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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.



Human Rights – Children

[Statement by UN Child Rights Experts on Universal Children’s Day](#)

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

New York/Geneva – Today, as **we celebrate Universal Children’s Day and the 29th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, UN child rights experts* urge Governments around the world to be united in ensuring priority attention to the realization of the rights of the child and to accelerating efforts for implementation of the Convention, the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history.**

“While ratification of the Convention is nearly universal, commitments must be renewed and translated into concrete action to promote their effective enjoyment by every child. Every policy decision has an impact on children entitled to care, support and protection from neglect, abuse and exploitation, and to develop capacities and talents to reach their full potential. The best way to leave no child behind is to put children first to ensure that no child grows up in a world of fear, violence and hopelessness,” said the experts.

The Convention was adopted on 20 November 1989 and much progress has been made in the protection of children’s rights through investment in children, the enactment and enforcement of legislation and public policies, and the establishment of institutions to safeguard children’s rights. The Convention has been reinforced by three Optional Protocols: to prevent and address the involvement of children in armed conflict; to prevent and address the sale of children and their exploitation in prostitution and pornography; and, to enable children to challenge violations of their rights through a communications procedure before the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

“However, more and better work needs to be done in a changing world which presents major challenges compromising the universal realization of children’s rights,” said the experts. “Today, millions of vulnerable children continue to be left behind, including child victims of violence, conflict and sexual exploitation, migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking children, children living in poverty, children with disabilities, and children belonging to indigenous and minority groups.”

“Today, the principles and provisions of the Convention are as relevant as ever and they are a crucial reference for the effective implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,” said the experts. “For millions of children affected by discrimination, poverty, violence, conflict, sexual exploitation and abuse – for all children left behind – we must transform the continuum of violence, deprivation and discrimination that shapes their lives into a continuum of protection of their fundamental rights.”

“Children are key agents of change and their voices must be heard and their participation ensured to help address the pressing issues that they face,” said the experts. “Efforts by Governments, by non-

state actors, by civil society organizations and by individuals must be urgently reinforced to always put children above politics, to safeguard their rights and to create a better world for all.”

“Today, as we head into 2019 and the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, we remind all Governments of their obligations under the Convention,” said the experts. “Inaction or measures that do not respect the rights and best interests of the child have a negative, long-term impact – not only for the child’s development and well-being – but also on society as a whole.”

“We call upon all states which have not yet done so, to put children first and above politics, by ratifying and effectively implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its three Optional Protocols,” the experts urged. “The world’s children deserve nothing less.”

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Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

:: The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict is now in force in 168 countries. States parties have committed to ban the compulsory recruitment of children under 18 in armed forces and to ensure that those under the age of 18 do not take part in hostilities.

:: The Optional Protocol on the sale children, child prostitution and child pornography provides detailed guidance to States for the prevention, prohibition and criminalization of the sale and all forms of sexual exploitation of children, as well as to fight impunity for those offences within and across borders, ensuring accountability of perpetrators and redress for child victims. The Protocol is in force in 175 States and nearing universal ratification.

:: The Optional Protocol on a Communications Procedure foresees a system of individual and State’s complaints before the Committee on the Rights of the Child to address the violations of children’s rights, as well as a mechanism of inquiry that the Committee can initiate to investigate grave and systematic violations of the rights of child. This protocol has been ratified by 41 states and signed by 51.

****UN Child Rights Experts***

:: Renate Winter, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

:: Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children

:: Virginia Gamba, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

:: Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material

More on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of the Child:

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

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Education

[Educating Girls and Ending Child marriage : A Priority for Africa](#)

(English) 2018/11/19 :: 70 pages

World Bank Group

Working Paper

PDF: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/268251542653259451/pdf/132200-WP-P168381-PUBLIC-11-20-18-Africa-GE-CM-Conference-Edition2.pdf>

Abstract

Despite progress over the last two decades, girls still have on average lower levels of educational attainment than boys in many African countries, especially at the secondary and tertiary levels. Girls dropping out of school are more likely to marry or have children early, before they may be physically and emotionally ready to become wives and mothers. This may affect their own health. It may also affect that of their children since children of mothers younger than 18 face higher risks of dying by age five and being malnourished. They may also do poorly in school. Other risks for girls and women associated with a lack of education as well as child marriage include intimate partner violence and a lack of decision-making ability in the household. Through lower expected earnings in adulthood and higher fertility over their lifetime, a lack of education for girls as well as child marriage lead to higher rates of poverty for households. This is due to both losses in incomes and higher basic needs from larger household sizes. Low educational attainment for girls may also weaken solidarity in communities and reduce women's participation in society. Lack of education is associated with a lower proclivity to altruistic behaviors, and it curtails women's voice and agency in the household, at work and in institutions. This report documents the negative impacts of low educational attainment for girls, child marriage, and early childbearing for girls in Africa and some of their associated economic costs. The message is clear: educating girls is not only the right thing to do. It also makes economic and strategic sense for countries to fulfill their development potential.

PRESS RELEASE

[Africa Loses Billions of Dollars Due to Child Marriage, Says New World Bank Report](#)

ACCRA, Ghana, November 20, 2018—Child marriage will cost African countries tens of billions of dollars in lost earnings and human capital, says a new World Bank report launched ahead of the African Union Commission's second African Girls Summit on Ending Child Marriage taking place in Ghana this week.

According to *Educating Girls and Ending Child Marriage: A Priority for Africa* report, more than three million (or one third of) girls in Sub-Saharan Africa marry before their 18th birthday each year. Today, the region has the highest prevalence of child marriage in the world. Child brides are much more likely to drop out of school and complete fewer years of education than their peers who marry later. They are also more likely to have children at a young age, which affects their health as well as the education and health of their children.

While many African countries have achieved gender parity in primary education, the report notes that girls lag behind boys at the secondary level. In Sub-Saharan Africa, seven out of 10 girls complete primary education, but only four out of 10 complete lower secondary school.

On average, women who have a secondary education are more likely to work and they earn twice as much as those with no education. Estimates for 12 countries—which account for half of the African continent's population—suggest that through its impact on girls' education, child marriage is costing these countries \$63 billion in lost earnings and human capital wealth.

"Primary education for girls is simply not sufficient. Girls reap the biggest benefits of education when they are able to complete secondary school, but we know that girls very often don't stay in school if

they marry early,” said Quentin Wodon, Lead Economist at the World Bank and principal author of the report.

Child marriage also leads to high fertility rates and population growth, the report notes. If child marriage were ended today, lower population growth would lead to higher standards of living, especially for the poorest.

The report confirms that keeping girls in school is one of the best ways to avoid child marriage. Each year of secondary education reduces the likelihood of marrying as a child before the age of 18 by five percentage points or more.

The report also documents the impact of child marriage and girls’ education on more than three dozen other development outcomes. For example, child marriage leads to higher risk of intimate partner violence, and lower decision-making in the household. Child marriage also affects the well-being of the children of young mothers, including higher risks of mortality and stunting (malnutrition) for children below the age of five.

Educating girls and promoting gender equality is part of a holistic effort at the World Bank, which includes financing and analytical work to keep girls in school, prevent child marriage, improve access to reproductive health services, and strengthen skills and job opportunities for adolescent girls and young women.

The report was published with support from the [Children’s Investment Fund Foundation](#) and the [Global Partnership for Education](#).

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[Access to Medicines Index 2018](#)

Access to Medicine Foundation. November 2018 :: 258 pages

Funders: UK Department for International Development; The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

PDF:

https://accesstomedicinefoundation.org/media/uploads/downloads/5bf82b990058d_5bf6b5facee2e_Access-to-Medicine-Index-2018.pdf

Executive Summary

Globally, two billion people cannot access the medicines they need, with millions in low- and middle-income countries dying each year from diseases because the vaccines, medicines and diagnostic tests that they need are either unavailable or unaffordable. Pharmaceutical companies control products that can greatly alleviate disease burdens; they also have the expertise to meet the need for new and adapted innovative products; the power to address the affordability of those products through more refined access strategies; and the ability to strengthen supply chains and support healthcare infrastructures. Considering their size, resources, pipelines, portfolios and global reach, these companies have a critical role to play in improving access to medicine.

For more than a decade, the Access to Medicine Foundation has worked to stimulate change within pharmaceutical companies. Every two years, it publishes its Access to Medicine Index, which analyses the top 20 research-based pharmaceutical companies and ranks them according to their efforts to

improve access to medicine in developing countries. A total of 69 indicators make up a framework within which company performances relating to 77 diseases, conditions and pathogens in 106 low- and middle-income countries can be compared.

The Index analysis brings out best practices and examples, highlights areas where progress has been made and areas where critical action is required. The Index also acts as a benchmark where companies can compare their own contributions to improving access to medicine with their peers. While companies are held to a single standard, they are different in the way they operate and in their portfolio of investigational and marketed products. The Index is a relative ranking: scores cannot be directly compared between Indices.

The methodology is updated every two years in line with developments in access to medicine following a wide-ranging multi-stakeholder dialogue. For the first time this year, the Index examines company efforts to increase access to cancer products. Also for the first time, the Index zeroes in on 53 products on the market that it considers particularly critical candidates for company access initiatives and evaluates what companies are doing to facilitate their affordability and supply. These are products that are on patent, first-line therapies and on the World Health Organization Model List of Essential Medicines (EML).

This report outlines the key findings and overall ranking analysis of the 2018 Access to Medicine Index before presenting a detailed analysis of company performances and rankings in each of the seven areas of corporate activity it focuses on. The report concludes with detailed, tailored company report cards that explain each company's performance, highlight industry-leading practices and company-specific opportunities to improve access to medicine.

KEY FINDINGS

:: Most priority R&D projects are being conducted by five companies: GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Merck KGaA, Novartis and Sanofi. Such concentration is also seen in the industry's overwhelming focus on five of the 45 priority diseases – malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, Chagas disease and leishmaniasis – targeting that reflects international donor priorities.

:: Access initiatives for cancer focus on pricing but have limited reach, mainly for small population groups and fewer than five key countries on average. Meanwhile, access planning for cancer products in the pipeline lags far behind that for communicable disease candidate products and plans are less comprehensive.

:: The majority of the 53 key on-patent products have an access initiative attached to them, but these are limited in scope, with pricing schemes being applied in fewer than five countries where greater affordability is a priority. Many of these key products with access initiatives are for diseases prioritised by global health donors or international procurers.

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Development – “Least Developed Countries”

[Least Developed Countries Report 2018](#)

Entrepreneurship for structural transformation: Beyond business as usual

UNCTAD 2018 :: 190 pages

Foreword

Nowhere else in the world is radical economic transformation more urgent than in the least developed countries, which have the challenge of accumulating productive capacities at an unprecedented speed, in the face of the rapid reorientation of global production and digital transformation, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

At the centre of radical economic change is transformational entrepreneurship. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2018: Entrepreneurship for Structural Transformation – Beyond Business as Usual* demonstrates how transformational entrepreneurship generates many of the social and economic innovations that underpin sustainable development. Transformational entrepreneurs create new products and business models; they offer dignified employment; their success leads to broader improvements in the quality of life and even bolsters fiscal sustainability. Dynamic entrepreneurs also make a greater contribution to wealth accumulation and distribution.

In the least developed countries, however, underdevelopment and unfavourable forms of participation in global trade constrain the emergence of the dynamic, opportunity-seeking entrepreneurs needed for structural transformation. The dearth of dynamic local entrepreneurship endangers structural transformation and ultimately weakens national ownership and the potential impact of attaining the Sustainable Development Goals in the least developed countries.

The weakness of dynamic entrepreneurship has important implications in the least developed countries, where entrepreneurship policy is often mobilized as an alternative to unemployment and a remedy for structural inequalities. This type of policy is often an imperfect way of fostering high-impact and dynamic entrepreneurship, which requires a distinct and strategic approach and deliberate long-term nurturing that entail coordinated and coherent action and smart policies across a range of relevant policy areas.

The Least Developed Countries Report 2018 presents a compelling case for a structural transformation-centred approach to entrepreneurship policy in the least developed countries. The report underscores entrepreneurship policy based on a fundamental recognition of disparities in the contribution of different types of entrepreneurship to structural transformation and wealth creation. It establishes a more active and proactive stance for the State in steering the emergence of dynamic and transformational local entrepreneurship. Importantly, it calls upon the least developed countries not to overlook the pivotal and complementary role played by large enterprises, alongside medium-sized and smaller enterprises, with a view to the least developed countries formulating deliberate strategies to nurture entrepreneurship that has impact. By encouraging least developed country policymakers to avoid policies that might undervalue the benefits of entrepreneurship, this report makes an invaluable contribution to least developed country efforts to add value to their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mukhisa Kituyi

Secretary-General of UNCTAD

[What are the Least Developed Countries?](#)

UNCTAD/PRESS/IN/2018/008

Geneva, Switzerland, (20 November 2018)

There are 47 countries currently designated by the United Nations as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to which UNCTAD devotes its annual [Least Developed Countries Report](#) published today. They are:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, the Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

This list is reviewed every three years by the Committee for Development Policy, a group of independent experts that reports to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In reporting to ECOSOC, the committee may recommend countries for addition to, or exclusion from (so-called "graduation" from), the list of LDCs.

The committee used per-capita income, human assets, and economic vulnerability criteria in its most recent review in March 2018 (see box below). For all three criteria, the committee uses different thresholds to identify countries to be added to the category and for countries which will graduate.

A country will qualify to be added if it meets the addition thresholds on all three criteria and does not have a population greater than 75 million. Qualification for addition to the list will effectively lead to LDC status only if the relevant country accepts this status.

A country will typically qualify for graduation from LDC status if it has met graduation thresholds under at least two of the three criteria in at least two consecutive triennial reviews of the list.

However, if the three-year average per-capita gross national income of a least developed country has risen to a level at least double the graduation threshold (i.e., \$2,460), and if this performance is considered sustainable, the country will be deemed eligible for graduation regardless of its score under the other two criteria.

The overall graduation landscape following the March 2018 review comprises:

- :: Five cases of graduation: Angola, Bhutan, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, of which two have a known graduation date: Vanuatu (December 2020) and Angola (February 2021);
- :: Two hypothetical graduation cases, subject to a decision by member States: Kiribati and Tuvalu
- :: Two cases in which the Committee for Development Policy deferred consideration of the question of graduation: Nepal and Timor-Leste
- :: Three cases of pre-eligibility for graduation (and likely full eligibility in 2021): Bangladesh, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar

This means that as of 2018 there were 12 countries eligible or pre-eligible for graduation from LDCs. Adding these 12 qualifying cases to the two countries that have graduated since 2011 (Samoa and Equatorial Guinea) – and considering the addition of South Sudan in 2012 – the overall graduation performance by 2018 amounts to a 29% qualification ratio...

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2017 Illicit Trade Report

World Customs Organization (WCO)

November 2018 :: 205 pages

PDF: http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/enforcement-and-compliance/activities-and-programmes/illicit-trade-report/itr_2017_en.pdf?db=web

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Since its inception in 2012, the World Customs Organization's (WCO) annual Illicit Trade Report has aimed to contribute to the study of the phenomenon of illicit trade through in-depth analysis of seizure data and case studies voluntarily submitted by Member Customs administrations from around the globe. By quantifying and mapping the situation in six key areas of Customs enforcement (cultural heritage, drugs, environment, intellectual property rights/health and safety, revenue assurance and security), it is hoped that this Report will provide a better understanding of current cross-border criminal activities and contribute to information currently available on illicit trade.

The Report is composed of six sections relating to key areas of risks in the context of Customs enforcement:

- **Illicit trafficking of stolen or looted cultural objects** that include both archaeological objects and works of art;
- **Drug trafficking**, including cultivation, manufacture, distribution and sale of substances subject to drug prohibition laws;
- **Environmental risks relating to trafficking of endangered species, hazardous and toxic waste**, ozone-depleting substances, and trading of indigenous or protected timber, etc.;
- **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), and health and safety risks** relating to trade in counterfeit or illicit goods, particularly products which pose a serious threat to health and safety, such as pharmaceuticals (including veterinary medicines), foodstuffs, toys and sub-standard items (such as electrical components and spare parts);
- **Revenue risks, including leakage, through the smuggling of highly taxed goods** such as tobacco, alcohol and motor spirits, plus commercial fraud activities such as under-valuation, misuse of origin and preferential duties, misclassification and drawback fraud;
- **Security risks, including terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction**, trafficking of small arms and explosives, and diversion of dual-use goods.

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Ebola - Democratic Republic of the Congo

WHO statement on latest attacks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Statement

17 November 2018, Geneva

Following deadly attacks on Friday in the town of Beni, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ebola response activities are continuing.

While all WHO, Ministry of Health and partner staff are safe and accounted for, 16 WHO staff were evacuated to Goma for psychological care after their residence was hit by a shell which did not explode.

Ebola response operations were on-going but limited in Beni on Saturday.

Vaccination was suspended and the operations centre was closed, but teams still went out into the communities to follow up on some alerts of potential cases, to meet contacts and ensure they are still well, and to bring sick people to treatment centres. The treatment centers, which are run by partners, remained operational.

The response was not affected in areas outside Beni. On Sunday, all activities have re-launched, including vaccination.

“WHO will continue to work side-by-side with the ministry and our partners to bring this Ebola outbreak to an end,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “We honour the memory of those who have died battling this outbreak, and deplore the continuing threats on the security of those still working to end it.”

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16: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu

21 November 2018

[Excerpt]

Implementation of ring vaccination protocol

:: Vaccination activities were paused in Beni after the security incidents on 16 November 2018, but continued in Katwa, Butembo, Vuhovi and Kalunguta.

:: As of 19 November 2018, 518 new contacts were vaccinated in 13 rings in affected health zones, bringing the cumulative number of people vaccinated to 32 626. The current stock of vaccine in Beni is 5920 doses.

DONs Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo

22 November 2018

[Excerpt]

WHO risk assessment

...As the risk of national and regional spread is very high, it is important for neighbouring provinces and countries to enhance surveillance and preparedness activities. The International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) Emergency Committee has advised that failing to intensify these preparedness and surveillance activities would lead to worsening conditions and further spread. WHO will continue to work with neighbouring countries and partners to ensure that health authorities are alerted and are operationally prepared to respond.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 20 November 2018 [GPEI]

:: The Islamic Advisory Group (IAG) for Polio Eradication concluded its fifth annual meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 14 November 2018, reaffirming a renewed commitment to continue supporting the

Global Polio Eradication Initiative, protecting children against all vaccine-preventable diseases and expanding its mandate to support other health priorities. The full meeting statement is available [here](#).

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan – five wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples.

Pakistan - one WPV1 positive environmental sample.

Papua New Guinea – three cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1).

DRC- one case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2).

Nigeria – two cases of cVDPV2..

Somalia - two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.

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Editor's Note:

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

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 24 Nov 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [16: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 21 November 2018

:: DONs [Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) 22 November 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: [330,000 Rohingyas and host community to get cholera vaccine in Cox's Bazar](#)

SEAR/PR/1702 Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 17 November 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

:: [Weekly Situation Report 51 -15 November 2018 pdf, 545kb](#)

Myanmar

:: [330,000 Rohingyas and host community to get cholera vaccine in Cox's Bazar](#)

17 November 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

[Nigeria](#) - No new announcements identified

[Somalia](#) - No new announcements identified

[South Sudan](#) - No new announcements identified

[Syrian Arab Republic](#) - No new announcements identified

[Yemen](#) - No new announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 24 Nov 2018]

[Brazil \(in Portugese\)](#) - No new announcements identified

[Cameroon](#) - No new announcements identified

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified*
Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified*
Hurricane Irma and Maria in the Caribbean - *No new announcements identified*
Iraq - *No new announcements identified*
occupied Palestinian territory - *No new announcements identified*
Libya - *No new announcements identified*
MERS-CoV - *No new announcements identified*
Niger - *No new announcements identified*
Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new announcements identified*
Sudan - *No new announcements identified*
Ukraine - *No new announcements identified*
Zimbabwe - *No new announcements identified*

WHO-AFRO: Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 46: 10-16 November 2018

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 53 events in the region. This week's edition covers key ongoing events, including:

- :: Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Cholera in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Cholera in Cameroon
- :: Humanitarian crisis in Central African Republic
- :: Humanitarian crisis in north-east Nigeria.

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 24 Nov 2018]

Afghanistan
Chad
Indonesia - Sulawesi earthquake 2018
Kenya
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Mali
Namibia - viral hepatitis
Peru
Philippines - Typhoon Mangkhut
Tanzania

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Yemen

:: Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering 7 - 21 November 2018 | Is ...

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified.*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified.*

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“Other Emergencies”

Indonesia: Central Sulawesi Earthquake –

:: 18 November 2018 Central Sulawesi Earthquake & Tsunami: Humanitarian Country Team Situation Report #8 (as of 16 November 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 24 Nov 2018]

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

23 November 2018

SG/SM/19361-OBV/1841-PAL/2229

Secretary-General Urges Israel, Palestine to Realize Two-State Solution Promise, in Message for International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People

20 November 2018

GA/12091

Member States Call for Removing Veto Power, Expanding Security Council to Include New Permanent Seats, as General Assembly Debates Reform Plans for 15-Member Organ

To meet emerging challenges of today’s increasingly complex international security and peace architecture, the United Nations Security Council must adapt, reform and expand its membership to include underrepresented regions, particularly Africa, the General Assembly heard today.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Top News

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[States have legal obligations to prevent and alleviate climate change – Bachelet](#)

[Experts call for end to global epidemic of femicide](#)

[Nicaragua must stop repression of human rights – UN experts](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 24 Nov 2018]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

21 November 2018

[Legal changes and climate of hatred threaten migrants' rights in Italy, say UN experts](#)

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

[Statement by UN Child Rights Experts on Universal Children's Day](#)

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SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 24 Nov 2018]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/culturalrights/pages/srculturalrightsindex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>
21 November 2018

[Legal changes and climate of hatred threaten migrants' rights in Italy, say UN experts](#)

UN OCHA [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://www.unocha.org/media-centre/press-releases>
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[Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq: Relief Assistance Underway for Victims of Flooding, Pledges Continued Support for Government of Iraq Emergency Response Effort](#)

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[Civilians need urgent protection and assistance in the Central African Republic.](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://centre.humdata.org/>
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UNICEF [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>
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[Four children killed on their way to school south of the city of Mosul](#)
Statement by Peter Hawkins, UNICEF Representative in Iraq
23/11/2018

Statement
[Joint Statement on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - 25 November](#)

Statement by the Heads of UN agencies, UNDP, UNICEF, UN WOMEN and UNFPA, calling for solidarity with survivors and survivor advocates and women's human rights defenders who are working to prevent and end violence against women and girls
23/11/2018

Statement

[Joint statement by Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, and Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, on the Situation in Yemen](#)

22/11/2018

Press release

[Millie Bobby Brown named UNICEF's youngest-ever Goodwill Ambassador](#)

Stranger Things star appointed on World Children's Day, when children around the world unite for their rights and 'take-over' key roles in government, entertainment and business
19/11/2018

Press release

[Deep inequality continues to shape the lives of children in Iraq](#)

First comprehensive study on the wellbeing of children in seven years
19/11/2018

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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[Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh switch to environmentally friendly LPG](#) 23 Nov 2018

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[Statement of UNHCR on the need to create conditions in Myanmar that are conducive to refugee returns](#) 23 Nov 2018

[UNHCR appeals for more resettlement, end to detention as Libya evacuations near 2,500](#)

23 Nov 2018

[Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees visits Iraq, pledges UNHCR's support through a time of transition](#) 22 Nov 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

[IOM Supports Governments of Burundi, Tanzania to Strengthen Humanitarian Border Management](#)

2018-11-23 15:24

Bujumbura/Dar es Salaam – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is working with the governments of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania to strengthen the capacities of border institutions in the two countries to effectively manage mass border-crossings through a humanitarian...

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 104,506 in 2018; Deaths Reach 2,075

2018-11-23 15:23

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 104,506 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 18 November.

Real-time IOM Crisis Communications System Deployed to Help Save Lives During Ebola Response in DR Congo

2018-11-20 16:22

Geneva – The World Health Organization is now using IOM's innovative Security Communications and Analysis Network (SCAAN) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to support the security of its staff fighting the Ebola epidemic.

UNAIDS [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

22 November 2018

Access to quality medicines and gender-based violence discussed in Ethiopia

In order to highlight the need for sustainable and affordable access to quality medicines, the Executive Director of UNAIDS, Michel Sidibé, spoke about the necessity of implementing the *African Union Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan*. Speaking at the opening ceremony of Africa Industrialization Week 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he called for close cooperation with regional economic communities in order to build production cooperation hubs and lead pharmaceutical regulatory harmonization in Africa...

20 November 2018..

Yekaterinburg to be the first Russian city to sign the Paris Declaration

WHO & Regional Offices [to 24 Nov 2018]

News Release

WHO and partners launch new country-led response to put stalled malaria control efforts back on track

Reductions in malaria cases have stalled after several years of decline globally, according to the new [World malaria report 2018](#). To get the reduction in malaria deaths and disease back on track, WHO and partners are joining a new country-led response, launched today, to scale up prevention and treatment, and increased investment, to protect vulnerable people from the deadly disease.

For the second consecutive year, the annual report produced by WHO reveals a plateauing in numbers of people affected by malaria: in 2017, there were an estimated 219 million cases of malaria, compared to 217 million the year before. But in the years prior, the number of people contracting malaria globally had been steadily falling, from 239 million in 2010 to 214 million in 2015.

"Nobody should die from malaria. But the world faces a new reality: as progress stagnates, we are at risk of squandering years of toil, investment and success in reducing the number of people suffering from the disease," says Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "We recognise we have to do something different – now. So today we are launching a country-focused and -led plan to

take comprehensive action against malaria by making our work more effective where it counts most – at local level.”..

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: WHO calls on African countries to mobilize additional resources for the malaria response
22 November 2018

Uganda Intensifies Ebola Community Engagement to Reach Individuals, Families, the Vulnerable and Hard-to-Reach Populations 22 November 2018

Nigeria to vaccinate 26 million people in 2nd phase of biggest-ever yellow fever vaccination campaign
22 November 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: WHO and partners launch new country-led response to put stalled malaria control efforts back on track (11/19/2018)

:: Mobile application to facilitate introduction of a pill to prevent new cases of HIV in Latin America
(11/19/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: WHO felicitates Nepal for trachoma elimination, rubella control

:: 330,000 Rohingyas and host community to get cholera vaccine in Cox’s Bazar

WHO European Region EURO

:: Early diagnosis means successful treatment: 2 men living with HIV in Greece share their experience
23-11-2018

:: Multicountry conference puts spotlight on importance of breastfeeding 22-11-2018

:: Celebrating success and inspiring progress on World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse 19-11-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO ready to assist Islamic Republic of Iran to improve road safety 21 November 2018

:: WHO investigates the mass death of fish in Iraq 20 November 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

- *No new announcement identified*

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

22/11/18

Eradication isn’t the end of the Rinderpest story

OIE and FAO launch Global Action Plan to keep the world free of deadly cattle plague

...To maintain the global freedom from Rinderpest and prevent any re-introduction of the disease, the two agencies have developed a [Global Action Plan](#) published today. The plan is meant to be a guiding material for countries, outlining the responsibilities of all involved to maintain the freedom...

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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[International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#)

Statement by the Heads of UN agencies, UNDP, UNICEF, UN WOMEN and UNFPA, calling for solidarity with survivors and survivor advocates and women's human rights defenders who are working to prevent and...

Posted on November 21, 2018

[UN Development chief welcomes increase in funding from the Netherlands](#)

UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner wrapped up a two day visit to The Netherlands today where he met with senior Dutch officials to discuss their leadership on priority issues such as climate change...

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23 Nov 2018 *Press release*

[A global venture to make Green Fins standards on sustainable diving the social norm](#)

21 November 2018: PADI, the world's largest diving association has joined forces with the Reef World Foundation, supported by UN Environment, to promote sustainable diving practices for the protection of the marine...

23 Nov 2018 *Press release*

Religious and indigenous leaders join forces on initiative to end tropical deforestation in Colombia

Bogota, 22 November 2018 – In an unprecedented and historic show of unity, leaders from every major faith tradition today joined indigenous peoples, Afro-Colombian communities, climate scientists, and NGOs in pledging to defend the Amazon and end deforestation.

The Interfaith Rainforest Initiative in Colombia was launched today at an event in Bogota convened by UN Environment and a coalition of Colombian and global multi-faith partners. Through the initiative, religious leaders from diverse spiritual traditions come together to express the urgent moral responsibility they share to put an end to the destruction of Colombia's forests and protect indigenous peoples forest guardians...

22 Nov 2018 *Press release*

Countries meet to address mercury as global emissions rise by 20%

Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP2) is taking place from 19 to 23 November 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. Rising mercury emissions place pressure on international...

19 Nov 2018 *Press release*

With 15% of terrestrial and 7% of marine areas now protected, world on track to meet conservation targets.

More than 20 million km² of the earth's land surface and nearly 27 million km² of marine areas are designated as 'Protected Areas'. These figures indicate that the world is on track to meet important conservation targets....

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23 Nov 2018

Rome Declaration on DRR adopted

The Rome Declaration was adopted today at the close of the European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction, spelling out the challenges facing the region.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

16 November 2018, *New York*

The geospatial way to a better world

Governments and businesses are challenged to combat hunger, poverty, water scarcity, climate change, disasters and other perils, and to provide peace and prosperity for its people, leaving no one behind. Addressing these challenges requires evidence-based policy making, which is achievable with the use of geospatial data, statistical data and applicable technologies. Everything – all our challenges – happens somewhere and can be located, mapped, viewed, measured, analyzed, modelled and

monitored. Geospatial tools when applied, allows us to gain insight into data, reveal patterns and relationships which helps us to make better decisions and chart the way to a more sustainable world.

To explore these opportunities further, 1,500 representatives from the global geospatial information management community will gather for the first UN World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) on 19-21 November 2018 in Deqing, China.

Ministers of governments, leaders from national mapping and geospatial information management organizations, the private sector, academia, international organizations and the UN System will examine critical new and emerging issues, exchange information, design solutions and create partnerships to ensure that geospatial information facilitate social, economic and environmental development...

UNESCO [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

25 November 2018

[UNESCO says NO to violence against women](#)

23 November 2018

[International expert meeting to put spotlight on right to quality education for refugees](#)

23 November 2018

[UNESCO and the European Union join forces with lawyers, police and customs officers to curb illicit trafficking in cultural property](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

19/11/2018 –

[Sharp drops in opium poppy cultivation, price of dry opium in Afghanistan, latest UNODC survey reveals](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Posted November 21, 2018

[Local government experts discuss sustainable urban development at the Africities 8 Summit](#)

Marrakesh, Morocco 20 November 2018 – Thousands of local government experts are attending the Africities 8 summit to discuss improving people's lives in Africa's urban areas by adopting sustainable development policies. A flagship pan-African event organized by...

Posted November 20, 2018

[Executive Director's Statement on the occasion of World Children's Day 20 November 2018](#)

Today, World Children's Day, is an occasion to recognize the future. Children embody our potential to change the world. As we celebrate World Children's Day today, let us reflect on our obligation, to our generation and theirs,...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/21-11-2018>

Latin America and the Caribbean suffers setback in fight against rural poverty

The first edition of FAO's Panorama of Rural Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean warns of a historical reversal in the struggle to improve rural welfare in the region. Rural poverty grew by two million people between 2014 and 2016, reaching a total of 59 million.

The Vatican joins FAO to denounce labour abuses in fishing industry

"We (FAO and the Holy See) convey a joint message urging an end to the violation of human rights within the fishing sector, and we call for an end to illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing," FAO Director-General Jose Graziano da Silva said at an event celebrating World Fisheries Day.

21-11-2018

Innovation in agriculture vital to address future food challenges

Rapid advances in agricultural innovation that address climate change and support family farmers are crucial if the Sustainable Development Goals are to be achieved, FAO's Director-General told the opening session of the first International Symposium on Agricultural Innovation for Family Farmers.

21-11-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>

Forced and child labour

Major progress on forced labour and child labour in Uzbekistan cotton fields

22 November 2018

International Labour Organization monitors say that forced labour during the cotton harvest in Uzbekistan has been significantly reduced. As in previous years child labour is no longer a concern.

Global Commission on the Future of Work

ILO Global Commission wraps up final meeting ahead of landmark report

22 November 2018

Commissioners finalize details of their independent report on the future of work, to be published in January 2019 - the start of the ILO's Centenary.

Joint Maritime Commission

ILO body adopts new minimum monthly wage for seafarers

21 November 2018

The mechanism for setting the minimum monthly wage for able seafarers is the only one in the International Labour Organization (ILO) that sets the basic wage for any industry.

Responsible supply chains

ILO, EU and OECD join forces for responsible supply chains

20 November 2018

The ILO launches a new project on responsible supply chains in the Philippines with the EU and the OECD to promote corporate social responsibility and responsible business conduct with regard to decent work, international labour standards, environmental sustainability and respect for human rights.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23/11/18

[Caribbean Community States affirm infrastructure and connectivity commitments as critical to sustainable air transport development](#)

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Publish Date: 20 November 2018

[Greenhouse gas levels in atmosphere reach new record](#)

Press Release

Levels of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have reached another new record high, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). There is no sign of a reversal in this trend, which is driving long-term climate change, sea level rise, ocean acidification and more extreme weather.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Saturday 24. November 2018

[UPU, IOM and Burundi Post proud to expand money transfer service to country's diaspora](#)

Remittance service enables individuals from isolated rural areas to receive money from abroad at fair rates in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Press release

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 20 November 2018

[Pricing it right](#)

Price transparency is one way of gaining consumer trust by making purchasing choices easier. A new standard for unit pricing will help consumers compare products quickly and effectively, a win-win solution for all.

ISO 21041, Guidance on unit pricing, aims to clear up the confusion by defining unit pricing systems and enhancing transparency of pricing information.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

22 November 2018

[UNWTO Features as Tourism Enters Ibero-American Cooperation Agenda](#)

Madrid, Spain, 22 November 2018 – The 26th Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (La Antigua, Guatemala, 15-16 November) concluded with a high-level political declaration on sustainable development in which tourism plays a key supporting role. The commitment, which includes the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), marks the first time the tourism sector has been featured in a top-level multilateral cooperation agenda.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

18 November 2018

[Governments set stage to take ambitious actions for nature and people: UN Biodiversity Conference opens in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt](#)

:: 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference opened with the participation of the President of Egypt and other international dignitaries

:: Conference expected to renew ambition to achieve global biodiversity targets by 2020

:: Parties will begin roadmap for negotiations of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

:: Convention celebrates its 25th anniversary and aims to fulfill its 2050 Vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature"

:: Over eight thousand delegates expected to attend the two-week global meeting. Attendees include delegates from the Convention's 196 Parties as well as representatives from civil society, private sector, sub-national governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and youth

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USAID [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green on Genocide Convictions in Cambodia](#)

November 20, 2018

Statement

On November 16, 2018, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) convicted former Khmer Rouge senior leaders Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan of genocide, crimes against humanity, and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The court's guilty verdicts are the first official acknowledgement that the regime's crimes constitute genocide as defined under international law. Up to two million people are believed to have died at the hands of the Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1979.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has supported the ECCC since its 2005 inception by assisting the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-CAM) build a publicly accessible historical record of the Khmer Rouge's atrocities. Introduced as evidence during the trials, these records were part of public-education campaigns about the Khmer Rouge period, and appear in Cambodian textbooks to educate future generations about the Khmer Rouge's crimes. DC-CAM and its founder and executive director, Youk Chhang, played a critical role in these milestone verdicts.

The arc of justice, while often long and difficult, is worth pursuing. Last week's rulings should bring hope to courageous seekers of truth and accountability in Cambodia, and in other nations that are struggling to reconcile with past atrocities. They should also send a strong warning to governments or other actors that seek to perpetrate systematic repression and violence against their people. USAID is proud of our efforts in Cambodia, and around the world, to safeguard the rights of the most vulnerable, expand access to justice, and foster more citizen-responsive governance.

USAID Releases New Education Policy

November 15, 2018

Today, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a new education policy to guide the Agency's investments in international education. This new policy will focus resources on programs that produce measurable learning outcomes for students...

USAID's Education Policy has four priorities: 1) increasing access to quality education that is safe, relevant, and promotes social well-being; 2) ensuring children and youth gain quantifiable literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills that are foundational to future learning and success; 3) fostering skills needed to lead productive lives, gain employment, and contribute positively to society; and 4) build the capacity of higher education institutions in developing countries to conduct and apply research, deliver quality education, and engage with communities. This new policy will also increase USAID's engagement with faith-based and private-sector schools...

DFID [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

Lord Ahmad announces funding boost for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict

23 November 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

UK aid makes largest ever investment to help end FGM worldwide by 2030

23 November 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23/11/2018

EU aid in Sudan: €18 million to help people displaced by conflict

As millions of people continue to be in need of humanitarian assistance in Sudan, the European Commission has announced an additional €18 million in emergency aid. This brings total EU humanitarian funding in Sudan for 2018 to €41 million...

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African Union [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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November 26, 2018 to November 30, 2018

[6TH AU Annual Humanitarian Symposium "Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa", Nairobi, Kenya](#)

November 22, 2018

[Outcome of the Investigation of allegations of harassment against women and other institutional malpractices in the African Union Commission](#)

November 18, 2018

[Partnership for Digital Identity Launched](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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[ASEAN private companies win HIV/AIDS initiatives awards](#)

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 November 2018 – Seven ASEAN private companies were recognized at the Second ASEAN Red Ribbon for Outstanding Workplaces (ARROW) Award Ceremony and Forum held in Kuala Lumpur today. These companies were awarded for their remarkable actions to prevent and control HIV in the workplace, raise HIV awareness of workers, and promote non-discriminatory policies and [...]

European Commission [to 24 Nov 2018]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>
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[EU steps up humanitarian support in Sudan](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 23 November 2018 As millions of people continue to be in need of humanitarian assistance in Sudan, the Commission has announced an additional €18 million in emergency aid. This brings total EU humanitarian funding in Sudan for 2018 to €41 million.

[Stop violence against women: Statement by the European Commission and the High Representative on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 23 November 2018 "Ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we reaffirm our commitment to ending violence against women and girls. Violence against women is a grave violation of human rights and yet it is still widespread across the world.

[EU Trust Fund for Africa: five new programmes adopted for the Sahel and Lake Chad region](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 19 November 2018 The European Commission has adopted five new programmes worth over €141 million under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa.

Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica said: "Our new EU programmes, worth €141 million, are particularly focusing on important..."

OECD [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

22/11/2018

Medicines Regulatory Authorities in OIC Countries Adopt 8-Point Agenda to Attain Self-Reliance in Halal Certified Medicines and Vaccines

At the end of their two-day meeting in Jakarta, Heads of National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) from OIC Member States have adopted an 8-point agenda to promote collaboration for self-reliance in the production and supply of Halal certified affordable and quality medicines and vaccines (2019-2021). The agenda includes the need to intensify cooperation and working together with pharmaceutical industries through investing in R&Ds for Halal medicine and vaccine in the OIC Member States.

Al-Othaimeen: OIC will Spare no Effort in Supporting its Member States to Achieve Self-reliance in Producing Medicines and Vaccines

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen has expressed the resolve of the OIC leaders to ensure that Member States attain self-reliance in the production and supply of affordable and quality medicines and vaccines.

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Group of 77 [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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Press Releases

23 Nov 2018 –

Past and future of maritime transport examined by special publication marking 50 years of UNCTAD work on shipping

20 Nov 2018 –

World's poorest countries must nurture dynamic businesses that create jobs and help end poverty

20 Nov 2018 –

What are the Least Developed Countries?

[See Week in Review above for detail]

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

21 November 2018

The WCO releases the 2017 Illicit Trade Report

The World Customs Organization (WCO) released today the 2017 Illicit Trade Report, the annual publication in which the Organization tries to quantify and map the situation concerning illicit markets in the following six key areas: Cultural Heritage; Drugs; Environment; IPR, Health and Safety; Revenue; and Security.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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WTO, UNCTAD, ITC sign MoU to provide businesses with better access to trade data

The WTO, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre (ITC) signed today (23 November) a Memorandum of Understanding to advance the development of an online platform — the Global Trade Helpdesk — aimed at providing businesses, and particularly small businesses, with faster and easier access to trade data and information on potential export markets.

22 November 2018

WTO report shows sharp rise in trade-restrictive measures from G20 economies

The WTO's 20th monitoring report on Group of 20 (G20) trade measures issued on 22 November shows that the amount of trade covered by new import-restrictive measures hit a new high during the current reporting period. The estimated US\$ 481 billion in trade coverage of these new measures imposed by G20 economies from mid-May to mid-October 2018 is more than six times larger than that recorded in the previous reporting period and the largest since this measure was first calculated in 2012. The report also shows that the trade coverage of new import-facilitating measures (US\$ 216 billion) rose significantly during this period but is less than half that of trade-restrictive measures. WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo warned the report's findings constitute a source of serious concern and called for immediate action to de-escalate the situation.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 24 Nov 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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[Korea Invests \\$9 Million to Support Development of Science and Technology Skills Across Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Nairobi, November 23, 2018 — The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) today signed an initial US\$ 3.8 million grant agreement with the World Bank, as part of a larger US\$ 9 million...

Date: November 23, 2018 Type: Press Release

[An overview of the World Bank projects and results in Yemen- November 2018](#)

The World Bank has supported development in Yemen for over 45 years. The long history and close working relationship has helped the World Bank to continue supporting the Yemeni people and key institutions...

Date: November 21, 2018 Type: Brief

[Africa Loses Billions of Dollars Due to Child Marriage, Says New World Bank Report](#)

ACCRA, Ghana, November 20, 2018—Child marriage will cost African countries tens of billions of dollars in lost earnings and human capital, says a new World Bank report launched ahead of the African Union...

Date: November 20, 2018 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

IMF [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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November 21, 2018

[How Can Policymakers Boost Private Investment in the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan?](#)

With millions of young people entering the workforce each year, fiscal resources severely constrained, and economic risks on the rise, countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan (MENAP) region are at a defining moment. Bolstering the private sector is critical to meeting this challenge, but the key to doing so—increasing private investment in the region—has long been elusive.

African Development Bank Group [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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

[African Development Bank marks Toilet Day with US\\$500 million commitment to new sanitation funding](#)

21/11/2018 - As the African Development Bank joined the international community to observe World Toilet Day on November 19, the organization is putting considerable financial muscle into the global effort to improve toilets, and sanitation in general.

Asian Development Bank [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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

22 Nov 2018

[Internal Auditors Gather at ADB to Discuss Greater Use of Digital Technologies](#)

Organizations can greatly improve their internal auditing processes by employing digital technology tools and services, said ADB President Mr. Takehiko Nakao during the iaTech 2018 conference on 22–23 November.

20 Nov 2018

[ADB Approves \\$500 Million Loan for Disaster Recovery in Indonesia](#)

ADB has approved a \$500 million emergency assistance loan to support the Government of Indonesia's recovery and rehabilitation of Lombok and Central Sulawesi after recent disasters claimed thousands of lives and destroyed...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23 Nov 18

Independent evaluation shows that IFAD support to Burkina Faso has increased agricultural productivity and incomes of households

22 Nov 18

Burkina Faso and IFAD to boost rural productivity and smallholder farmer incomes

19 Nov 18

Empowering youth to drive sustainable development

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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 24 Nov 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

November 20, 2018

A classroom in the sky: Building upwards in the Rohingya camps

by Rashad Wajahat Lateef

One year on from the latest influx of Rohingyas from Myanmar, the settlements in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh are sheltering nearly a million people. 500,000 are children. Our goal for 2019 is to ensure access to education for 100,000 children

CARE International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

News & Updates

[Ireland: Poverty and social inequality leaves children at risk of sexual exploitation](#)

Posted on 19/11/2018

ECPAT's latest country overview [report on Ireland](#) says that despite recent improvements on the child protection laws – higher poverty and social inequality are leaving young people, especially from Roma, migrant, refugee and Traveller communities, at greater risk of sexual exploitation.

Fountain House [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

November 20, 2018

[2018 Landmine Monitor: Third year of exceptionally high casualties](#)

The Landmine Monitor 2018, published today, recorded 7,239 casualties caused by landmines, particularly improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and explosive remnants of war (ERW) in 2017. Improvised mines in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq and other conflict areas inflicted a heavy toll.

The 2017 count is almost double the 3,993 casualties recorded in 2014, when numbers rose for the first time after nearly a 15-year decline. It represents a record for a third year in a row, after 9,437 casualties were reported in 2016 and 6,967 in 2015. As data are difficult to collect in existing or recent conflict zones, the actual number is probably much higher...

Heifer International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[New horizons in humanitarian diplomacy: the power of new technologies and Asian youths](#)

Technological innovation brings new possibilities and challenges. The emergence of autonomous weapon is particularly controversial. How can we better protect civilians in wars of the future?

23-11-2018 | Statement

[China: High-level dialogue in Hong Kong explores innovation opportunities and challenges in humanitarian work](#)

The President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the President of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) exchanged insights for the first time in an open dialogue on November 22, in Hong Kong, over the theme Ne

22-11-2018 | News release

[Developing capacity for peace and security of African States requires sustained partnerships](#)

ICRC Statement to the United Nations Security Council Open Debate on "Peace and Security in Africa: Strengthening peacekeeping operations in Africa"

20-11-2018 | Statement

[Autonomous weapons: States must agree on what human control means in practice](#)

Geneva – Should a weapon system be able to make its own "decision" about who to kill?

20-11-2018 | News release

IFRC [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Mexico

[IFRC condemns killing of Mexican Red Cross volunteer](#)

Geneva, 19 November 2018 – The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) strongly condemns the attack on a Mexican Red Cross relief distribution yesterday (18 November) in Guerrero State that claimed the life of one volunteer ...

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Story

[Celebrating World Mental Health Day](#)

November 21, 2018

Last month International Medical Corps recognized World Mental Health Day (WMHD) in our programs across the world, hosting community events aimed at educating, increasing awareness and debunking myths surrounding mental health. This year's theme was "Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World," in recognition of the ever-increasing number of young people exposed to ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Perspective

[IRC perspective: asylum ban ruling](#)

New York, NY, November 20, 2018 — The International Rescue Committee welcomes the District Court decision today issuing a temporary restraining order on the Administration's blanket ban on asylum seekers. Today's decision upholds domestic and international law and provides an important, albeit temporary, respite to vulnerable families fleeing violence and persecution in search of safety. We urge the Administration to comply with this order and to increase its efforts to address the root causes of the violence and insecurity in the Northern Triangle.

Statement

[Draft UNSCR from the UK government is a vital step, says David Miliband](#)

November 20, 2018

IRCT [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

19 Nov 2018

[IRCT member hosts conference on Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement](#)

On 27-29 March 2019, a lineup of distinguished international and national experts in rehabilitation of torture victims will discuss current and future challenges to healing in exile during the biennial conference of the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASS. TT), hosted by the Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)...

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Latest News

[All we can rely on is the relief given to us](#)

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Since the latest earthquake and tsunami hit the Indonesian island of Sulawesi in late September, Islamic Relief Worldwide has been on the ground in Palu helping people rehabilitate their lives. Initially much of this work has revolved around working with local partners – Ruma Zakat, PKPU and KONSEPSI – to deliver much needed emergency relief items such as food packages, clean drinking water, blankets and tarpaulin tents.

Landsea [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Reports

[Family Planning 2020 - Activity Report 2017](#)

Today, 214 million women living in developing countries are unable to avoid or delay pregnancy because of lack of access to family planning services.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News; Project Updates, Reports

Libya

[Forced disembarkation of 81 refugees and migrants in Misrata](#)

Statement 23 Nov 2018

Yemen

[Health structures threatened by fighting in Hodeidah](#)

Press Release 21 Nov 2018

Greece

[Vaccinating over 2,000 refugee children in Moria, Lesbos](#)

Project Update 21 Nov 2018

Chad

[MSF hands over medical programmes in Am Timan](#)

Project Update 20 Nov 2018

Greece

[Psychotherapy with children in Lesbos](#)

Voices from the Field 20 Nov 2018

Mediterranean migration

[Sinister attacks by Italian authorities on lifesaving search and rescue in th...](#)

Statement 20 Nov 2018

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

[Ebola in DRC: Cutting the chains of transmission](#)

Voices from the Field 19 Nov 2018

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

[Crisis update - November 2018](#)

Crisis Update 19 Nov 2018

Mercy Corps [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Latest news from NRC

MALI: More than 34,000 persons waiting for humanitarian aid

Published 21. Nov 2018

While the number of people fleeing intercommunal violence, armed groups' activities, and military operations is rising in central and northern Mali, humanitarian agencies are unable to provide emergency relief to starving women and children after running out of funds.

No peace in hard to reach areas in Colombia

Published 20. Nov 2018

Two years since the peace agreement was signed, over 50 per cent of Colombia's rural population live in continued conflict and violence.

Pact [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Nov 13, 2018

A Safe Birth, and Welcome Relief, in Sierra Leone

Fanta Karoma, 18, lost her first pregnancy and feared the news of her second. But after hearing from a neighbor about the PIH-supported Wellbody Clinic in Kono, she found the care, and confidence, she needed to bring her son into the world.

PATH [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Wednesday 21 November 2018

Yemen: 85,000 children may have died from starvation since start of war

Urgent need to reach hundreds of thousands of severely malnourished children before it's too late, warns Save the Children

SANAA, November 21 – An estimated 85,000 children under five may have died from extreme hunger or disease since the war in Yemen escalated, according to new analysis by Save the Children.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Press Release – 23 November 2018

UN 'Rights of the Child' Resolution for 2019 will focus on children without parental care

New York, 23 November, 2018 – The newly selected theme for the 2019 UN Resolution on the 'Rights of the Child' will ensure governments' commitments to improve the lives and fulfil the rights of millions of children who have lost parental care.

On Tuesday, the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) selected its theme for the 'Rights of the Child' resolution for 2019. In a historic first, the UN has selected a resolution that focuses on 'children without parental care'. The resolution will be tabled at the UN General Assembly in 2019...

Leaving care – 21 November 2018

Young people call for change in the leaving care process

Young people with experience in alternative care shared recommendations on how to improve the leaving care process with more than 60 representatives from governments, NGOs, youth welfare services and universities.

"We were the voice for many young people in the same situation", says Kruno, 25, from Croatia. "There was so much energy and synergy in these groups, on the national and international levels. I feel like we can change the world."

Kruno is one of the nearly 170 young people who played a central role in the two-year project 'Prepare for Leaving Care – A Child Protection System that Works for Professionals and Young People'.

Viewpoint – 20 November 2018

Time to act together on children's rights

Reaffirming the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in these challenging times is a global obligation

By Norbert Meder

Chief Executive Officer of SOS Children's Villages International

Tostan [to 24 Nov 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Nov 22, 2018

Tostan Sweden represented at the Swedish Forum for Human Rights

At this year's edition of the Swedish Forum for Human Rights - the largest forum for human rights in Scandinavia - eight volunteers from Tostan Sweden pitched in to represent Tostan. One of the volunteers, Jonatan Arblom Sundblad, here reports on the successes of the...

Women for Women International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 24 Nov 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 24 Nov 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

With New Members, the UN Human Rights Council Goes from Bad to Worse

Nov 19 2018 - 1:33pm

The body's membership will now be even less democratic than the world as a whole.

Press Releases

Freedom House Urges Trump Administration to Reevaluate U.S.-Saudi Diplomatic Relationship

November 18, 2018

Reports from the CIA indicate that the murder of journalist Jamal Kashoggi was ordered by Saudi Crown Prince Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Transparency International [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23 Nov 2018

Transparency International expresses concern at the arrests of activists and academics in Turkey

- Transparency International expresses concern at the detention of human rights defender Yiğit Aksakaloğlu and the ongoing investigation against 12 other members of civil society and academia. It asks the Turkish authorities to stop the arrests of civil society organisation members and academics, ...

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Bond [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

22 November 2018

Seize the moment: UN Goals must be UK Goals

Why parliamentarians need to be champions of the SDGs and help drive our progress on the goals as the UK's VNR approaches.

[Lord McConnell](#)

Bond members elect new trustees and adopt safeguarding principle

At Bond's Annual General Meeting on 20 November, leaders from across our membership elected two new trustees to the Bond board and voted to adopt a new principle into the Bond Charter.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 24 Nov 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

November 19, 2018 / *Statements*

Universal Children's Day

New York, NY (November 20, 2018) – In recognition of Universal Children's Day, ChildFund Alliance is reaffirming its commitment to protect and advocate for the safety and well-being of children throughout the world.

An estimated one billion children, more than half of the world's children, experience some form of emotional, physical or sexual violence and exploitation every year. On Universal Children's Day, ChildFund Alliance aims to bring added attention to the importance of preventing violence at all levels, improving child welfare worldwide, and promoting and celebrating children's rights.

CONCORD [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Nov 21, 2018

Let's put Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development at the heart of EU Common Agricultural Policy

The current Common Agricultural Policy is going under a reform proposal for 2020-2027. With its new paper, CONCORD, together with partners from Local dairy Campaign, West Africa, has gathered recommendations on how the EU can and should integrate PCSD into the proposal.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Press release 22 November 2018

[The Elders encourage full implementation of Colombian peace deal](#)

Writing to the President of Colombia, Ivan Duque, The Elders welcomed his commitment to the peace agreement signed by his predecessor Jose Manuel Santos and encouraged its full implementation to further the causes of peace and reconciliation.

END Fund [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 24 Nov 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 24 Nov 2018]

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>

19 November 2018

[More Efforts, Funding Needed to End Malaria](#)

MAPUTO, Mozambique – The Global Fund joined partners at the launch of the World Malaria Report 2018 with a call to increase investments and renew efforts to accelerate progress in the fight against malaria in high burden countries.

The report by WHO shows that after more than a decade of unprecedented decline of malaria, reductions have stalled and, in some countries, the disease is on the rise...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 24 Nov 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Latest News; Blog Entries

Nov 21, 2018

Retreat Explores Innovative Financing for Development in Emerging and Fragile Contexts

On November 16-18, InterAction and The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands convened top nonprofit and private sector leaders to advance a new conversation about scalable private investments in fragile contexts that supports inclusive growth.

This three-day retreat, titled "Global Cooperation at the Frontier: Innovative Financing for Development in Emerging and Fragile Contexts," was held at the historic Sunnylands estate in Rancho Mirage, California.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) from private firms is one of the top sources of development finance outside of foreign government assistance. In fragile states, FDI has grown tenfold over the past 20 years.

Despite this acceleration, private investment in fragile states still only accounts for less than 1% of global FDI. Of that, most is concentrated in a handful of countries such as Egypt, Nigeria, Angola, Ethiopia, and Iran, according to the 2018 OECD States of Fragility Report.

Bridging this investment gap could generate massive value by providing much-needed capital and market alignment in communities where basic needs are not being met...

Start Network [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

21 Nov 18

Podcast: considering intellectual property in humanitarian innovation

by Helen James

How can you assign and protect copyright and intellectual property when co-designing humanitarian solutions with multiple actors, including disaster-affected communities and vulnerable groups?

Ben Moskowitz, Director of Development for R&D and Innovation at International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Eva Kaplan, Regional Director of Innovation, at IRC present practical case studies and point out pitfalls as well as opportunities to handle IP well in complex collaborative environments.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

23/11/2018

CWSA hosts Quality and Accountability ToT in Bangkok from 6 to 11 December

Geneviève Cyvoct, our Senior Quality and Accountability Officer, will be contributing to a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop organised by Community World Service Asia (CWSA) in Bangkok from 6 to 11 December. The workshop aims to “enhance collective quality and accountability toward people affected by crisis”.

21/11/2018

Welcome to SKT Welfare UK, Solidar Suisse and Taawon Welfare Association!

We are delighted to welcome three new organisations as full members of our Alliance, approved at the September 2018 meeting of our Board.

21/11/2018

Towards a revised ‘PSEA Index’

In order to improve our support to member organisations and the wider community with regard to the Protection Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) we have started revising the relevant indicators of the CHS Verification Framework. Our aim is to allow our member organisations to measure whether their work on PSEA meets the Inter-Agency Standing Committee’s (IASC) Minimum Operating Standards and other key standards and commitments

Development Initiatives [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 24 Nov 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 24 Nov 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 24 Nov 2018

Latest Research

Regulatory Policy

[**Don't dismantle the post-crisis early warning system**](#)

[Greg Feldberg](#)

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Regulatory Policy

[**The Trump administration's regulatory corner-cutting**](#)

[Rachel Augustine Potter](#)

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

State & Local Fiscal Policy

[**How the 2018 elections reshaped state and local governments' fiscal policy space**](#)

[Nathan Arnosti and Michael A. Pagano](#)

November 21, 2018

U.S. Economy

[**Keynote address from Janet Yellen on the tenth anniversary of the financial crisis**](#)

[Janet L. Yellen](#)

Monday, November 19, 2018

Center for Global Development [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Reports, Commentary

Report

[**The Gulf Scramble for Africa: GCC states' foreign policy laboratory**](#)

November 20, 2018 | By [Will Todman](#)

Commentary

Six Months Later: An Evaluation

November 19, 2018 | By [William Alan Reinsch](#)

Commentary

Saudi Arabia, the Gulf, and the United States: Abizaid's Mission Possible?

November 19, 2018 | By [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

Report

China's Risky Drive into New-Energy Vehicles

November 19, 2018 | By [Scott Kennedy](#)

ODI [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Thinking and working with political settlements: the case of Tanzania

Working and discussion papers | November 2018 | Tim Kelsall

This paper trials a new political settlements concept and, in doing so, develops a new political settlements typology for donors and domestic reformers.

Migration Policy Practice 8(3): September – October 2018

Journal articles or issues | November 2018 | Michael Clemens, Katy Long, Elisa Mosler Vidal, Amelia Kuch, Jessica Hagen-Zanker, Fiona Samuels and Marta Foresti

A special issue of 'Migration Policy Practice' which explores how migration intersects with development.

Urban Institute [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

November 19, 2018

Father Reentry and Child Outcomes

More than 2.7 million children have an incarcerated parent, and many more have experienced a parent's incarceration at some point. Research finds that parental incarceration negatively affects children's physical, mental, and emotional health. One might presume that child outcomes improve when a parent returns from incarceration, but the evidence shows that reentry can be difficult for parents and their children.

[Terry-Ann Craigie](#), [Eleanor Pratt](#), [Marla McDaniel](#)

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

World Economic Forum initiative pledges to equip 20 million ASEAN workers with digital skills by 2020

News 19 Nov 2018

· Companies that are part of the World Economic Forum's Digital ASEAN initiative make pledge to develop digital skills for the ASEAN workforce

- Cisco, Google, Grab, Lazada, Microsoft, Sea Group and Tokopedia are the first to join the pledge
- Pledge commitments include hiring and training 200,000 digital workers in ASEAN

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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 24 Nov 2018]

<https://www.alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 24 Nov 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 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 24 Nov 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 24 Nov 2018]
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>
No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 24 Nov 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 24 Nov 2018]
<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>
No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>
Latest Updates

[Evaluating Deeper Learning: Retrospect and Prospect](#)

In 2017, Barbara Chow wrote "Bottom line, over the last six years, we've seen mounting evidence that deeper learning works." A year later, to inform our Education program's strategy refresh, the foundation asked The Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education (SCOPE) to look back at our past strategy research studies and evaluations and see...

Education

By Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education
November 21, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]
<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>
No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 24 Nov 2018]
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

November 19, 2018 *News Release*

[Updated Brief and Interactive Map Examine Poverty Among Seniors in the U.S.](#)

A new Kaiser Family Foundation brief and interactive map provide the latest national and state-level estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau of the share and number of people ages 65 and older who are living in poverty. The resources examine poverty among seniors under the official poverty threshold (\$11,756 in...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

November 20, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Men's Attitudes Toward Premarital Abortion in India](#)

Since sexual and reproductive health is often seen as the purview of women, Promundo and International Center for Research on Women conducted a qualitative study on men's engagement in premarital abortions in New Delhi, India. The organizations found that men often play a supporting role by accompanying women to health care appointments, procuring medications and information, and supporting their partners emotionally through the process. Though there is a cultural taboo around premarital sex and abortion, this MacArthur-supported study indicates young people's attitudes toward sexuality and contraception are shifting in India.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

November 21, 2018

[New financing program aims to safeguard threatened ecosystems in Brazil's Cerrado](#)

Open Society Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

News | 21 November 2018

[How research is helping kids growing up with congenital Zika syndrome](#)

Three years on from an unprecedented epidemic in Central and South America, families affected by Zika are still benefiting from many research studies supported since the outbreak began.

... "What we can say at this point is that Zika virus infections in pregnancy are very serious and that the emphasis needs to be on preventing the infection from occurring," says Brickley. "So things like vaccines and vector control are going to be pivotal in the future."

While vector control – reducing people's exposure to mosquitoes – is an ongoing challenge in the fight against many infections, little had been done on developing a Zika vaccine. It just hadn't been considered a priority before.

Good progress has been made since 2015, however, and a number of candidate vaccines have entered early trials – although there is a lot of work still to be done before an effective vaccine will be available...

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Foundation Center [to 24 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 24 Nov 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

November 2018 Volume 46, Issue 11, p1201-1318

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

November 2018 Volume 55, Issue 5, p583-758

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

November 2018 108(11)

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

INFLUENZA PANDEMICS, 1918–2018

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 99, Issue 5, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/99/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

Research

[Cost-effectiveness of a combined intervention of long lasting insecticidal nets and indoor residual spraying compared with each intervention alone for malaria prevention in Ethiopia](#)

The effectiveness of long lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and indoor residual spraying (IRS), for malaria prevention, have been established in several studies. However, the available evidence about the addit...

Authors: Alemayehu Hailu, Bernt Lindtjørn, Wakgari Deressa, Taye Gari, Eskindir Loha and Bjarne Robberstad

Citation: Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation 2018 16:61

Published on: 22 November 2018

Research

[The acceptance and willingness to pay \(WTP\) for hypothetical dengue vaccine in Penang, Malaysia: a contingent valuation study](#)

Malaysia has been experiencing an escalation in dengue cases since the past 5 years. As the dengue vaccine pipeline continues to develop steadily with strong public interests, this study had been sought to eli...

Authors: Hui Yee Yeo and Asrul Akmal Shafie

Citation: Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation 2018 16:60

Published on: 22 November 2018

BMJ Global Health

November 2018 - Volume 3 - Suppl 5

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

Empowering frontline providers to deliver universal primary healthcare using the Practical Approach to Care Kit

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

Research article

[Effective coverage as a new approach to health system performance assessment: a scoping review](#)

Delivering interventions is the main task of health systems whose accurate measurement is an essential input into tracking performance. Recently, the concept of effective coverage was introduced by World Health...

Authors: Ali Jannati, Vahideh Sadeghi, Ali Imani and Mohammad Saadati

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:886

Published on: 23 November 2018

Research article

[Operationalizing the 'pragmatic' measures construct using a stakeholder feedback and a multi-method approach](#)

Implementation science measures are rarely used by stakeholders to inform and enhance clinical program change. Little is known about what makes implementation measures pragmatic (i.e., practical) for use in co...

Authors: Cameo F. Stanick, Heather M. Halko, Caitlin N. Dorsey, Bryan J. Weiner, Byron J. Powell, Lawrence A. Palinkas and Cara C. Lewis

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:882

Published on: 22 November 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

Research article

[A randomized trial to assess retention rates using mobile phone reminders versus physical contact tracing in a potential HIV vaccine efficacy population of fishing communities around Lake Victoria, Uganda](#)

High retention (follow-up) rates improve the validity and statistical power of outcomes in longitudinal studies and the effectiveness of programs with prolonged administration of interventions. We assessed par...

Authors: Noah Kiwanuka, Juliet Mpendo, Stephen Asimwe, Julius Ssempiira, Annet Nalutaaya, Betty Nambuusi, Mathias Wambuzi, Brian Kabuubi, Annemarie Namuniina, Frederick Oporia, Annet Nanvubya and Ali Ssetaala

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2018 18:591

Published on: 21 November 2018

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

Research article

[A comprehensive systematic review of stakeholder attitudes to alternatives to prospective informed consent in paediatric acute care research](#)

Authors: Jeremy Furyk, Kris McBain-Rigg, Bronia Renison, Kerriane Watt, Richard Franklin, Theophilus I. Emeto, Robin A. Ray, Franz E. Babl and Stuart Dalziel

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2018 19:89

Abstract

Background

A challenge of performing research in the paediatric emergency and acute care setting is obtaining valid prospective informed consent from parents. The ethical issues are complex, and it is important to consider the perspective of participants, health care workers and researchers on research without prospective informed consent while planning this type of research.

Methods

We performed a systematic review according to PRISMA guidelines, of empirical evidence relating to the process, experiences and acceptability of alternatives to prospective informed consent, in the paediatric emergency or acute care setting. Major medical databases and grey sources were searched and results were screened and assessed against eligibility criteria by 2 authors, and full text articles of relevant studies obtained. Data were extracted onto data collection forms and imported into data management software for analysis.

Results

Thirteen studies were included in the review consisting of nine full text articles and four abstracts. Given the heterogeneity of the methods, results could not be quantitatively combined for meta-analysis, and qualitative results are presented in narrative form, according to themes identified from the data. Major themes include capacity of parents to provide informed consent, feasibility of informed consent, support for alternatives to informed consent, process issues, modified consent process, child death, and community consultation.

Conclusion

Our review demonstrated that children, their families, and health care staff recognise the requirement for research without prior consent, and are generally supportive of enrolling children in such research with the provisions of limiting risk, and informing parents as soon as possible. Australian data and perspectives of children are lacking and represent important knowledge gaps.

Study protocol

[Stakeholder views regarding ethical issues in the design and conduct of pragmatic trials: study protocol](#)

Randomized controlled trial (RCT) trial designs exist on an explanatory-pragmatic spectrum, depending on the degree to which a study aims to address a question of efficacy or effectiveness. As conceptualized b...

Authors: Stuart G. Nicholls, Kelly Carroll, Jamie Brehaut, Charles Weijer, Spencer Phillips Hey, Cory E. Goldstein, Merrick Zwarenstein, Ian D. Graham, Joanne E. McKenzie, Lauralyn McIntyre, Vipul Jairath, Marion K. Campbell, Jeremy M. Grimshaw, Dean A. Fergusson and Monica Taljaard

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2018 19:90

Published on: 20 November 2018

Background

Randomized controlled trial (RCT) trial designs exist on an explanatory-pragmatic spectrum, depending on the degree to which a study aims to address a question of efficacy or effectiveness. As conceptualized by Schwartz and Lellouch in 1967, an explanatory approach to trial design emphasizes hypothesis testing about the mechanisms of action of treatments under ideal conditions (efficacy), whereas a pragmatic approach emphasizes testing effectiveness of two or more available treatments in real-world conditions. Interest in, and the number of, pragmatic trials has grown substantially in recent years, with increased recognition by funders and stakeholders worldwide of the need for credible evidence to inform clinical decision-making. This increase has been accompanied by the onset of learning healthcare systems, as well as an increasing focus on patient-oriented research. However, pragmatic trials have ethical challenges that have not yet been identified or adequately characterized. The present study aims to explore the views of key stakeholders with respect to ethical issues raised by

the design and conduct of pragmatic trials. It is embedded within a large, four-year project that seeks to develop guidance for the ethical design and conduct of pragmatic trials. As a first step, this study will address important gaps in the current empirical literature with respect to identifying a comprehensive range of ethical issues arising from the design and conduct of pragmatic trials. By opening up a broad range of topics for consideration within our parallel ethical analysis, we will extend the current debate, which has largely emphasized issues of consent, to the range of ethical considerations that may flow from specific design choices.

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

Question and Answer

[Q&A: Scaling up delivery of mental health treatments in low and middle income countries: interviews with Retha Arjadi and Vikram Patel](#)

In this Q&A, we talk with Retha Arjadi and Vikram Patel about using new technologies and lay-counselor support for scalable delivery of mental health treatment in low and middle-income countries.

Authors: Retha Arjadi and Vikram Patel

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:211

Published on: 19 November 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

Research article

[Stigma reduction in relation to HIV test uptake in low- and middle-income countries: a realist review](#)

This realist review was conducted to understand how stigma is reduced in relation to HIV test uptake in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Authors: Subash Thapa, Karin Hannes, Margaret Cargo, Anne Buve, Sanne Peters, Stephanie Dauphin and Catharina Mathei

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1277

Published on: 20 November 2018

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 24 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

November 2018 - Volume 8 - 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 11, November 2018, 729-796

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/11/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

November 2018 Volume 40, Issue 11, p1789-1956

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 15 Issue 6, December 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/15/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

Research

[What influenced provision of non-communicable disease healthcare in the Syrian conflict, from policy to implementation? A qualitative study](#)

There has been increasing focus on tackling the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCD) in crisis settings. The complex and protracted crisis in Syria is unfolding against a background of increasing ...

Authors: Sylvia Garry, Francesco Checchi and Beniamino Cislaghi

Citation: Conflict and Health 2018 12:45

Published on: 12 November 2018

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 74 Pages 1-106 (November 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/74/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

December 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 6

<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 29, Issue 1, 2019

<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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 8, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 5 - October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 42, Issue 4 Pages: S159-S327 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

Disasters in Conflict Areas

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 19, Number 10 01 October 2018

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/10>
[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

<https://bmccemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>
[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]
[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 11—November 2018
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 25 Pages 1-112 (December 2018)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/25/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 146 - Issue 15 - November 2018
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Fall 2018 (Issue 32.3)
<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2018/fall-2018-issue-32-3/>
[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 81 Pages 1-132 (December 2018)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/81/suppl/C>
Research article Open access

[Women's empowerment in agriculture and dietary quality across the life course: Evidence from Bangladesh](#)

Esha Sraboni, Agnes Quisumbing
Pages 21-36

Abstract

Using nationally-representative survey data from rural Bangladesh, we examine the relationship between women's empowerment in agriculture and indicators of individual dietary quality. Our findings suggest that women's empowerment is associated with better dietary quality of individuals within the household, but the strength of this association varies across the life course. Women's empowerment is correlated with more diverse diets of children under five, but empowerment measures are not consistently associated with increases in nutrient intake for this age group. Rather, maternal schooling and household socio-economic status play a more important role for younger children. Women's empowerment is positively and significantly associated with adult men's and women's dietary diversity and nutrient intakes. Empowerment does not benefit all individuals within the household equally, with gender bias emerging in adolescence. Variations in the strength of the association between women's empowerment and different individuals' dietary quality across the life course has implications for the design and targeting of interventions to improve dietary quality, particularly of women, children, and adolescent girls.

Research article Abstract only

Do farmer groups impact on farm yield and efficiency of smallholder farmers? Evidence from rice farmers in northern Ghana

Awal Abdul-Rahaman, Awudu Abdulai
Pages 95-105

Food Security

October 2018, Issue 5, Pages 1143-1295
<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/5/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 59 October 2018
<https://www.fmreview.org/GuidingPrinciples20/contents>

Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

In the 20 years since they were launched, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement have been of assistance to many States responding to internal displacement, and have been incorporated into many national and regional policies and laws. However, the scale of internal displacement today remains vast, and the impact on those who are displaced is immense. This issue includes 19 articles on the main feature theme of Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 45, Issue 3, 2018
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

Alternative Paradigms of Development in State Politics and Policy Making in the Global South

[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 1, Spring 2018

<https://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 10, Issue 4, December 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/10/4/page/1>

Special Issue: Geodiversity and Geoheritage: Crossing Disciplines and Approaches

...This issue of *Geoheritage* comprises nine papers presented at the session "Geoheritage and Geodiversity Matter: Themes, Links and Interactions" held in Vienna in April 2016 at the European Geosciences Union General Assembly. The papers focus on current methods of research and debates on geodiversity and geoheritage in international as well as national scientific circles, from the global to the local scale...

Global Health Action

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/11/1?nav=toCList>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 6, No. 3 October 03, 2018

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

Commentary

[Toward a global health approach: lessons from the HIV and Ebola epidemics](#)

The imposing burden of non-communicable diseases, emerging infectious diseases, climate change, environmental consequences, migrations, urbanization, and other challenges, faced in a context that

strives to make universal health coverage (UHC) a reality, compels global health professionals to ask: how do we construct a "global" roadmap that is both realistic and effective? To move forward and begin to answer this question, we draw on lessons and experiences gained during the "global" health crises triggered by the HIV and Ebola pandemics.

Authors: Gilles Raguin and Pierre-Marie Girard

Citation: *Globalization and Health* 2018 14:114

Published on: 22 November 2018

Research

Organizational capacities of national pharmacovigilance centres in Africa: assessment of resource elements associated with successful and unsuccessful pharmacovigilance experiences

National pharmacovigilance centres (national centres) are gradually gaining visibility as part of the healthcare delivery system in Africa. As does happen in high-income countries, it is assumed that national centres can play a central coordinating role in their national pharmacovigilance (PV) systems. However, there are no studies that have investigated whether national centres in Africa have sufficient organizational capacity to deliver on this mandate and previous studies have reported challenges such as lack of funding, political will and adequate human resources.

We conducted interviews with strategic leaders in national centres in 18 African countries, to examine how they link the capacity of their organization to the outcomes of activities coordinated by their centres. Strategic leaders were asked to describe three situations in which activities conducted by their centre were deemed successful and unsuccessful. We analyzed these experiences for common themes and examined whether strategic leaders attributed particular types of resources and relationships with stakeholders to successful or unsuccessful activities.

Authors: H. Hilda Ampadu, Jarno Hoekman, Daniel Arhinful, Marilyn Amoama-Dapaah, Hubert G. M. Leufkens and Alex N. O. Dodoo

Citation: *Globalization and Health* 2018 14:109

Published on: 16 November 2018

Health Affairs

Vol. 37 , No. 11 November 2018

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

Patient Safety

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 1, June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 13 - Special Issue 3-4 - July 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Equity

Issue in Progress

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 8, 1 October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Promotion International

Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 40, Number 4, November 2018

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/39375>

[Bearing Witness to Atrocity Crimes: Photography and International Law](#)

Aoife Duffy

pp. 776-814

DOI: [10.1353/hrq.2018.0045](https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2018.0045)

ABSTRACT:

This article uses ideas propounded by Susan Sontag and Judith Butler on photography to illuminate the significant role of photography and visual media in international law jurisprudence. Two key questions are pursued: first, what role does photography have in international law (with a particular focus on abusive photography), and second, how do photography and visual media bear witness to atrocity crimes in international law? The article commences with an overview of the evolution of war photography as it dovetails the inclusion of visual media in juridical settings, and interrogates ethical issues involved in the aestheticization of suffering for consumerist purposes. Drawing from scholarly definitions of atrocity crimes, the article settles on terminology which carves out the parameters of the socio-legal research space. In identifying the relevant areas of international law, the study reads the associated jurisprudence with a theoretical lens, evincing the critical evidentiary role that photography plays in the litigation of the most serious international crimes, such as genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Tension between the transitive and probative functions of visual evidence is examined through a rich tapestry of international jurisprudence.

[Privatization and Economic and Social Rights](#)

Aoife Nolan

pp. 815-858

DOI: [10.1353/hrq.2018.0047](https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2018.0047)

ABSTRACT:

Privatization is an ever more dominant model of economic and social rights (ESR) realization. Thus far, however, there has been relatively little attention paid to privatization in ESR scholarship and practice, resulting in a significant lacuna from both a normative and an empirical perspective. Taking as its starting point the delineation of ESR obligations in terms of the tripartite typology of respect, protect, and fulfill, this article critiques how that framework (and the treaty bodies which employ it in their work) addresses privatization from an ESR perspective. The author outlines a new approach—focused on the obligation to fulfill—which would contribute significantly to the ability of ESR law as it stands to capture and address the scope of state decision-making and (in)action at issue in privatization situations.

[Translating Victims' "Right to Reparations" Into Practice: A Framework for Assessing the Implementation of Reparations Programs From a Bottom-Up Perspective](#)

Eva Ottendoerfer

pp. 905-931

DOI: [10.1353/hrq.2018.0049](https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2018.0049)

ABSTRACT:

Reparations for war victims are attributed many positive effects such as the communication of acknowledgement and people's entitlement to rights. This article argues that the impact that reparations have relies on victims' perceptions of the respective program, which is influenced in turn not only by its design, but also by its implementation. A framework for assessing the establishment of reparations programs is introduced and applied to the case of Sierra Leone. As interviews with beneficiaries reveal, its problematic implementation exacerbated existing problems in the program's design and intensified a negative demonstration effect concerning neglect on behalf of the state.

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 73, October 2018

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

Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh: the humanitarian response

More than 700,000 Rohingya refugees have arrived in Bangladesh since 25 August 2017 fleeing violence and persecution in Rakhine State, Myanmar. Over a million are sheltering in overcrowded camps without adequate assistance or protection. Stateless in Myanmar and denied refugee status in Bangladesh, the Rohingya have few rights or freedoms. Monsoons and cyclones are causing landslides, destroying shelters and infrastructure and disrupting services.

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange focuses on the humanitarian response to the Rohingya crisis. In the lead article, Mark Bowden outlines the historical, local and national political context in Bangladesh, and its operational implications. Amal de Chickera highlights the links between statelessness and displacement, and the international community's failure to prioritise human rights in its dealings both with Bangladesh and with Myanmar. Puttanee Kangkun and John Quinley document the persistent persecution and denial of rights the Rohingya have faced for decades. Jeff Crisp reflects on the premature, involuntary and unsafe return of Rohingya refugees to Myanmar in the 1970s and 1990s, and asks whether this could happen again.

Sally Shevach and colleagues explore how the 'localisation' agenda has influenced the operational response, and Kerrie Holloway draws on research by the Humanitarian Policy Group to test the common assumption that local actors necessarily have a better understanding of people's needs. Nasif Rashad Khan and colleagues and Ashish Banik reflect on their experiences of engaging with the international humanitarian response system. Margie Buchanan-Smith and Marian Casey-Maslen discuss evaluation findings relating to communication and community engagement, a theme taken up by Nick Van Praag and Kai Hopkins, who report on a Ground Truth survey on refugees' perceptions of assistance. Julia Brothwell discusses the British Red Cross/Bangladesh Red Crescent involvement in disaster preparedness and risk reduction during the monsoon season, and Gina Bark, Kate White and Amelie Janon outline the consequences of long-term exclusion from basic healthcare services in increasing vulnerability to preventable diseases. Matthew Wencel and colleagues round off the issue with reflections on data collection coordination and other challenges associated with monitoring large concentrations of refugees.

IDRiM Journal

Vol 8, No 1 (2018)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/19>

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 24 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 10, Issue 6, November 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 7, Issue 1, 2018

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/hrlr-overview.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 5, No 11 (2018) November 2018

<http://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/44>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 31 Pages 1-1384 (October 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 47, Issue 5, October 2018

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An improved, fully re-annotated Aedes aegypti genome assembly (AaegL5) provides insights into the sex-determining M locus, chemosensory systems that help mosquitoes to hunt humans and loci involved in insecticide resistance and will help to generate intervention strategies to fight this deadly disease vector.

Benjamin J. Matthews, Olga Dudchenko [\[...\]](#) & Leslie B. Vosshall

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Perspective

[New Tools in the Ebola Arsenal](#)

Inger K. Damon, M.D., Ph.D., Pierre E. Rollin, M.D., Mary J. Choi, M.D., M.P.H., Ray R. Arthur, Ph.D., and Robert R. Redfield, M.D.

... Although investigational therapeutics were not used in the previous outbreak in Equateur, some experts believe that the investigational protocol to enable use of vaccines for evaluation of protection of patients' contacts and those contacts' contacts may have facilitated engagement of affected communities. Final data on the effectiveness of the vaccination program in Equateur is not yet available. In North Kivu, the recombinant VSV-Ebola glycoprotein vaccine is currently being used under an expanded-access protocol to vaccinate patients' contacts and their contacts, to provide a ring of vaccine-elicited protection, as well as for at-risk front-line workers and health care workers. As of September 25, more than 12,029 people had been vaccinated. Understanding community concerns and

attitudes about the use of investigational agents will be critical if the use of these treatments is to be integrated into response efforts...

As of September 23, investigational agents had been administered to 38 patients — MAb114 (22), remdesivir (9), and ZMapp (7). Nineteen of these patients had been discharged, 12 had died, and 7 had remained hospitalized; those who died were in advanced stages of disease when treatment was initiated.⁴ Criteria such as viral load (at presentation and throughout treatment) and interval between disease onset and treatment will need to be analyzed. One aspect that will be important to understand is how, or whether, these therapeutics affect clearance of virus from immune-privileged sites, such as the eye, and from seminal fluids...

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[**'Google wants to know your location': The ethical challenges of fieldwork in the digital age**](#)
[Sebastian van Baalen](#)

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Preview

Information communications technologies (ICTs) like laptops, smartphones and portable storage devices facilitate travel, communication and documentation for researchers who conduct fieldwork. But despite increasing awareness about the ethical complications associated with using ICTs among journalists and humanitarians, there are few reflections on digital security among researchers. This article seeks to raise awareness of this important question by outlining three sets of ethical challenges related to digital security that may arise during the course of field research. These ethical challenges relate to (i) informed consent and confidentiality, (ii) collecting, transferring and storing sensitive data, and (iii) maintaining the personal security and integrity of the researcher. To help academics reflect on and mitigate these risks, the article underscores the importance of digital risk assessments and develops ten basic guidelines for field research in the digital age.

Original Article: Non-Empirical

[**Ethics review and freedom of information requests in qualitative research**](#)

[Kevin Walby](#), [Alex Luscombe](#)
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Preview

Freedom of information (FOI) requests are increasingly used in sociology, criminology and other social science disciplines to examine government practices and processes. University ethical review boards

(ERBs) in Canada have not typically subjected researchers' FOI requests to independent review, although this may be changing in the United Kingdom and Australia, reflective of what Haggerty calls 'ethics creep'. Here we present four arguments for why FOI requests in the social sciences should not be subject to formal ethical review by ERBs. These four arguments are: existing, rigorous bureaucratic vetting; double jeopardy; infringement of citizenship rights; and unsuitable ethics paradigm. In the discussion, we reflect on the implications of our analysis for literature on ethical review and qualitative research, and for literature on FOI and government transparency.

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[Is it time for a universal genetic forensic database?](#)

By J. W. Hazel, E. W. Clayton, B. A. Malin, C. Slobogin

Science 23 Nov 2018 : 898-900 Restricted Access

Bias and privacy concerns cloud police use of genetics

Summary

DNA is an increasingly useful crime-solving tool. But still quite unclear is the extent to which law enforcement should be able to obtain genetic data housed in public and private databases. How one answers that question might vary substantially, depending on the source of the data. Several countries—the United Kingdom, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia among them—have even toyed with creating a “universal” DNA database, populated with data from every individual in society, obviating the need for any other DNA source (1). Although this move would be controversial, it may not be as dramatic as

one might think. In the United States, for example, the combination of state and federal databases (containing genetic profiles of more than 16.5 million arrestees and convicts) and public and private databases (containing genetic data of tens of millions of patients, consumers, and research participants) already provides the government with potential access to genetic information that can be linked to a large segment of the country, either directly or through a relative (2, 3). We discuss here how, if correctly implemented, a universal database would likely be more productive and less discriminatory than our current system, without compromising as much privacy.

Review

[Intensification for redesigned and sustainable agricultural systems](#)

By Jules Pretty

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The future of farming

In the mid-20th century, food production from agriculture sharply increased worldwide; however, this was achieved through heavy use of agrochemicals. Extensive collateral damage from excessive use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers has occurred to the wider environment. This has led to biodiversity loss, pesticide resistance and the emergence of new pests, pollution and decline of freshwater supplies, and soil degradation and erosion, as well as direct harm to health. In a Review, Pretty examines the alternative approaches that can achieve sustainable intensification of farming systems by integrating pest management with agroecological systems to minimize costs, maximize yields, restore ecosystem services, and ensure environmental enhancement.

Abstract

Redesign of agricultural systems is essential to deliver optimum outcomes as ecological and economic conditions change. The combination of agricultural processes in which production is maintained or increased, while environmental outcomes are enhanced, is currently known as sustainable intensification (SI). SI aims to avoid the cultivation of more land, and thus avoid the loss of unfarmed habitats, but also aims to increase overall system performance without net environmental cost. For example, large changes are now beginning to occur to maximize biodiversity by means of integrated pest management, pasture and forage management, the incorporation of trees into agriculture, and irrigation management, and with small and patch systems. SI is central to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and to wider efforts to improve global food and nutritional security.

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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*.
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Collaboration Mechanisms of Taiwan Nonprofit Organizations in Disaster Relief Efforts: Drawing Lessons from the Wenchuan Earthquake and Typhoon Morakot

by Wei-Ning Wu and Ssu-Ming Chang

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Abstract

Participation of nonprofit organizations (NPOs) is important in emergency management because NPOs often work in conjunction with governments to offer assistance and resources in the emergency management process. NPO participation in disaster relief efforts is a valuable experience for public officials and practitioners, but research investigating NPOs' experiences in disaster relief efforts is limited. This study examines Taiwan's NPO collaboration mechanisms during disaster relief efforts and specifically examines the lessons drawn from two major catastrophes by focusing on the opinions of NPO managers in the 88 Flooding Service Alliance who joined the disaster relief operation for the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake in China and 2009 Typhoon Morakot in Taiwan. The vital strategies and factors that contributed to successful NPO collaborations in disaster relief operations were determined through a survey on NPOs' strategies for resource sharing and service integration and semi-structured interviews with 19 NPO managers. The findings indicate that NPO engagement in disaster services was crucial for the relief efforts of the two disaster events, and that long-term disaster service alliances are effective mechanisms for emergency collaboration in relief work

Open Access Article

Poverty Traps in the Municipalities of Ecuador: Empirical Evidence

by Ronny Correa-Quezada, Diego Fernando García-Vélez, María de la Cruz del Río-Rama and José Álvarez-García

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Abstract

The objective of this research is to identify from a spatial and temporal perspective the territories that are located in a "poverty trap" scenario. This is a scenario that does not allow overcoming the conditions and determinants that gave rise to this precarious situation, creating a vicious circle where the conditions of poverty endure through time. The methodology applied is an exploratory analysis of spatial dependence through Moran's scatterplot and local indicators of spatial association (LISA) maps to visualize the spatial clusters of poverty. The database used is that of the population and housing censuses of 1990, 2001, and 2010 at the cantonal level. The results determine that 73 cantons were in

a poverty trap over the period 1990–2001, while from 2001–2010, there were 75 cantons in this situation, which were located mainly in the provinces of Esmeraldas, Manabí, and Loja

Open Access Article

[Escape from Working Poverty: Steps toward Sustainable Livelihood](#)

by Jarrood Haar, Stuart C. Carr, James Arrowsmith, Jane Parker, Darrin Hodgetts and Siautu Alefaio-Tugia

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Abstract

Working poverty affects over half the world's working population, yet we know remarkably little about the role of wages in transitioning toward sustainable livelihood. We develop and test a model whereby as pay approaches a living wage range, pay fairness becomes clearly associated with work–life balance; this in turn links to job satisfaction, which is a four-step process at the psychological level. We further extend this by testing a moderated mediated model, whereby income level is tested as a boundary condition. Using data from N = 873 New Zealand employees, we focus on relatively low-waged employees across three levels of income: up to \$20,000, \$20–40,000, and \$40–60,000, with the last band straddling the New Zealand Living Wage. We find strong support for pay fairness predicting work–life balance and job satisfaction, with work–life balance mediating the relationship toward job satisfaction. In addition, we find direct effects from income to work–life balance, although not job satisfaction. Furthermore, two-way moderation is supported toward work–life balance and job satisfaction, with higher income employees reporting higher outcomes when fairness is high. The index of moderated mediation is also significantly supporting, indicating that work–life balance has a stronger mediation effect as income rises. Thus, as workers emerged from working poverty, pay fairness, and in turn work–life balance, became psychologically more salient for happiness at work, implying that a pathway to Sustainable Development Goal 8 includes at least three psychological steps, in addition to the pecuniary issue of pay: fairness, work–life balance, and job satisfaction.

Open Access Article

[An Analysis of the Sustainable Development of Environmental Education Provided by Museums](#)

by Yun-Ciao Wang and Shang-Chia Chiou

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Abstract

Under the international initiative of environmental education and ecological conservation, promoting the public's environmental awareness is the mission and goal of the museum's environmental education. The main function of the museum is to integrate the values of local, regional, and national culture toward multifaceted management, as the museum is an important cultural carrier and a key force for informal education. Past studies have focused on environmental protection in formal educational settings, while museums in nonformal educational settings have undertaken relatively few missions to the environment, which is the motivation of this study. In the past three hundred years, nine countries, including world powers like Spain, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Japan, have left their footprints in Tamsui, Taiwan, creating an important field for cross-cultural environmental education. Therefore, this study takes environmental education in the protection of Taiwan's Tamsui cultural assets as its case study, and uses gradual regression analysis as a method to explore the potential factors of audience cognition resulting from the channels of museum environmental

education, and to grasp the possibility of implementation. The results show that the reliability coefficient of this study is 0.908, and the internal consistency of the representative scale is high. The overall satisfaction with environmental education of audiences is above 4.24 in the five-level subscale. Further gradual regression analysis shows that positive and negative explanatory power can be used to examine the environmental education programs of museums. Therefore, according to data analysis, the findings can serve as a basis for promoting social environmental education goals, as well as a field for cross-cultural learning, to achieve a people-oriented sustainable development strategy.

Open Access Article

[Transition Management for Improving the Sustainability of WASH Services in Informal Settlements in Sub-Saharan Africa—An Exploration](#)

by [Giorgia Silvestri](#), [Julia M. Wittmayer](#), [Karlijn Schipper](#), [Robinah Kulabako](#), [Sampson Oduro-Kwarteng](#), [Philip Nyenje](#), [Hans Komakech](#) and [Roel van Raak](#)

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Abstract

This paper explores how transition management processes can be designed to address the unsustainability of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in informal settlements in cities in Sub-Saharan Africa. The unsustainability of services related to WASH in informal settlements in Sub-Saharan Africa is deeply embedded in current societal and governance structures, cultures, and practices; it is context-dependent and involves numerous actors with different interests. Based on a literature review and empirical work in Arusha (Tanzania), Dodowa (Ghana), and Kampala (Uganda), we identify five context dimensions that account for the unsustainability of WASH services: (a) multiplicity of WASH practices, structures, and arrangements; (b) governance capacities for WASH services and maintenance; (c) landownership for sustainable access to WASH; (d) public participation in decision-making related to WASH; and (e) socio-economic inequalities governing access to WASH. These dimensions pose numerous conceptual and application challenges for transition management. Based on these challenges, recommendations are formulated for the design of a contextualized, participatory transition management process that is not only functional, but also emancipatory.

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