HIV infections that occurred in the United States in 2016, nearly half were in black or Latino men

who have sex with men, and 52% occurred in the South (a region defined by the CDC as Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia).¹ Preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and emtricitabine (TDF–FTC), which the CDC has recommended since 2014 as a safe and very effective method of preventing HIV infection in high-risk populations, is an underused tool for reducing this alarming imbalance...

Review Article

Frontiers in Medicine: Next-Generation Sequencing to Diagnose Suspected Genetic Disorders

David R. Adams, M.D., Ph.D., and Christine M. Eng, M.D.

The technologies and chemistries underlying next-generation sequencing of DNA are evolving rapidly. This review describes the three main approaches to obtaining a genetic diagnosis through next-generation sequencing, their advantages, and their limitations.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

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Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

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Pediatrics

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Articles

Timing and Duration of Pre- and Postnatal Homelessness and the Health of Young Children

Megan Sandel, Richard Sheward, Stephanie Ettinger de Cuba, Sharon Coleman, Timothy Heeren, Maureen M. Black, Patrick H. Casey, Mariana Chilton, John Cook, Diana Becker Cutts, Ruth Rose-Jacobs, Deborah A. Frank

Pediatrics Oct 2018, 142 (4) e20174254; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2017-4254

In this study, we illustrate that there is no safe level of homelessness. Our findings justify interventions to stabilize families as quickly as possible in adequate, affordable housing.

Pharmaceutics

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PharmacoEconomics

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PLOS Currents: Disasters

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[Process of Development of a County-wide Crisis Care Plan – Riverside County, California, 2016-7](#)

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Introduction: Disasters with substantial impacts to the health care and public health systems can have multiple reverberating effects, including the need to alter the medical standard of care as well as centrally control scarce medical resources. A current crisis care plan can help to establish an ethical and operational framework for stakeholders before such a disaster takes place. However, there are few examples of such a plan that cover large areas and health jurisdictions. This article describes the process of developing such a “Crisis Care Plan.”

Methods: Plan developers from the Riverside County Department of Public Health and Riverside County Emergency Management Department first developed an ethical framework for decision making, followed by the development of a full operational crisis care plan with conditions for activation, life cycle and deactivation. The plan was then reviewed by major county stakeholders, including local emergency medical services, the county medical association and the hospital association, and additional comments incorporated. Before the final plan is implemented it will be submitted for public review and provider training materials will be developed.

Results: The development of a prerequisite ethical framework helped to reduce the risk that the operational plan would cause or exacerbate care disparities by informing a blinded, objective process for evaluating resource requests centrally prior to distribution. The ethical framework served to establish the grounding principle of all lives having an equal claim on value. Stakeholders recognized the need for such a Crisis Care Plan and agreed with the underlying ethical principles. Stakeholders also contributed useful recommendations to enable the plan to operate in as successful a manner as possible under the difficult conditions within which it would exist.

Discussion: The development of a clear ethical framework and the early identification and involvement of stakeholders can enable even very large health jurisdictions to construct crisis care plans that enable the best care under difficult circumstances, while protecting individual rights and incorporating the concerns of the public and the health care community.

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PLoS One

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Research Article

[Health system measurement: Harnessing machine learning to advance global health](#)

Further improvements in population health in low- and middle-income countries demand high-quality care to address an increasingly complex burden of disease. Health facility surveys provide an important but costly source of information on readiness to provide care. To improve the efficiency of health system measurement, we applied unsupervised machine learning methods to assess the performance of the service readiness index (SRI) defined by the World Health Organization and compared it to empirically derived indices.

Hannah H. Leslie, Xin Zhou, Donna Spiegelman, Margaret E. Kruk

Research Article | published 05 Oct 2018 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0204958>

Research Article

[Oral cholera vaccine coverage during a preventive door-to-door mass vaccination campaign in Nampula, Mozambique](#)

In addition to improving water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) measures and optimal case management, the introduction of Oral cholera vaccine (OCV) is a complementary strategy for cholera prevention and control for vulnerable population groups. In October 2016, the Mozambique Ministry of Health implemented a mass vaccination campaign using a two-dose regimen of the Shanchol™ OCV in six high-risk neighborhoods of Nampula city, in Northern Mozambique. Overall 193,403 people were targeted by the campaign, which used a door-to-door strategy. During campaign follow-up, a population survey was conducted to assess: (1) OCV coverage; (2) frequency of adverse events following immunization; (3) vaccine acceptability and (4) reasons for non-vaccination.

Cynthia Semá Baltazar, Florentina Rafael, José Paulo M. Langa, Sergio Chicumbe, Philippe Cavailler, Bradford D. Gessner, Lorenzo Pezzoli, Américo Barata, Dores Zaina, Dortéia L. Inguane, Martin A. Mengel, Aline Munier

Research Article | published 03 Oct 2018 PLOS ONE

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Research Article

[Predictive models for charitable giving using machine learning techniques](#)

Leily Farrokhvar, Azadeh Ansari, Behrooz Kamali

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Abstract

Private giving represents more than three fourths of all U.S. charitable donations, about 2% of total Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Private giving is a significant factor in funding the nonprofit sector of the U.S. economy, which accounts for more than 10% of total GDP. Despite the abundance of data

available through tax forms and other sources, it is unclear which factors influence private donation, and a reliable predictive mechanism remains elusive. This study aims to develop predictive models to accurately estimate future charitable giving based on a set of potentially influential factors. We have selected several factors, including unemployment rate, household income, poverty level, population, sex, age, ethnicity, education level, and number of vehicles per household. This study sheds light on the relationship between donation and these variables. We use Stepwise Regression to identify the most influential variables among the available variables, based on which predictive models are developed. Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) and machine learning techniques, including Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Support Vector Regression (SVR) are used to develop the predictive models. The results suggest that population, education level, and the amount of charitable giving in the previous year are the most significant, independent variables. We propose three predictive models (MLR, ANN, and SVR) and validate them using 10-fold cross-validation method, then evaluate the performance using 9 different measuring criteria. All three models are capable of predicting the amount of future donations in a given region with good accuracy. Based on the evaluation criteria, using a test data set, ANN outperforms SVR and MLR in predicting the amount of charitable giving in the following year.

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

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[Private provision of public goods by environmental groups](#)

Laura Grant and Christian Langpap

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Abstract

Many environmental nonprofit groups are assumed to provide public goods. While an extensive literature examines why donors join and give to nonprofits, none directly tests whether donations actually provide public goods. We seek such a test by using a common form of environmental organization: watershed groups. We find their increased presence resulted in lower dissolved oxygen deficiency and higher proportions of swimmable and fishable water bodies. Increased donations to and expenditures by the groups also improved water quality. Thus, private groups likely played a role in mitigating environmental problems. Overall, our results indicate private provision of a public good by nonprofit organizations.

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

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[Health and sustainable development; strengthening peri-operative care in low income countries to improve maternal and neonatal outcomes](#)

Authors: Isabella Epiu, Josaphat Byamugisha, Andrew Kwikiriza and Meg Amy Autry

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Original Research Article

[Assessing the Effects of Information About Global Population Growth on Risk Perceptions and Support for Mitigation and Prevention Strategies](#)

Ian G. J. Dawson

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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Special Issue - Diving within Saturn's rings

Policy Forum

[Agricultural research, or a new bioweapon system?](#)

By R. G. Reeves, S. Voeneky, D. Caetano-Anollés, F. Beck, C. Boëte

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Insect-delivered horizontal genetic alteration is concerning

Summary

Agricultural genetic technologies typically achieve their agronomic aims by introducing laboratory-generated modifications into target species' chromosomes. However, the speed and flexibility of this approach are limited, because modified chromosomes must be vertically inherited from one generation to the next. In an effort to remove this limitation, an ongoing research program funded by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) aims to disperse infectious genetically modified viruses that have been engineered to edit crop chromosomes directly in fields. This is genetic engineering through horizontal transfer, as opposed to vertical inheritance. The regulatory, biological, economic, and societal implications of dispersing such horizontal environmental genetic alteration agents (HEGAAs) into ecosystems are profound. Further, this program stipulates that the means of

delivery of these viral HEGAAs into the environment should be insect-based dispersion (1). In the context of the stated aims of the DARPA program, it is our opinion that the knowledge to be gained from this program appears very limited in its capacity to enhance U.S. agriculture or respond to national emergencies (in either the short or long term). Furthermore, there has been an absence of adequate discussion regarding the major practical and regulatory impediments toward realizing the projected agricultural benefits. As a result, the program may be widely perceived as an effort to develop biological agents for hostile purposes and their means of delivery, which—if true—would constitute a breach of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).

Social Science & Medicine

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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

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This year, for its 42nd session, the World Heritage Committee is hosted by Bahrain in its capital city of Manama. Bahrain has long dedicated its support to the World Heritage Convention, and already chaired the Committee for its 35th session in 2011, at UNESCO Headquarters.

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