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:: Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad

themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.

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Human Rights – Right to Life

[UN Human Rights Committee publishes new general comment on the 'right to life'](#)

GENEVA (1 November 2018) — The UN Human Rights Committee, which monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, today published a new general comment: a comprehensive text providing legal guidance on article 6, the right to life.

"The right to life is the prerequisite for the enjoyment of all other human rights," explained Yuval Shany, Chair of the Human Rights Committee. "The general comment provides a rich and authoritative statement of the obligations deriving from the right to life, which the Committee defines as 'the supreme right.'"

The Human Rights Committee, made up of 18 independent experts, is charged with watching over the Covenant by examining the human rights situation in each of the 172 countries that ratified it. Those countries are also referred to as States parties. In addition to reviewing the human rights situation in the States parties, the Committee also examines, discusses and writes guidance on how States parties ought to interpret and apply the Covenant on a practical level. The Human Rights Committee speaks for itself, not for the United Nations.

The general comment the Committee just issued on the right to life has been in the works for more than three years, said Shany, adding that it touches on extremely complicated issues such as the relationship between the right to life and other human rights, as well as other international law norms. The Comment then identifies the obligations of states to protect life against a variety of challenges, including environmental degradation, war and extreme poverty. The general comment also addresses the duties of states to individuals located outside their territory, but affected nonetheless by their activities or activities of corporations based in their territory. The document also declares that states that have not yet abolished the death penalty should gradually move toward abolition.

The Committee is next set to write guidance on article 21 on the right to peaceful assembly, work which will begin at the Committee's next session starting March 4, 2019.

[General comment No. 36 \(2018\) on article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, on the right to life*](#)

CCPR/C/GC/36

30 October 2018 :: 24 pages

Adopted by the Committee at its 124th session (8 October to 2 November 2018).

[Excerpts; Editor's text bolding]

I. General remarks

1. This general comment replaces earlier general comments No. 6 (16th session) and 14 (23rd session) adopted by the Committee in 1982 and 1984, respectively.

2. **Article 6 recognizes and protects the right to life of all human beings. It is the supreme right from which no derogation is permitted even in situations of armed conflict and other public emergencies which threatens the life of the nation.**[1] The right to life has crucial importance both for individuals and for society as a whole. It is most precious for its own sake as a right that inheres in every human being, but it also constitutes a fundamental right [2] whose effective protection is the prerequisite for the enjoyment of all other human rights and whose content can be informed by other human rights.

3. The right to life is a right which should not be interpreted narrowly. It concerns **the entitlement of individuals to be free from acts and omissions that are intended or may be expected to cause their unnatural or premature death, as well as to enjoy a life with dignity.** Article 6 guarantees this right for all human beings, without distinction of any kind, including for persons suspected or convicted of even the most serious crimes.

4. Paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Covenant provides that **no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life and that the right shall be protected by law.** It lays the foundation for the obligation of States parties to respect and to ensure the right to life, to give effect to it through legislative and other measures, and to provide effective remedies and reparation to all victims of violations of the right to life.

5. Paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 of article 6 of the Covenant set out **specific safeguards for ensuring that in States parties which have not yet abolished the death penalty, it must not be applied except for the most serious crimes, and then only in the most exceptional cases and under the strictest limits.** [3] The prohibition on arbitrary deprivation of life contained in article 6, paragraph 1 further limits the ability of States parties to apply the death penalty. The provisions of paragraph 3 regulate specifically the relationship between Article 6 of the Covenant and the Convention on

6. Deprivation of life involves an intentional [4] or otherwise foreseeable and preventable life-terminating harm or injury, caused by an act or omission. It goes beyond injury to bodily or mental integrity or threat thereto. [5]

7. States parties must respect the right to life and have the duty to refrain from engaging in conduct resulting in arbitrary deprivation of life. **States parties must also ensure the right to life and exercise due diligence to protect the lives of individuals against deprivations caused by persons or entities, whose conduct is not attributable to the State.** [6] The obligation of States parties to respect and ensure the right to life extends to reasonably foreseeable threats and life-threatening situations that can result in loss of life. States parties may be in violation of article 6 even if such threats and situations do not result in loss of life. [7]

8. Although **States parties may adopt measures designed to regulate voluntary terminations of pregnancy, such measures must not result in violation of the right to life of a pregnant woman or girl, or her other rights under the Covenant.** Thus, restrictions on the ability of women or girls to seek abortion must not, inter alia, jeopardize their lives, subject them to physical or mental pain or suffering which violates article 7, discriminate against them or arbitrarily interfere with their privacy. States parties must provide safe, legal and effective access to abortion where the life and health of the pregnant woman or girl is at risk, or where carrying a pregnancy to term would cause the

pregnant woman or girl substantial pain or suffering, most notably where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest or is not viable...

9. While acknowledging the central importance to human dignity of personal autonomy, **States should take adequate measures, without violating their other Covenant obligations, to prevent suicides, especially among individuals in particularly vulnerable situations, [20] including individuals deprived of their liberty.** States parties that allow medical professionals to provide medical treatment or the medical means in order to facilitate the termination of life of afflicted adults, such as the terminally ill, who experience severe physical or mental pain and suffering and wish to die with dignity, [21] must ensure the existence of robust legal and institutional safeguards to verify that medical professionals are complying with the free, informed, explicit and, unambiguous decision of their patients, with a view to protecting patients from pressure and abuse. [22]...

...54. **Torture and ill-treatment, which may seriously affect the physical and mental health of the mistreated individual could also generate the risk of deprivation of life.** Furthermore, criminal convictions resulting in the death penalty, which are based on information procured by torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of interrogated persons, would violate articles 7 and 14, paragraph 3(g) of the Covenant, as well as article 6. [229]...

...61. **The right to life must be respected and ensured without distinction of any kind,** such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or any other status, including caste, [250] ethnicity, membership of an indigenous group, sexual orientation or gender identity, [251] disability, [252] socioeconomic status, [253] albinism [254] and age. [255] Legal protections for the right to life must apply equally to all individuals and provide them with effective guarantees against all forms of discrimination, including multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination. [256] Any deprivation of life based on discrimination in law or fact is ipso facto arbitrary in nature. Femicide, which constitutes an extreme form of gender-based violence that is directed against girls and women, is a particularly grave form of assault on the right to life.

62. **Environmental degradation, climate change and unsustainable development constitute some of the most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations to enjoy the right to life.** [258] Obligations of States parties under international environmental law should thus inform the contents of article 6 of the Covenant, and the obligation of States parties to respect and ensure the right to life should also inform their relevant obligations under international environmental law...

...69. Wars and other acts of mass violence continue to be a scourge of humanity resulting in the loss of lives of many thousands of lives every year. [279] **Efforts to avert the risks of war, and any other armed conflict, and to strengthen international peace and security, are among the most important safeguards for the right to life.** [280]

70. **States parties engaged in acts of aggression as defined in international law, resulting in deprivation of life, violate ipso facto article 6 of the Covenant.** At the same time, all States are reminded of their responsibility as members of the international community to protect lives and to oppose widespread or systematic attacks on the right to life, [281] including acts of aggression, international terrorism, genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, while respecting all of their obligations under international law. States parties that fail to take all reasonable measures to settle

their international disputes by peaceful means might fall short of complying with their positive obligation to ensure the right to life.

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Internet Freedom :: "Digital Authoritarianism"

Freedom on the Net 2018: The Rise of Digital Authoritarianism

Freedom House

October 2018 :: 32 pages

Governments around the world are tightening control over citizens' data and using claims of "fake news" to suppress dissent, eroding trust in the internet as well as the foundations of democracy.

PDF: https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/FOTN_2018_Final%20Booklet_11_1_2018.pdf

[Text bolding from original]

Tracking the Global Decline

Freedom on the Net is a comprehensive study of internet freedom in 65 countries around the globe, covering 87 percent of the world's internet users. It tracks improvements and declines in internet freedom conditions each year. The countries included in the study are selected to represent diverse geographical regions and regime types. In-depth reports on each country can be found at www.freedomthenet.org.

More than 70 analysts contributed to this year's edition using a 21-question research methodology that addresses internet access, freedom of expression, and privacy issues. In addition to ranking countries by their internet freedom score, the project offers a unique opportunity to identify global trends related to the impact of information and communication technologies on democracy. This report, the eighth in its series, focuses on developments that occurred between June 2017 and May 2018.

Of the 65 countries assessed, 26 have been on an overall decline since June 2017, compared with 19 that registered net improvements. The biggest score declines took place in Egypt and Sri Lanka, followed by Cambodia, Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Venezuela.

Even as the #MeToo movement successfully exposed rampant sexual assault and harassment in some parts of the world, two women in Egypt were arrested in separate incidents for uploading video confessionals on Facebook to decry such abuses in that country. Both were accused of spreading false information to harm public security; one, a visiting Lebanese tourist, was sentenced to eight years in prison. Egyptian authorities undertook a broader crackdown on dissent by blocking some 500 websites, including those of prominent human rights organizations and independent media outlets. In Sri Lanka, authorities shut down social media platforms for two days during communal riots that broke out in March and led to at least two deaths. Rumors and disinformation had spread on digital platforms, sparking vigilante violence that predominantly targeted the Muslim minority.

In almost half of the countries where internet freedom declined, the reductions were related to elections. Twelve countries suffered from a rise in disinformation, censorship, technical attacks, or arrests of government critics in the lead-up to elections. As Venezuela held a presidential election in May to cement the authoritarian rule of Nicolás Maduro, the government passed a vaguely written law that imposed severe prison sentences for inciting "hatred" online. Implementation of the

“Fatherland Card”—an electronic identification system used to channel social aid—stirred suspicions that data collected through the device could be exploited to monitor and pressure voters. Ahead of general elections in July 2018, Cambodia experienced a surge in arrests and prison sentences for online speech, as the government sought to broaden the arsenal of offenses used to silence dissent, including a new lèse-majesté law that bans insults to the monarchy.

Score declines in the Philippines and Kenya led to status downgrades. The Philippines slipped from Free to Partly Free as content manipulation and cyberattacks threatened to distort online information. Harassment of dissenting voices escalated, with authorities attempting to close down a local news website known for its critical coverage of President Rodrigo Duterte’s brutal war on drugs. The media organization Vera Files, one of several outlets to suffer cyberattacks during the year, was hit with a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack shortly after it published a sensitive story about Duterte and his daughter’s declaration of assets. In Kenya, which also moved from Free to Partly Free, online manipulation and disinformation targeted voters during the August 2017 elections, while a Cybercrime Law passed in May 2018 increased the maximum penalty for publishing “false” or “fictitious” information to 10 years in prison if the action results in “panic” or is “likely to discredit the reputation of a person,” despite the fact that criminal defamation was ruled unconstitutional in 2017. An association of bloggers appealed provisions of the law, which were suspended for further review. These negative developments occurred against the backdrop of growing surveillance concerns and ongoing arrests of bloggers and ordinary social media users for criticizing government officials or posting alleged hate speech.

Internet freedom declined in the United States. The Federal Communications Commission repealed rules that guaranteed net neutrality, the principle that service providers should not prioritize internet traffic based on its type, source, or destination. The move sparked efforts by civil society groups and state-level authorities to restore the protections on a local basis. In a blow to civil rights and privacy advocates, Congress reauthorized the FISA Amendments Act, including the controversial Section 702, thereby missing an opportunity to reform surveillance powers that allow the government to conduct broad sweeps in search of non-US targets and routinely collect the personal communications of Americans in the process. Despite an online environment that remains vibrant, diverse, and free, disinformation and hyperpartisan content continued to be of pressing concern in the United States, particularly in the run-up to the 2018 midterm elections.

Of the 19 countries with overall score improvements, two—Armenia and the Gambia—earned upgrades in their internet freedom status. Armenia rose from Partly Free to Free after citizens successfully used social media platforms, communication apps, and live-streaming services to bring about political change in the country’s Velvet Revolution in April. The Gambia jumped from Not Free to Partly Free, as restrictions have eased and users have posted content more freely since longtime dictator Yahya Jammeh was forced from office in early 2017. However, many draconian laws enacted under the former regime are still in place. While Ethiopia remained highly repressive, a new prime minister appointed in April 2018 immediately moved to reduce tight internet restrictions and promised broader reforms. Prominent bloggers were released from prison, and citizens felt more free to speak out on social media and participate in their country’s potential transition from authoritarian rule.

Press Release

[**The Rise of Digital Authoritarianism: Fake news, data collection and the challenge to democracy**](#)

Washington

November 1, 2018

Governments around the world are tightening control over citizens' data and using claims of "fake news" to suppress dissent, eroding trust in the internet as well as the foundations of democracy, according to *Freedom on the Net 2018: The Rise of Digital Authoritarianism*, the latest edition of the annual country-by-country assessment of online freedom, released today by Freedom House.

Online propaganda and disinformation have increasingly poisoned the digital sphere, while the unbridled collection of personal data is breaking down traditional notions of privacy. At the same time, China has become more brazen and adept at controlling the internet at home and exporting its techniques to other countries.

These trends led global internet freedom to decline for the eighth consecutive year in 2018.

"Democracies are struggling in the digital age, while China is exporting its model of censorship and surveillance to control information both inside and outside its borders," said Michael J. Abramowitz, president of Freedom House. "This pattern poses a threat to the open internet and endangers prospects for greater democracy worldwide."

"The U.S. government and major U.S. tech companies need to take a more proactive role in preventing online manipulation and protecting users' data," Abramowitz said. "The current weaknesses in the system have played into the hands of less democratic governments looking to increase their control of the internet."...

"This year has proved that the internet can be used to disrupt democracies as surely as it can destabilize dictatorships," said Adrian Shahbaz, Freedom House's research director for technology and democracy...

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Justice – ICC/Treaty of Rome

[Speech of the ICC President to United Nations General Assembly](#)

International Criminal Court - Statement 29 October 2018

[Excerpt]

...The theme we chose for that reflection is 'BACK TO BASICS.'

That theme requires us to return to two basic questions. The FIRST re-engages this query: Why was the Rome Statute adopted? The very preamble of the Rome Statute itself answers that question. The preamble recites the following apposite declarations, amongst others:

:: [The] Conscious[ness] that all peoples are united by common bonds, their cultures pieced together in a shared heritage, and [the] concern[*] that this delicate mosaic may be shattered at any time,

:: [The] Mindful[ness] that during [the 20th] century [in which the Rome Statute was adopted] millions of children, women and men ha[d] been victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity,

:: [The] Recogni[tion] that such grave crimes threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world,

:: [The] Determin[ation] to put an end to impunity for the perpetrators of these crimes and thus to contribute to the prevention of such crimes, ...

The SECOND of the basic questions that the 20th Anniversary of the Rome Statute compels us to reflect upon is whether our world and civilisation have arrived at the stage where those legislative worries that gave impetus to the negotiation and adoption of the Rome Statute have now become a thing of the past: such that the World no longer needs the Rome Statute and the ICC.

One of the most highly respected African Statesmen of our time answered that question in a very straightforward way. As part of his own reflections during the 20th Anniversary of the Rome Statute in July, Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari answered that question in these words:

'With the alarming proliferation of the most serious crimes around the world, the ICC, and all that it stands for, is now needed more than ever, in ways that were unforeseeable to its founders. The ICC may have been created at a time of optimism that it would not need to be utilized frequently, but, unfortunately, the increase in international crimes has only increased the Court's relevance.'

And if any one of those legislative worries that impelled the Court's creation stands out for a special focus, it is this. During the 20th century, 'millions of children, women and men ha[d] been victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity.' Can we be sure that at the close of the 21st Century, humanity will not be left singing the same sad song – in the absence of the Rome Statute and the ICC remaining in place and supported by all to serve, at least, as a whistle of caution (if not a real obstacle of conscience) to those inclined to commit such crimes?....

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Governance :: Human Rights

Mary Robinson appointed new Chair of The Elders

The former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will become The Elders' third Chair.

Press release 31 October 2018

The Elders announced today that their new Chair will be Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mary Robinson becomes The Elders' third Chair since the group was founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007, following Archbishop Desmond Tutu (2007-13) and Kofi Annan (2013-2018).

Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General, and Graça Machel, former Education Minister of Mozambique and co-founder of The Elders, will serve as joint Deputy Chairs, succeeding Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway, who has held the role since 2013.

Mary Robinson said: "It is a huge honour to take up the role as Chair of The Elders at such a critical moment for peace, justice and human rights worldwide. Building on the powerful legacies of Archbishop Tutu and Kofi Annan, I am confident that our group's voice can both be heard by leaders and amplify grassroots activists fighting for their rights."

Taking the lead on Human Rights

News 1 November 2018

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, The Elders joined together with the British Council and SOAS to debate the future of human rights and ethical leadership. [Video :: 1:151 :: <https://www.facebook.com/theElders/videos/373323806576635/>]

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Education

[An Unfair Start: Inequality in Children's Education in Rich Countries](#)

Innocenti Report Card 15

UNICEF, 2018 :: 52 pages

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ABSTRACT

In the world's richest countries, some children do worse at school than others because of circumstances beyond their control, such as where they were born, the language they speak or their parents' occupations. These children enter the education system at a disadvantage and can drop further behind if educational policies and practices reinforce, rather than reduce, the gap between them and their peers. These types of inequality are unjust. Not all children have an equal opportunity to reach their full potential, to pursue their interests and to develop their talents and skills. This has social and economic costs. This report focuses on educational inequalities in 41 of the world's richest countries, all of which are members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and/or the European Union (EU). Using the most recent data available, it examines inequalities across childhood – from access to preschool to expectations of post-secondary education – and explores in depth the relationships between educational inequality and factors such as parents' occupations, migration background, the child's gender and school characteristics.

The key feature of the report is the league table, which summarizes the extent of educational inequalities at preschool, primary school and secondary school levels. The indicator of inequality at the preschool level is the percentage of students enrolled in organized learning one year before the official age of primary school entry. The indicator for both primary school (Grade 4, around age 10) and secondary school (age 15) is the gap in reading scores between the lowest- and highest-performing students.

Press Release

[National wealth does not guarantee education equality, UNICEF report says](#)

[An Unfair Start: Inequality in children's education in rich countries launched today](#)

FLORENCE/NEW YORK, 30 October 2018 – Living in a rich country does not guarantee equal access to quality education, according to [Report Card 15](#) from UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti. Children in less wealthy countries often perform better at school despite fewer national resources, the report says. [An Unfair Start: Inequality in Children's Education in Rich Countries](#) ranks 41 member countries of the European Union and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development on the extent of educational inequalities at preschool, primary and secondary school levels. It uses the latest available data to examine the link between children's achievement and factors such as parents' occupation, migration background, gender and school characteristics.

The report focuses on two child-centred indicators of inequality: At preschool level the indicator is the percentage of students enrolled in organized learning one year before the official age for entering primary school; The indicator for both primary school (Grade 4, around age 10) and secondary school

(age 15) is the gap in reading scores between the lowest- and highest-performing students. The ranking at age 15 is the lead indicator in the report because this represents the level of inequality towards the end of compulsory education.

“What our report shows is that countries can offer their children the best of both worlds: They can achieve standards of excellence in education and have relatively low inequality,” said Dr Priscilla Idele, Director (a.i) of UNICEF Innocenti. “But all rich countries can and must do much more for children from disadvantaged families as they are the most likely to fall behind.”

Countries have different degrees of educational inequality at different educational stages, the report says. Ireland and Slovenia are in the bottom third of countries for preschool enrolment, but move to the middle third at primary school and then the top third at secondary school. France has one of the highest rates of preschool enrolment but then falls to the bottom third in secondary school. The Netherlands goes from being the most equal country in primary school reading scores to ranking 26th of 38 countries when children reach 15 years of age. Towards the end of compulsory schooling, Latvia, Ireland and Spain are the three most equal countries.

In 16 of 29 European countries for which data are available, children from the poorest fifth of households have a lower preschool attendance rate than children from the richest fifth. The patterns persist throughout a child’s schooling. Among children aged 15 who are doing equally well at school, those with parents in high-status jobs are much more likely to continue into higher education than those with parents in low-status jobs.

In 21 out of 25 countries with substantial levels of immigration children who are first-generation immigrants tend to do less well at school at age 15 than non-migrant children. In 15 countries, second-generation immigrant children also do less well than non-migrant children. However, in Australia and Canada, second-generation immigrant children do better than non-migrant children. These patterns reflect varying patterns of migration to different countries...

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Heritage Stewardship – Oceans

[Pioneering global framework for sustainable ocean finance launched at Our Ocean global summit](#)

Bali, 29 October 2018 – The world’s first global framework to finance a sustainable ocean economy was launched at the Our Ocean conference today.

The Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles were developed by the European Commission, WWF, World Resources Institute (WRI), and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Started as a commitment by a dozen financial institutions and key stakeholders just a year ago, they are now set to become the gold standard to invest in the ocean economy—the “blue economy”—in a sustainable way.

Ocean ecosystems are under enormous pressure. With growth of the blue economy expected to double over the next decade, action is urgently needed to reverse this trend. Sustainable finance is a powerful solution. By engaging investors, insurers and banks, the Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles

bring sustainability into the boardrooms of all ocean-based industries, from shipping, fisheries and tourism, to aquaculture, energy and biotechnology.

To put the principles into practice, an IT-based tool is being developed to help investment managers assess whether their investment decisions are verifiably sustainable. The organisations behind the principles are convinced that this will show in practice how profitability can go hand-in-hand with environmental and social stewardship, and how UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 to “conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources” can be achieved.

The Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles will become part of a new sustainable blue economy finance initiative under the auspices of the UN Environment Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), which joins the European Commission, WWF, WRI and the EIB as a founding partner. The initiative, anticipated for 2019, will receive initial support from the European Commission.

The principles are endorsed by the major international sustainable finance initiatives, including UN Environment’s Principles for Sustainable Insurance Initiative (PSI) and the World Bank.

A growing number of financial institutions and stakeholders have already endorsed the initiative, including Alimentos Ventures, Aloe Private Equity, Althelia Ecosphere, Bonafide Ltd., Boston Common Asset Management, Fishing Accelerator, Greenbackers Investment Capital, the International Capital Market Association, Investas – Association luxembourgeoise des investisseurs privés, Mermaid Investments, Ocean Assets Institute, the Ocean Data Alliance, Pure Salmon, The Nature Conservancy, Rockefeller Asset Management, SeaAhead, SKY - Ocean Rescue Fund and 8F Asset Management. With the new UN Environment-hosted sustainable blue economy finance initiative planned for 2019, it is expected that many more institutions will come on board. Meanwhile, interested organisations can consult [European Commission...](#)

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Heritage Stewardship – Documentary Heritage

[Major inter-regional conference on memory preservation and accessibility organized by UNESCO](#)

31 October 2018

In a first for the Memory of the World (MoW) Programme, UNESCO brought together 46 countries in Panama City to discuss ways of creating effective conditions for the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage.

Held from 24 to 27 October 2018, the conference brought MoW experts from Asia/Pacific, Europe and North America, Africa, Arab States, as well as Latin America and the Caribbean, representing regional committees of MoW and international organizations actively engaged in preserving and promoting documentary heritage.

In her welcome remarks to the participants, Ms Lidia Brito, Director of the UNESCO Montevideo office, extolled documentary heritage as one of the key foundations for human civilization. She singled out UNESCO’s [Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage Including in Digital Form](#) as a defining normative instrument which underpinned this inter-regional conference...

Various speakers, mostly drawn from national committees of Memory of the World, shared their experiences as to their national and regional efforts to preserve documentary heritage under difficult circumstances. Examples in this respect included:

:: Preserving documentary heritage in tsunami-hit Japan.

:: Enhancing regional approaches to disaster recovery and heritage preservation by the Caribbean Archives Association.

:: A project by the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations (CCAAA) on Archives at Risk: Endangered Audiovisual Archives and Global Preservation Efforts.

:: Using the UNESCO SIDS Action Plan as a framework for preserving documentary heritage in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS), including through the MoW Programme...

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Development – Cash Transfer Mechanisms

[World Bank Helps Bangladesh Modernize Cash Transfer Programs for Poor](#)

More Than Six and a Half Million Poor and Vulnerable People Will Benefit

DHAKA, October 28, 2018– **The government of Bangladesh today signed a \$300 million financing agreement with the World Bank to improve the transparency and efficiency of its major cash transfer programs for the poorest and vulnerable, including the elderly, widows, and people with disabilities.**

The [Cash Transfer Modernization Project](#) will help the Department of Social Services (DSS) modernize the country's four major social protection programs using cash transfers by improving beneficiary targeting, program administration, and benefit payments. The programs are: the Old Age Allowance, Allowances for the Widow, Deserted and Destitute Women, Allowances for the Financially Insolvent Disabled, and Stipends for Disabled Students. These programs collectively reach more than six and a half million of the country's poorest people.

"An efficient, automated and transparent social protection service delivery system is critical to build resilience and create opportunities for the poorest people," said Qimiao Fan, World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. "The World Bank is helping the government build common digital platforms to better administer safety net programs. This will help reduce administrative costs and errors by identifying the most vulnerable people with greater accuracy and transferring cash in a timely manner."

In fiscal year 2018, Bangladesh spent about \$5.8 billion on social protection, or about 2 percent of its Gross Domestic Product, and improving the efficiency of these programs will help Bangladesh to use public resources more effectively.

The DSS has already started digitizing beneficiary records of its cash transfer programs, and the project will help further strengthen case management and payment processes. To accurately identify recipients of cash transfers, the project will help integrate DSS's management information system with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics' National Household Database. For more secure and accessible payments to beneficiaries, the system will be linked to the Finance Division's centralized payment platform, and use a network of banking agents, among others. Such actions—utilizing existing or

emerging systems—will help further develop an integrated social protection service delivery system in the country...

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Research Integrity

[Applying 8 principles for fair and inclusive research partnerships](#)

30 October 2018

Bond

Authors: [Jude Fransman](#) [Rachel Hayman](#) [Kate Newman](#)

Research is more important than ever to NGOs, who need data to plan their work and show evidence of their impact. Many NGOs are now working with academics in [mutually-beneficial partnerships to conduct research](#). However, there are some persistent barriers and bottlenecks in these research partnerships that risk undermining their international development goals.

The [Rethinking Research Collaborative](#) has published new research and a set of resources to address these issues and help create fair and equitable research partnerships. We gathered perspectives from different research partners in UK-led research collaborations, including academics and practitioners based in the global south, UK-based international brokers, and international NGOs.

The report [[PDF](#)] shares findings on the challenges and presents eight principles for addressing them. The resources – [an introduction](#), [six modules](#) and [nine written and audio case studies](#) – help different stakeholders involved in collaborative international development research put the principles into practice.

Why do we need to think about fair and equitable partnerships?

In recent years the UK government has invested highly in international development research. For example, the [Global Challenges Research Fund](#) provides £1.5 billion to support cutting-edge research that addresses developing countries' challenges, and a £735 million match-funding stream, the [Newton Fund](#), focuses on tackling development challenges through science and innovation.

Both funds have partnership at their heart, building on recent trends for collaborative research as a response to the complexity of development challenges, as well as a belief that collaboration is more likely to lead to accessible and useful research.

This means that academics based in universities in the global north are not only partnering with academics based in other institutions and countries, but also with actors from civil society, government and the private sector based in the global north and global south.

While the rhetoric of partnership sounds good, in practice these collaborative partnerships are often quite challenging and unequal, with UK-based academics holding considerably more power than their southern-based or non-academic partners. We need to change this dynamic for all partners to becoming active co-creators of the research and the knowledge it generates.

Eight principles for improving practice

The Rethinking Research Collaborative conducted interviews, focus group discussions and a round-table event to develop eight principles for fair and equitable partnerships:

Put poverty first. Constantly question how research is addressing the end goal of reducing poverty by better designing and evaluating how the research will have a real world impact.

Critically engage with context(s). Consider how representative of different countries these partnerships and governance systems are, and commit to strengthening research ecosystems in the global south.

Redress evidence hierarchies. Incentivise intellectual leadership by southern-based academics and civil society practitioners and engage communities throughout.

Adapt and respond. Take an adaptive approach that is responsive to context.

Respect diversity of knowledge and skills. Take time to explore the knowledge, skills and experience that each partner brings and consider different ways of representing research.

Commit to transparency. Put in place a code of conduct or memorandum of understanding that commits to transparency in all aspects of the project administration and budgeting.

Invest in relationships. Create spaces and commit funded time to establish, nurture and sustain relationships at the individual and institutional level.

Keep learning. Reflect critically within and beyond the partnership.

The resource materials take these principles as their starting point and are made up of targeted modules for different stakeholder groups (UK-based research funders, UK-based academics, academics based in the global south, international NGOs, civil society organisations based in the global south and research broker organisations) and case studies based on real experiences.

The Rethinking Research Collaborative is an informal international network of individuals and organisations committed to working together to encourage more inclusive, responsive collaborations to produce useful and accessible development research. The collaborative will be working with UK research funding bodies to implement the recommendations from this work, and with diverse research partners to help put our principles for fair and equitable partnership into practice.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Polio this week as of 30 October 2018](#) [GPEI]

:: World Polio Day activities garnered global attention. Partners, donors, and popular public figures around the world brought attention to the cause of polio and the efforts to eradicate polio. A quick overview of some of the [World Polio Day highlights](#)

:: The Every Last Child project series was launched by UNICEF, which covers over 30 wide-ranging profiles of governments, front-line workers, and the stakeholders involved in the collective polio eradication efforts across Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

:: Featured on polioeradication.org: Coffee with Polio Experts – Dr Arlene King, Chair of the RCC for the Americas, and GCC Containment Working Group talks to WHO about the importance of safe and secure containment of polioviruses, in places where needed, and the accompanying risk and responsibility that come with retaining the pathogen.

Afghanistan – Three new cases of wild poliovirus (WPV1) and four WPV1 positive environmental samples.

Democratic Republic of Congo – one new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2).

Pakistan – No new case of wild poliovirus (WPV1) and seven WPV1 positive environmental samples

Nigeria – two new cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2).

Somalia – four new cVDPV2 positive environmental samples. See country sections below for more details.

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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 3 Nov 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: 13: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 30 October 2018

:: DONs Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 1 November 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Weekly Situation Report 48 - 25 October 2018

[Excerpt]

...WHO immunization team is planning to start passive surveillance activity of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP), Vaccine Preventable diseases m(VPDs), Congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) and Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFIs) for early notification and in compliance with the Ministry of Health (MoH) surveillance program....

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 3 Nov 2018]

Myanmar

:: Weekly Situation Report 48 - 25 October 2018 [see above]

Brazil (in Portuguese) - No new announcements identified

Cameroon - No new announcements identified

Central African Republic - No new announcements identified

Ethiopia - No new announcements identified

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

Iraq - No new announcements identified

occupied Palestinian territory - No new announcements identified

Libya - No new announcements identified

MERS-CoV - No new announcements identified

Niger - No new announcements identified

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

Sudan - No new announcements identified

Ukraine - No new announcements identified

Zimbabwe - No new announcements identified

Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 43: 20 – 26 October 2018

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

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

:: Cholera in Cameroon

:: Dengue in Senegal

:: Hepatitis E in Central African Republic.

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 3 Nov 2018]

Afghanistan

Angola (in Portuguese)

Chad

Ethiopia

Kenya

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Mali

Papua New Guinea

Peru

Tanzania

Tropical Cyclone Gira

Zambia

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic - No new announcements identified.

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 66 | 15-28 October 2018

Somalia - *No new announcements identified.*

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2 November 2018

GA/12087

Delegates Argue over Objectivity, Double Standards in Human Rights Council, as General Assembly Considers Annual Report

While many Member States commended the work of the Human Rights Council as crucial in the promotion and protection of universal human rights, others expressed concern over its subjectivity, double standards and politicization, as the General Assembly took up the intergovernmental body's report today.

2 November 2018

SC/13562

Without Arrest of Outstanding Fugitives, Suffering in Libya will Continue, International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor Tells Security Council

Outlining her continued activities to fight impunity for grave crimes committed since 2011 in Libya, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court today asked the Security Council to back up its support with effective action, particularly regarding the arrest of outstanding fugitives from justice.

31 October 2018

SG/A/1836-BIO/5156*

Secretary-General Appoints Geir O. Pedersen of Norway Special Envoy for Syria

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced today the appointment of Geir O. Pedersen of Norway as his Special Envoy for Syria. The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to reiterate his deepest gratitude to Staffan de Mistura of Italy for his concerted efforts and contributions to the search for peace in Syria.

31 October 2018
GA/SHC/4247

[Refugees, Migrants Branded 'Threats', Dehumanized in Campaigns Seeking Political Gain, High Commissioner Tells Third Committee, Appealing for Return to Dignity](#)

Uprooted by war, today's 68.5 million refugees are often branded as threats — turned back at borders, left to perish at sea, or detained indefinitely in horrific conditions, Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, as he called for a return to dignity, human rights and a sense of shared humanity.

30 October 2018
SC/13559

[Adopting Resolution 2439 \(2018\), Security Council Condemns Attacks by Armed Groups in Democratic Republic of Congo Jeopardizing Response to Ebola Outbreak](#)

The Security Council today adopted a resolution condemning attacks by armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and their role in exacerbating the country's ongoing Ebola outbreak, while demanding full, safe, immediate and unhindered access for the humanitarian and medical personnel working to save lives and prevent the virus from spreading across the region.

30 October 2018
ORG/1681

[Political, Social Polarization Leading to Rise in Global Insecurity, Secretary-General's Report Finds](#)

Global insecurity will continue to rise as a result of political and social polarization, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres says in his report to the General Assembly released on 30 October, titled "Safety and Security of Humanitarian Personnel and Protection of United Nations Personnel".

29 October 2018
GA/SHC/4245

[Third Committee Experts Warn Racism, Hate Speech, White Supremacy to Become Mainstream Unless States Enforce Zero-Tolerance Policies, Prevent Exclusion](#)

Racism, bigotry, xenophobia, nationalist populism, white supremacy and hate speech are on the rise, and often made more casual by public figures, experts told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, sounding an alarm bell against a "general indifference" to the perilous uptick in such behaviour.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 3 Nov 2018]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[Bachelet: Tanzania has duty to protect – not further endanger – LGBT people](#)

[UN human rights expert to visit UK to assess poverty](#)

[Khashoggi murder: Bachelet presses for impartial, effective investigation](#)

[Neo-Nazism and nationalist populism fuel hatred and intolerance, says UN expert](#)

[UN Human Rights Committee publishes new general comment on the 'right to life'](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

29 October 2018

[UN experts call on Saudi Arabia to halt death sentences on children](#)

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

1 November 2018

[UN human rights expert to visit UK to assess poverty](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

1 November 2018

[Right to health: UN expert to visit Canada](#)

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 3 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 3 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>

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

03 November 2018

[UN and SARC deliver humanitarian assistance to 50,000 people in Rukban](#)

01 November 2018

[Blind violence against civilians in Batangafo and Bambari](#)

Bangui, 1 November 2018 – The Humanitarian Coordinator in the Central African Republic, Najat Rochdi, condemns with the utmost energy the renewal of violence in Bambari and Batangafo towns, which has caused several casualties and forced displacement. It has also endangered the safety of humanitarian personnel on the ground...

01 November 2018

[UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria Condemns Deadly Attack on IDP Camp, North-East Nigeria](#)

31 October 2018

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock: Note on the humanitarian situation in Yemen](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Case Study

[World Disasters Report 2018: Leaving No One Behind](#)

by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

UNICEF [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

[In Mexico, children traveling with migrant caravan still in need of protection and support - UNICEF](#)

01/11/2018

Press release

[More than 80,000 children returned from Angola to DR Congo in urgent need of humanitarian assistance - UNICEF](#)

30/10/2018

Press release

[Global Task Force on Cholera Control marks a year of progress toward ending cholera worldwide](#)

01/11/2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Press release

[National wealth does not guarantee education equality, UNICEF report says](#)

An Unfair Start: Inequality in children's education in rich countries launched today

29/10/2018

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Press release

[UNICEF opens first inclusive playground in Za'atari refugee camp, Jordan](#)

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Briefing notes

[UNHCR reinforces border response as Venezuelans rush to beat Peru deadline](#) 2 Nov 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

[IOM Monitors Caravans of Central American Migrants, Supports Voluntary Returns](#)

2018-11-02 17:48

San Jose – IOM continues to provide support and assistance to migrants who have joined the migrant caravans crossing Central America.

[Access to School Aids Social Inclusion of Migrants, Refugees in Greece, IOM Survey Shows](#)

2018-11-02 17:46

Athens – Access to regular schooling has enabled migrant and refugee children to make friends with students from other cultures, said 84 per cent of surveyed children.

[IOM Ethiopia Improves Livelihood Opportunities to Assist Returnees and Prevent Irregular Migration](#)

2018-11-02 17:25

Addis Ababa — IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is spearheading two initiatives in Ethiopia to assist returnees and build youth resilience to prevent irregular migration in the future.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 97,857 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,987](#)

2018-10-30 15:43

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 97,857 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 28 October, with 47,433 to Spain, the leading destination this year, which is 48 per cent of all arrivals through the year.

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

2018-10-26 14:46

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

[UN Migration Agency, Partners Present Research on Modern Day Slavery at UK Event](#)

2018-10-26 14:43

London – Prevention, remedy and ultimately the eradication of human trafficking and slavery will require a more nuanced understanding of both the factors that make people vulnerable and the influence of market forces, according to the conclusions of a panel hosted by IOM, the UN...

UNAIDS [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2 November 2018

[Civil society cooperation network for the Americas and the Caribbean launched](#)

2 November 2018

[New data dashboard launched in the Asia and the Pacific region](#)

1 November 2018

[New commitment to primary health care](#)

31 October 2018

[HIVR4P 2018 highlights new possibilities for HIV prevention](#)

30 October 2018

[Training the next generation of Russian doctors on HIV-related stigma and discrimination](#)

29 October 2018

[Global HIV prevention targets at risk](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 3 Nov 2018]

News Release

29 October 2018

[More than 90% of the world's children breathe toxic air every day](#)

WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: [Uganda Finalizes Plans to Vaccinate Front-line Health Workers against Ebola](#) 03 November 2018

:: [Zambia heightens its capacity for preventing and responding to the threat of an outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease](#)

02 November 2018

:: [WHO enhances Ebola Rapid Response Readiness Capacities in South Sudan](#) 01 November 2018

:: WHO and the Ministry of Health Train Members of the Armed Forces on Ebola Case Management [Uganda] 29 October 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 'Health is a right of the people and a responsibility of government,' says PAHO Director (10/29/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new announcement identified*

WHO European Region EURO

:: Simulated poliovirus containment breach helps countries increase biorisk safety and security 01-11-2018

:: Revitalizing primary health care for the 21st century 01-11-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- *No new announcement identified*

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 31 October 2018 - Singapore wipes out measles; Australia, Brunei Darussalam and Macao SAR (China) eliminate rubella

:: 30 October 2018 - Joint News Release Regional Conference towards the Implementation of INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence against Children

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 3 Nov 2018]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2018/31/10/18>

[Ministers agree on international action to address antimicrobial resistance in animals and to safeguard medicines for humans and animals alike](#)

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Upcoming Events

[14 Nov 2018 - Webinar on Wastewater reuse. A second life for an essential resource: the example of greywater. @ Nairobi](#)

[20 Nov 2018 - Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean @ United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok](#)

[3 Dec 2018 - Expert Group Meeting on SDG 4: Thematic review @ Brussels, Belgium](#)

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

October 31, 2018

[SDSN discusses "The SDGs and the Future of Europe"](#)

The conference „The SDGs and the Future of Europe“, organized by the European Network for Political Foundations (ENoP) and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) took place in Bonn, Germany on 15 October 2018. More than 130 participants from over 20 European countries attended the conference and public dialogue in the evening following the event, [...]

October 30, 2018

[SDSN engages in 2nd International Congress on Human Rights in Valencia](#)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the result of the most important consultation and consensus among the member states of the United Nations to date and constitute an ambitious plan of action to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions before 2030. The 2030 Agenda is established based on universal human rights, therefore, for the [...]

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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

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

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

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

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

30 Oct 2018 / *Press release*

[New report outlines air pollution measures that can save millions of lives](#)

29 Oct 2018 / *Press release*

[Pioneering global framework for sustainable ocean finance launched at Our Ocean global summit](#)

[See Week in Review Above for detail]

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2 Nov 2018

[Tsunamis account for \\$280 billion in economic losses over last twenty years](#)

Monday, November 5, is World Tsunami Awareness Day. A review of available data shows that the last twenty years have been the most deadly and costly period...

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2 November 2018, *New York*

[New Small Island Developing States commitment to tackle effects of climate change and obstacles to sustainable development](#)

Facing the increased effects of climate change, natural disasters, and the outsized impacts of global economic shocks on small economies, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) resolved to strengthen their efforts to achieve sustainable development at the conclusion of a three-day meeting that ended this week in Apia, Samoa.

The Apia Outcome, adopted by SIDS, will serve as the basis for the preparation of the inter-governmentally agreed Political Declaration of the High-level SIDS Midterm Review of the SAMOA Pathway, to be held in September 2019. The Apia Outcome reaffirms that SAMOA Pathway is a standalone, overarching framework for guiding SIDS in their global, regional and national development efforts and is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development...

[Majority of the world's cities highly exposed to disasters, UN DESA warns on World Cities Day](#)

30 October 2018, New York

Close to three in five cities worldwide with at least 500,000 inhabitants are at high risk of a natural disaster, cautions UN DESA in its latest data booklet, [The World's Cities in 2018](#). Collectively, these cities are home to 1.4 billion people or around one third of the world's urban population. Issued ahead of the 31 October World Cities Day, the booklet found that 679 of the 1,146 cities with a population of at least half a million people, were vulnerable to either cyclones, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides or volcanic eruptions – or a combination of those...

UNESCO [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

01 November 2018

[International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists](#)

31 October 2018

[Major inter-regional conference on memory preservation and accessibility organized by UNESCO](#)

[See Week in Review Above for detail]

30 October 2018

[Science, a human right: World Science Day for Peace and Development](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Nairobi 1 November 2018

[Nairobi hosts first Africa wide bike sharing workshop](#)

— About 20 participants from Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and Rwanda participated in Africa's first Bike Share workshop which was recently held in Nairobi, Kenya. The participants learnt from the experience of the two pilot...

[Resilient cities, a matter of planning for and with children](#)

Child-responsive urban settings resonate qualities that many scholars have described as conceptual standards for sustainable and resilient cities. Given the global trend in urbanization, there is significant potential to engage with children in the decisions that affect...

Posted October 31, 2018

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2-11-2018

[South-South cooperation on agriculture a key ingredient for Zero Hunger](#)

Government representatives attending the Ministerial Forum on South-South Cooperation in Agriculture, held in China, have today committed to greater South-South cooperation on agriculture and rural development to increase momentum towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger.

[UN agencies raise alarm over weakened fight against hunger and malnutrition in Asia and the Pacific](#)

The warning came during the launch of a new regional report revealing that the reduction in the number of hungry and malnourished people - including children - has come to a virtual standstill in many parts of Asia and the Pacific.

2-11-2018

[Food prices dip in October](#)

The FAO Food Price Index, a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities, averaged 163.5 points in October, down 0.9 percent from September and 7.4 percent below its level a year earlier.

1-11-2018

[FAO and the New Development Bank plan to join forces in boost for efforts to achieve 2030 Agenda](#)

NDB President, K V Kamath, and FAO Director-General, José Graziano da Silva, today met in Shanghai to pave the way for a formal agreement which is expected to be finalized soon. It would mark the first such cooperation between the NDB and an UN agency.

31-10-2018

[New training for veterinarians in 14 African countries to help combat infectious diseases](#)

The countries involved include Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Uganda.

30-10-2018

Lawmakers' action key to ending hunger and ensuring healthy and sustainable diets for all

It is essential that parliaments around the world act without delay to adapt and improve legal, political and institutional frameworks to end hunger and ensure nutritious and healthy diets for all
28-10-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Op-Ed

How digitalization can help achieve fair migration

31 October 2018

The 11th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour held in Singapore on 29-30 October discussed how to maximize the potential of digitalization to promote decent work for migrant workers in the Asia Pacific region. Anna Engblom, senior expert on labour migration at the International Labour Organization (ILO), reviews the opportunities and challenges brought by digitalization in this area.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

31/10/18

Asia and Pacific meeting draws attention to challenges and opportunities for world's largest and fastest growing region for air traffic

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

30/10/2018

Addressing marine plastic litter from ships – action plan adopted

IMO pledges to address the significant problem posed by plastics to the marine environment through a number of measures identified in an action plan.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 31 October 2018

[Tracking it back: a new standard to support responsible use of wood just published](#)

Deforestation and forest degradation are ravaging our planet, threatening biodiversity and contributing to climate change havoc and global warming. As consumer awareness grows, so too does the demand to know the origins of wood in the products they buy....

With many players in the wood supply chain, and many different types of wood, tracing its origins to legal sources is complex. A robust method of traceability, therefore, will help businesses favour timber that comes from legal sources, thus enabling the industry to grow. [ISO 38200](#), Chain of custody of wood and wood-based products, specifies the requirements for a chain of custody of wood and wood-based products that allows users to trace the origins of wood and wood products every step along the supply chain.

This new International Standard lets users determine if the material is "verified", for which evidence of compliance with the requirements of a due diligence system can be provided; "specified", where it meets specific publicly available documented requirements set by organizations; "certified", when it satisfies the requirements of a particular certification scheme; or "recycled", if it has been recovered, or otherwise diverted, from the waste stream.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

1 November 2018

[UNWTO Agenda Receives Strong Support at Executive Council and Introduces Technology Forum](#)

Madrid, Spain, 31 October 2018 – The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) concluded its 109th Executive Council session in Manama, Bahrain today, with Members showing appreciation both for progress made under the 2018 institutional priorities and for the Organization's financial stability and restructuring process. Tomorrow UNWTO will also introduce a forum named 'Tourism Tech Adventure: Big Data Solutions, bringing together the 'ecosystem' of tourism innovation and raising the sector's role in the digital agenda.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2018-10-31

[The toolkit on communication, education and public awareness \(CEPA\)](#) including considerations for access and benefit-sharing (ABS) in English is now available online. The publication in the other official UN languages will be available soon.

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USAID [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Remarks at a Town Hall Meeting with USAID Employees](#)

November 1, 2018

So, it's great to see all of you. It's great to see all of you. So, over these last several days, I've been reminded over and over again of just how much it is that we have accomplished over this last year. Simply put, this is not the same Agency it was a year ago. Here's some of what we have just done in this last year. We've officially launched our country roadmaps that will help guide how we prioritize investments, craft our strategies, and shape our conversations with partners. We've begun to make better use of our partnership and procurement tools in ways that will boost innovation and enterprise-driven development...

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

October 27, 2018

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

DFID [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

29/10/2018

[The EU provides €58 million in humanitarian aid for the Sahel and the Central African Republic](#)

The Commission has committed an additional €50 million to the Sahel region and €8 million to the Central African Republic to address increasing food, nutrition, and emergency needs in the countries. For 2018, the EU's total humanitarian response in..

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African Union [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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November 03, 2018

[African Heads of State Commit to enhancing investments in education, science and technology](#)

October 29, 2018 to November 03, 2018

[Meeting of the Extraordinary Session of the Specialised Technical Committee \(STC\) on Migration, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons 29 October - 3 November 2018 Malabo, Equatorial Guinea](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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[ASEAN holds the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women in Ha Noi](#)

The 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW) was held under the theme of "Social Protection for Women and Girls: Toward ASEAN Vision 2025" on 25 October 2018. The meeting took note of the deliberations of the 15th, 16th and 17th ASEAN Committee on Women Meetings, and other important developments, such as the outcomes and [...]

[ASEAN promotes digitalisation to support migrant workers](#)

Singapore, 30 October 2018 – ASEAN representatives discussed ways to leverage technology in managing migrant labour at the 11th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML), held on 29-30 October in Singapore. Hosted by the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore, the forum was attended by around 90 delegates from governments, employers' and workers' organisations, as well [

European Commission [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

31/10/2018

[Myanmar: EU mission assesses human rights and labour rights situation](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 31 October 2018 A monitoring mission of experts from the European Commission and the European External Action Service visited Myanmar from 28 to 31 October. This follows deeply worrying developments highlighted in various United Nations reports, in particular as regards human rights violations in...

[Humanitarian aid: EU releases €58 million for the Sahel and the Central African Republic](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 29 October 2018 The Commission has allocated additional €50 million to the Sahel region and €8 million to the Central African Republic to address the increasing food, nutrition and emergency needs in the countries.

[ANNEX – European Union commitments to Our Ocean 2018](#)

29/10/2018 - The European Union makes 23 new commitments to the Our Ocean 2018 conference. These commitments represent around EUR 300 million and cover all six themes of Our Ocean. In addition, several EU Member States have their own commitments. They add up to the 35 commitments made by the EU in 2017.

OECD [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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31-October-2018

[OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy to explore future of well-being, Incheon, Korea, 27 – 29 November 2018](#)

Ensuring inclusive growth and sustainable well-being amid rapid technological change, rising inequalities, environmental pressures and mounting distrust between groups in society will be the focus of the 6th OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy in Incheon, Korea, from 27 – 29 November 2018.

31-October-2018

[African economies sustain progress in domestic resource mobilisation](#)

Africa has sustained gains in domestic resource mobilisation made since 2000, as tax revenues remained stable in 2016, according to Revenue Statistics in Africa 2018. Providing internationally comparable data for 21 participating countries, the report finds that the average tax-to-GDP ratio was 18.2% in 2016, the same level as in 2015, which represents a strong improvement from 13.1% in 2000.

30-October-2018

[More needs to be done to bridge the digital gender divide](#)

Barriers to access, education and skills, as well as ingrained socio-cultural biases, are driving a digital gender divide that is holding back women's participation in the digital economy, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

30/10/2018

[ICIC Calls for Support to its Relief Projects for the Children of Rohingya Refugees](#)

The Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC), a specialized institution of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has called on humanitarian organisations in Member and non-Member States of the OIC to support its project of providing relief to the children of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh.

Group of 77 [to 3 Nov 2018]

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Emad Morcos Mattar, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, on agenda item 72: Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, at the Third Committee of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 29 October 2018\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

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[Digital Technology and Customs discussed at the Global Trade 2018 Conference in London](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 3 Nov 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement 29 October 2018

[Speech of the ICC President to United Nations General Assembly](#)

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World Bank [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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[Where Sun Meets Water: Floating Solar Market Report](#)

A first-of-its kind report series on floating solar technologies, "Where Sun Meets Water," aims to help policymakers, private developers and practitioners understand the market potential, costs and policy...

Date: October 30, 2018 Type: Publication

[Growing Exponentially, Floating Solar Opens Up New Horizons for Renewable Energy: Report](#)

WASHINGTON, October 30, 2018—Floating solar technologies are creating major new opportunities to scale up solar energy around the world, particularly in countries with high population density and competing...

Date: October 30, 2018 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Helps Bangladesh Modernize Cash Transfer Programs for Poor](#)

More Than Six and a Half Million Poor and Vulnerable People Will Benefit

DHAKA, October 28, 2018– The government of Bangladesh today signed a \$300 million financing agreement with the World Bank to improve...

Date: October 28, 2018 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

IMF [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 3 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]

02/11/2018

[African Development Bank collaborates with Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative](#)

- The African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) program has signed a financial procedures agreement with the World Bank-led Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi).

[African Development Bank rolls out programme to boost climate risk financing and insurance for African countries](#)

29/10/2018 - The African Development Bank has approved the Africa Disaster Risks Financing (ADRFi) Programme, the institution's first climate risk management programme to boost resilience and response to climate shocks in regional member count

[African Development Bank, partners, launch E-Learning Program for African Financial Institutions in Africa](#)

29/10/2018 - The Trade Finance Division of the African Development Bank and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), have teamed up with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to launch a Joint AfDB-ITFC Trade Finance E-Learning Program for African Financial Institutions.

Asian Development Bank [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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31 Oct 2018

[ADB Approves IT Investments for 2019–2023 Under Digital Agenda 2030](#)

ADB today approved the capital expenditure proposal for Stage 1 of Digital Agenda 2030. The Digital Agenda provides the vision and roadmap for ADB's digital transformation, critical for implementing its Strategy 2030.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

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Beijing, China, October 31, 2018

[AIIB, EDB Strengthen Cooperation to Increase Development Across Eurasia](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) have agreed to enhance collaboration in common areas of interest and support the development of projects in countries eligible to receive financial assistance from the two banks.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

31 Oct 2018

[Building sustainable and resilient cities](#)

31 Oct

[IFAD and China invest US\\$183.5 million to reduce rural poverty through Agribusiness 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 3 Nov 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Guatemala

[Corruption, climat, pauvreté : de multiples défis à relever](#)

Le pays le plus peuplé d'Amérique centrale avec 17 millions d'habitants doit affronter une situation alimentaire, climatique et politique précaire. Le Guatemala a dû faire face à d'importants phénomènes climatiques comme celui de « El Niño » qui a fortement endommagé les récoltes et a affecté 1 million de ménages.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Friday, 2 November, 2018

[Amref Health Africa and UNICEF Renew Commitment to Strengthening Primary Health Care](#)

On October 31, Amref Health Africa and UNICEF held a parallel session on strengthening community platforms for Primary Health Care (PHC) at the 2nd [International Conference on Maternal, New-born and Child Health in Africa](#), convened by the African Union Commission.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

October 31, 2018 *Financial inclusion*

[How does microfinance support social transformation?](#)

by [Tahjib Shamsuddin](#)

Microfinance is the idea that individuals from low-income backgrounds are capable of lifting themselves out of poverty if given access to financial services. This starts with what most of us take for granted – savings, insurance and credit facilities.

CARE International [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2nd Nov 2018 **Uganda**

[Verification exercise confirms Uganda hosts Africa's largest refugee population, but funding fails to match](#)

Verification exercise confirms Uganda hosts Africa's largest refugee population, but funding fails to match. 19 NGOs call on international donors to share responsibility and increase funding

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[A political solution is the only way to avert famine, says CARE](#)

1st Nov 2018 *Yemen*

Amidst discussion of a famine declaration in Yemen, CARE calls for the implementation of an immediate ceasefire and political action to end the conflict. Only political will for peace can stop the fast deteriorating food and currency crisis in Yemen.

[Typhoon Yutu hits Northern Philippines one month after Mangkhut's devastation](#)

31st Oct 2018 *Philippines*

Typhoon Yutu (locally known as Rosita) made landfall in Dinapigue, Isabela, Philippines at 4 a.m. on Tuesday. It then passed through several provinces in the northern part of the country. The typhoon is moving slightly slower to the west at 20 kilometers per hour (km/h) speed from the previous 25 ...

Clubhouse International [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

NEWS

[Verification exercise confirms Uganda hosts Africa's largest refugee population, but funding fails to match](#)

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19 NGOs call on international donors to share responsibility and increase funding

[See Week in Review above for detail]

ECPAT [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

News & Updates

[With every minute that child sexual abuse material is available online – children's rights are violated](#)

10/30/2018

Fountain House [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Statement by the ICRC to the United Nations General Assembly, Fourth Committee on Respect for International Humanitarian Law in Peacekeeping Operations](#)

United Nations Headquarters, New York Statement delivered by Agnès Coutou, Peacekeeping and Protection Adviser Peacekeeping operations (PKOs) are the most tangible instrument the UN has to implement its peace and security mandate.

02-11-2018 | Statement

[Yemen: Political solution needed to end intense suffering for Yemeni families](#)

Yemen/Geneva - Robust political efforts are needed to bring an end to warfare that has caused intense suffering for families in Yemen, the ICRC said Wednesday.

31-10-2018 | News release

[Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action - Second Edition](#)

Since data protection in humanitarian action is a fast evolving area, the ICRC and the Brussels Privacy Hub have started working on a second edition of this Handbook.

30-10-2018 | Article

IFRC [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Global

[Governments and aid groups must do more to stop millions being "left behind", says new IFRC report](#)

Geneva, 31 October 2018 – Millions of people living in crisis may not be receiving the humanitarian assistance they desperately need, a new report from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) warned today. The 2018 W ...

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Story

[From Aid Dependency to Self-Sufficiency](#)

October 30, 2018

International Medical Corps has provided assistance and training in southern Sudan for almost 25 years. South Sudan became independent in 2011, and a bloody civil war broke out two years later. Since the beginning of the conflict in South Sudan, 4 million people have left their homes—85% of them women and children. In an economy ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Press Release

[US Attempts to Blockade Southern Border Breaks Domestic and International Law](#)

November 1, 2018

Press Release

[New Global Report: Cities Are Leading Refugee Integration Efforts; Indicate Financial Resources, Representation and Employment Programs as Critical Pieces to Achieving Success](#)

October 31, 2018

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Perspective

[While a peace deal is celebrated in South Sudan, the transitional government must address the extreme hunger facing the South Sudanese people](#)

October 31, 2018

Statement

[IRC statement on US call for Yemen ceasefire](#)

October 30, 2018

Press Release

[Cameroon: Increasing violence forces a quarter million people from their homes as they struggle to find food and water](#)

October 30, 2018

IRCT [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Latest News

[Yemen: 'We need a ceasefire today – not tomorrow, next week or next month.'](#)

Tuesday, 31st October

Statement by Naser Haghamed, CEO of Islamic Relief Worldwide

Landsea [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Central African Republic

[More than 10,000 seek refuge in Batangafo hospital](#)

2 Nov 2018

Democratic Republic of Congo

[Sexual violence committed by armed men in Kasai](#)

1 Nov 2018

Refugees, IDPs and people on the move

["Leaving the country to seek asylum is often the only option for survival"](#)

29 Oct 2018

Mercy Corps [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Press releases

[Mercy Corps Statement On Calls For Yemen Peace Talks](#)

Yemen October 31, 2018

Following U.S. [Sec. of State Pompeo's call for a ceasefire in Yemen](#), our Country Director Abdikadir Mohamud made the following statement...

[NGOs Call For Response To Insecurity In Menaka](#)

Mali October 29, 2018

International NGOs working in Menaka seek to prevent further destabilization and improve the safety and security of the population and humanitarian workers

BAMAHO, Mali – We, the international NGOs working in Menaka, would like to bring attention to the persistence of insecurity in the city of Menaka, which impacts both the area's population as well as NGO staff. Since the beginning of 2018, at least 28 incidents have targeted NGO staff in the Menaka region, making it one of the most dangerous areas for us to work in Mali...

Operation Smile [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Hundreds of thousands of Congolese forced to flee Angola in need of aid](#)

31 October 2018

Oxfam warned today of an emerging humanitarian crisis in the Southern Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

[Oxfam condemns human rights abuse and violations committed against Central American migrants](#)

30 October 2018

Oxfam strongly condemns the intimidation and increasingly severe human rights abuses and violations committed by Guatemalan and Mexican police against people who have been forced to migrate from Central America toward the United States.

[Honduran court excludes victims' legal team from Berta Cáceres Case, Oxfam calls for fair and impartial trial](#)

30 October 2018

Oxfam expresses its concern about the decision to exclude the victims' attorneys in the trial for the assassination of Honduran human rights defender and environmental activist Berta Cáceres.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Latest news from NRC

[Young refugees take control of their future](#)

Uta Henrich|Published 01. Nov 2018

It is one of the crucial questions of aid work: Will people really be better off after receiving help? The Congolese residents of Sherkole camp in Ethiopia's Benishangul-Gumuz region might have some answers.

[Spike in violence in Somalia forces 21,000 people to flee their homes](#)

Published 01. Nov 2018

Multiple regions of the country see rise in fighting in October, pushing thousands of families into crisis. Many flee to makeshift camps, surviving in flimsy shelters with little protection from the rain

[Expulsion of Congolese from Angola aggravates dire crisis in Kasai](#)

Published 01. Nov 2018

An estimated 360,000 Congolese have crossed the border from Angola and back into DR Congo during the first half of October. Most of them are arriving to Kasai, where the influx aggravates an already dire humanitarian crisis and risks fuelling new conflicts.

Pact [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

October 29, 2018

[In Cleveland, Pact joins global evaluators in 'speaking truth to power' at evaluation conference](#)

This week, Pact staff from around the world will gather in Cleveland, Ohio, for the American Evaluation Association's 2018 meeting.

Partners In Health [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 3 Nov 2018]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/>
No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 3 Nov 2018]
<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>
No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 3 Nov 2018]
<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>
Tuesday 30 October 2018
[Save the Children US CEO: 'Further Militarizing the U.S.-Mexico Border and Blocking Access to Asylum for Families Fleeing Violence Has Potential to Increase Fear & Trauma for Children'](#)
Statement from Carolyn Miles, President & CEO, Save the Children U.S.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 3 Nov 2018]
<http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/about-sos/press/press-releases>
Greece – 30 October 2018
[Creating opportunity for young refugees](#)
SOS Children's Villages Greece teams up with a food company to offer skills training for unaccompanied refugee children

Indonesia – 28 October 2018
[One month on: Caring for children in a disaster area](#)
SOS Children's Villages responds to the needs of children displaced by the deadly earthquake and tsunami on the island of Sulawesi

Tostan [to 3 Nov 2018]
<http://www.tostan.org>
No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 3 Nov 2018]
<https://www.womenforwomen.org/>
October 26, 2018
By: Bilkissu Abubakar
[15 Years as a WfWI Social Empowerment Trainer... a Journey of Resilience and Gratitude](#)

World Vision [to 3 Nov 2018]
<http://wvi.org/>
No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 3 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 3 Nov 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Press Releases*

[The Rise of Digital Authoritarianism: Fake news, data collection and the challenge to democracy](#)

November 1, 2018

Governments around the world are tightening control over citizens' data and using claims of "fake news" to suppress dissent.

Transparency International [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

2 Nov 2018

[The way forward against corruption in Brazil: commitment to democracy, human rights and freedoms](#)

The fight against corruption is a fight for human rights, social justice, democracy and equality.

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Bond [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

1 November 2018

[Want to make an app? 3 considerations for NGOs](#)

Some recent examples of NGO mobile apps and three things to think about before making your own.

[Thomas Worley](#)

30 October 2018

[Applying 8 principles for fair and inclusive research partnerships](#)

Recommendations for building more equitable research partnerships that can have a real world impact.

[Jude Fransman](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

ChildFund Alliance [to 3 Nov 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

News 1 November 2018

Taking the lead on Human Rights

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, The Elders joined together with the British Council and SOAS to debate the future of human rights and ethical leadership.

Press release 31 October 2018

Mary Robinson appointed new Chair of The Elders

The former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will become The Elders' third Chair.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Press release 30 October 2018

The Elders call on Sri Lanka's leaders to uphold constitutional law

The Elders express grave concern at the situation in Sri Lanka following President Maithripala Sirisena's unconstitutional decision to dismiss Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and suspend Parliament.

Press release 29 October 2018

The Elders call on UN Security Council to take urgent, credible action to lift Yemen blockade

As the three major powers backing the Saudi-led coalition forces in Yemen, The Elders call on the UK, the US and France to take urgent action to bring an end to the blockade of Yemen and avert a worsening humanitarian catastrophe.

END Fund [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 3 Nov 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

31 October 2018

[200,000 girls in Senegal to be protected this year against cervical cancer](#)

... The vaccines, funded by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Government of Senegal, will reach close to 200,000 nine-year-old girls across the country this year and a further 900,000 girls aged 11-14 years next year. UNICEF, WHO and partners will work on implementation alongside the Senegal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of National Education....

30 October 2018

[Hundreds of thousands of children set to be protected against the leading cause of pneumonia in Haiti](#)

Port-au-Prince, 30 October 2018 - The government of Haiti formally introduced yesterday [pneumococcal conjugate vaccine \(PCV\)](#) into its routine immunisation programme, which will protect hundreds of thousands of Haitian children against pneumococcal disease, the leading cause of pneumonia... With this introduction, as many as 270,000 Haitian children will routinely receive PCV every year – along with pentavalent and rotavirus vaccines which Haiti introduced with support from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance in 2012 and 2014.

Global Fund [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Voices

[What's new about the New Nets Project?](#)

31 October 2018

The Global Fund and Unitaid are each investing US\$33 million from 2018 to 2022 to introduce new insecticide-treated nets to fight malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 3 Nov 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

News

After months of conflict, children hoping to get back to school in southern Ethiopia

Relief Web 1 November 2018

Inter-communal violence earlier this year displaced nearly a million people in Gedeo and West Guji zones in southern Ethiopia.

Learning for hundreds of thousands of children was completely interrupted. Reports by the national education cluster indicate that 46 schools suffered extensive damage to school buildings and learning materials, as well as sanitation facilities.

Education Cannot Wait Delivers US\$2.6 MIL to Provide Emergency Education Relief for Children

Education Cannot Wait 31 October 2018

To re-establish education for 60,000 children, Education Cannot Wait partners with Government of Indonesia, UNICEF and Save the Children, to provide temporary learning spaces, educational supplies, coordinated responses and training for teachers

Zaatari refugee camp gets new educational facilities, including new school

Jordan Times 29 October 2018

UNICEF inaugurated the opening of new educational facilities in Zaatari camp on Monday. The inauguration, in the presence of Ministry of Education (MoE) representatives, included one new school, six new kindergarten classrooms and an inclusive playground.

InterAction [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Latest News; Blog Entries

Oct 29, 2018

InterAction Stands Together with HIAS and the Jewish Community of Pittsburgh

InterAction condemns the horrendous attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in...

Oct 29, 2018

InterAction Mission Report: Myanmar: June 2018

The internal conflict in Myanmar is perhaps the longest running civil war in the...

Start Network [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

29 Oct 18

Start Fund responds to cross-border displacement of people from Venezuela

by Fatima Khonat

... The Start Fund was alerted to this cross-border displacement on the 3rd of October by World Vision, Care International, and Save the Children, and members agreed to activate the alert the following day. Within 72 hours, funding was awarded to Save the Children and World Vision in a consortium with Care International to fill a gap in this under-funded humanitarian context and respond to the most urgent, life-saving needs of those displaced.

Both Save the Children and the World Vision consortium are providing cash vouchers for shelter and purchasing of essential items to those displaced. Through the World Vision consortium displaced women, children and their families are receiving dignity kits, which include nappies, sanitary towels and other essential items...

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

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

November 1, 2018

[Misdiagnosis and the evidence trap: a tale of inadequate program design](#)

Marie Gaarder and Vibecke Dixon |

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

01/11/2018

[Member of the Month: Community World Service Asia](#)

This month we are putting Community World Service Asia (CWSA) in the spotlight. As a founding member of the CHS Alliance and a member of ACT Alliance, Community World Service Asia strives to increase the effectiveness of its humanitarian response through improving and strengthening processes for quality and accountability (Q&A) across its programmes.

01/11/2018

["The CHS is increasingly in our DNA" - Coffee with Rizwan Iqbal, CWSA's Quality and Accountability \(Q&A\) Specialist](#)

Rizwan Iqbal has been working with the non-governmental sector and businesses in Asia and Europe for over 12 years. Currently, he is spearheading Community World Service Asia's Quality and Accountability (Q&A) team and its promotion within the Asia-Pacific region. His aim is to enhance his colleagues' and partners understanding of and capacity to apply the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS), the Sphere Standards and its companions.

01/11/2018

["The CHS has helped us reinforce our relations with key stakeholders" - Coffee with Ayesha Rao, responsible for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation \(EIP\)](#)

Ayesha Rao is responsible for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation (EIP) throughout CWSA's programmes in Pakistan. Today she tells us how she streamlines her work with the Nine Commitments of the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS).

01/11/2018

["It is difficult to apply Commitment Nine in emergency settings" - Coffee with Shahzado, Emergencies Programme Manager with HelpAge](#)

Shahzado Khaskheli is an Emergencies Programme Manager with HelpAge International. He participated in a workshop hosted by CWSA on the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) in April and shares his experience.

Development Initiatives [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

29 Oct 2018

[New edition of Development Data Hub launched](#)

News

Development Initiatives' [Development Data Hub](#) has launched edition 2.2 with the most recent available data on official development assistance (ODA, often referred to as aid), international finance, government finance, humanitarian assistance and vulnerability. Visit at <http://data.devinit.org/>

The Development Data Hub is a free data visualisation tool that provides a comprehensive online source for financial and resource flow data alongside poverty, social and vulnerability indicators. It combines an extensive data store with interactive visualisations, enabling you to chart, map and compare data at the global, national and local level...

EHLRA/R2HC [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 3 Nov 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 3 Nov 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

Upcoming Events

8 Nov - 8 Nov 2018:

[Localization: Perspectives on change](#)

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Brookings

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

Accessed 3 Nov 2018

Latest Research

U.S. Economy

[Seasonally and weather-adjusting the monthly jobs numbers](#)

[Jonathan Wright](#)

Friday, November 2, 2018

U.S. Politics & Government

[Considering collusion: A primer on potential crimes](#)

[Barry H. Berke](#), [Dani R. James](#), [Noah Bookbinder](#), and [Norman Eisen](#)

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Technology & Innovation

[The implications of artificial intelligence for national security strategy](#)

[Mara Karlin](#)

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Technology & Innovation

[The opportunities and challenges of data analytics in health care](#)

[Paul B. Ginsburg](#), [Andrés de Loera-Brust](#), [Caitlin Brandt](#), and [Abigail Durak](#)

Thursday, November 1, 2018

2018 Midterms

[Will minority and female turnout surges seal Democratic midterm victories?](#)

[William H. Frey](#)

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Center for Global Development [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CSIS

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

Accessed 3 Nov 2018

Commentary

[Rethinking U.S. Strategy in the Pacific Islands](#)

November 2, 2018 | [Patrick Gerard Buchan](#)

Although China is currently setting the pace of the “great game” playing out in the Indo-Pacific, it still has a long way to go before it challenges U.S. regional supremacy, as Patrick Buchan from the Alliances and American Leadership Project writes in his commentary. <br...< span=""> </br...<>

Commentary

[Why Good Is Not Necessarily Great When It Comes to Emissions Reduction](#)

November 2, 2018 | [Sarah Ladislaw](#)

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is the front line of a battle against climate change, and in this context, progress to reduce emissions is generally good news, as Sarah Ladislaw from the Energy and National Security Program writes in a new commentary.

Commentary

[Responding to Chinese Espionage](#)

November 2, 2018 | [James Andrew Lewis](#)

Chinese espionage against the United States has reached unprecedented levels, greater than anything seen in the Cold War, as CSIS senior vice president James Lewis writes in his commentary.

Report

[U.S. Military Forces in FY 2019: The Buildup and Its Limits](#)

November 2, 2018 | [Mark F. Cancian](#)

Even large defense buildups can't do everything, so force expansion in the FY 2019 budget has been unexpectedly small.

Report

[North Kivu's Ebola Outbreak at Day 90: What Is to Be Done?](#)

November 1, 2018 | [J. Stephen Morrison](#), [Judd Devermont](#)

The Ebola outbreak unfolding in Eastern DRC is the most recent, powerful showcase of what it means to battle dangerous health security threats in a disordered world. While categorical judgments are elusive, the high risk of losing the game in the DRC is becoming apparent.

Commentary

[ADMM-Plus: The Promise and Pitfalls of an ASEAN-led Security Forum](#)

November 1, 2018 | [Amy Searight](#)

Taken as a whole, and with the achievements of this year in focus, it's fair to say that the ADMM-Plus is a testament to ASEAN's strengths, yet challenges remain, as Amy Searight, CSIS Southeast Asia Program senior adviser and director, writes in a commentary.

Report

[Harnessing Blockchain for American Business and Prosperity](#)

November 1, 2018 | [William Alan Reinsch](#), [Kati Suominen](#)

Blockchain is a game-changing technology that has the power to unleash a new era in supply chain management and communication. This CSIS report explores how policymakers should address the questions posed by this new technology.

Commentary

[Maduro's Mafia State](#)

October 31, 2018 | [Moises Rendon](#)

At a recent event hosted by CSIS Americas Program, both Ambassador Brownfield and Juan Zarate offered some thoughts on how the international community can help Venezuela during "Day After" challenges, as Moises Rendon writes in his new commentary.

Report

[New Mexico's Energy Future](#)

October 31, 2018 | [Andrew J. Stanley](#), [Sarah Ladislav](#), [Lisa Hyland](#)

This new CSIS workshop report explores the opportunities and challenges that New Mexico faces in achieving its potential to be a national leader in energy development and innovation.

Commentary

[The IMF and Ukraine](#)

October 31, 2018 | [Mark Sobel](#)

Despite welcome achievements over the past four years, due in no small part to the IMF's role, Ukraine has not escaped its past and put itself on a strong and sustained upward track, as Mark Sobel from the Simon Chair writes in his commentary.

Report

[The Nuclear Dimension of Chinese Military Power](#)

October 31, 2018 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

The U.S. now needs to fully reassess Chinese nuclear forces as the forces of a future peer competitor – both for military and arms control purposes.

Critical Questions

[U.S. Sanctions against Russia: What You Need to Know](#)

October 31, 2018 | [Cyrus Newlin](#), [Jeffrey Mankoff](#)

With a new bill that expands sanctions on Russia circulating within Congress, Cyrus Newlin and Jeffrey Mankoff of CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program examine the record of existing U.S. sanctions against Russia—and risks associated with their overuse.

Critical Questions

[An Economic Crisis in Pakistan Again: What's Different This Time?](#)

October 31, 2018 | [Daniel F. Runde](#)

How Pakistan decides to handle its debt crisis could provide insight into how the U.S., IMF, and China will resolve development issues in the future, as Ambassador Richard Olson and Project on Prosperity and Development director Daniel Runde write in their commentary.

Report

[The Protection of Civilians in U.S. Partnered Operations](#)

October 30, 2018 | [Melissa Dalton](#), [Daniel Mahanty](#), [Hijab Shah](#), [Julie Snyder](#)

This new CSIS report assesses the challenges and opportunities faced by policymakers, military actors, and humanitarian professionals in positively shaping the conduct of armed forces partnering with U.S. forces to mitigate civilian harm.

Commentary

[Fighting for human rights makes both moral and business sense](#)

October 30, 2018 | [Amy K. Lehr](#) President Trump's speech at the UN General Assembly made little mention of democracy, human rights, and rule of law except to attack the UN Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court, as Amy Lehr from Human Rights Initiative writes in a commentary.

Commentary

[Services, Services](#)

October 29, 2018 | [William Alan Reinsch](#)

Last week's Trade Guys podcast conversation with Christine Bliss, president of Coalition of Services Industries, began with what sounded like a softball question but was not: what are services anyway? as CSIS Scholl Chair William Reinsch writes in his commentary.

Report

[CSIS Election Cybersecurity Scorecard: The Outlook for 2018, 2020 and Beyond](#)

October 29, 2018 | [William A. Carter](#)

Based on the current U.S. election security landscape, the CSIS Election Security Scorecard gives recommendations on how the United States can better prepare, secure, and defend against cyber threats ahead of the midterm elections in November, the presidential election in...

Commentary

[The End of Gaiatsu?](#)

October 29, 2018

The announcement of new trade negotiations between the United States and Japan may seem like a compromise, but the narrow scope of the talks reveals that Japan isn't giving up much, as CSIS Scholl Chair adjunct fellow Paul Nadeau writes...

ODI [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Unlocking climate-resilient economic development in drylands: pathways to a resilient world](#)

Briefing papers | November 2018 | Eva Ludi, Erin Roberts, Rebecca Nadin, Margherita Calderone, Rajeshree Sisodia, Guy Jobbins and Nathalie Nathe

In this submission to the Talanoa Dialogue, PRISE states that the dialogue should focus on enhancing adaptation and building resilience worldwide.

[Africa's rising debt: how to avoid a new crisis](#)

Briefing papers | November 2018 | Shakira Mustapha and Annalisa Prizzon

This paper offers an overview of the risks faced by sub-Saharan African countries as they try to keep their debt on a sustainable track.

[Climate change and water: finance needs to flood not drip](#)

Briefing papers | October 2018 | Merylyn Hedger

This briefing note identifies the linkages and challenges between climate finance, water and Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement.

[10 things to know about the impacts of urbanisation](#)

Briefing papers | October 2018 | Meera Murali, Clare Cummings, Joseph Feyertag, Stephen Gelb, Tom Hart, Amina Khan, Ian Langdown and Paula Lucci

We outline 10 things to know about the impacts of urbanisation.

Urban Institute [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

November 1, 2018

[Homeowner and Renter Experiences of Material Hardship](#)

In recent years, housing costs have soared for both homeowners and renters while incomes have stagnated, trends that potentially threaten the financial security of vulnerable populations.

Compounded with the fact that housing is the biggest monthly expense for many households, those who find themselves struggling to keep a roof overhead may be faced with the difficult choice of foregoing other basic needs such as food and health

[Corianne Scally](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#)

Brief

[Career Prospects for Certified Nursing Assistants](#)

This report provides insights for training programs and policymakers on the benefits and drawbacks of certified nursing assistant (CNA) training and ways to incorporate career pathway advancement opportunities. It draws from information in the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program, which provides healthcare education and training to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income

[Pamela J. Loprest](#), [Nathan Sick](#)

November 1, 2018

Research Report

[Client led coaching: A random assignment evaluation of the impacts of financial coaching programs](#)

We undertake the first rigorous evaluation of financial coaching using a randomized controlled trial at two sites. We estimate both treatment uptake and treatment outcomes, including intent to treat estimates and complier average causal effects. Data are drawn from individual-level credit reporting firm records and baseline and follow-up surveys. Results indicate that financial coaching produces a number of significant effects

[Brett Theodos](#), [Christina Plerhoples Stacy](#), [Rebecca Daniels](#)

November 1, 2018

Journal Article

[Elevating Cultural Relevance and Racial Equity in Research and Evaluation](#)

Interest in evidence-based programs is increasing—not just among policymakers, but among philanthropic organizations. Simultaneously, more foundations are interested in supporting efforts that advance racial equity in research and in the field. To providers serving less well-researched communities, applying for grants amid these parallel movements can feel like a trade-off. This brief discusses the tension between implementing

[Yuju Park](#), [Charmaine Runes](#), [Michael Katz](#), [Cary Lou](#)

October 31, 2018

Brief

[School District Funding in Nebraska: Computing the Effects of Changes to the TEEOSA Formula](#)

The state of Nebraska provides funds to local school districts through a funding formula that has changed little since 1990. The formula's core components calculate estimated resources and estimated needs for each district, with the state funding any difference. In this brief, we describe how the formula works and calculate how it distributes funding across districts that differ in their mix of student poverty rates, student

[Victoria Rosenboom](#), [Kristin Blagg](#)

October 30, 2018

Brief

[A Study of Enrollment Projections for DC's Public Schools: Assuring Accuracy and Transparency](#)

Projecting future enrollment is an essential responsibility of school districts that municipalities and districts rely on for planning, budgeting, and evaluation. The District of Columbia uses next-year projections for annual education appropriations for District of Columbia Public Schools and charter schools and long-term enrollment projections for educational facility capital planning. This study presents a process to assure

[Steven Martin](#), [Megan Gallagher](#), [Yipeng Su](#), [Constance A. Lindsay](#), [Peter A. Tatian](#), [Graham MacDonald](#)

October 30, 2018

Research Report

[State Tax Revenues Soar in the First Quarter of 2018](#)

The first edition of Urban's new State Tax and Economic Review finds total state tax revenue from all sources showed strong growth in the final quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018. The largest increases were in individual income tax revenues. State government tax revenue grew mostly in response to income shifting due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and other one-time factors. In addition, a handful of states facing

[Lucy Dadayan](#)

October 30, 2018

Research Report

[Updated: What, If Anything, Should Replace the QM GSE Patch](#)

This brief enhances our prior research that outlined three options for replacing the exemption that grants qualified mortgage (QM) status to mortgages with high debt-to-income (DTI) ratios guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. The exemption, commonly known as the government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) patch, is set to expire on January 10, 2021, or when the GSEs are released from conservatorship, whichever comes first. In the

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

October 30, 2018

Brief

[Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, October 2018](#)

The October 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing housing credit availability, home price appreciation, GSE risk-sharing transactions and latest MBS issuance activities. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

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

October 29, 2018

Research Report

[How Do Workers Think about the Relationship between Their Job and Their Degree?](#)

Almost a third of science and engineering graduates report that their job is not closely related to their field of study. Studies using National Science Foundation (NSF) survey data suggest that working in an unrelated job is associated with reduced wages and job satisfaction, but there is no research on how NSF survey respondents decide whether their job is related to their degree. This mixed-methods study investigates what

[Daniel Kuehn](#), [Ian Hecker](#)

October 29, 2018

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

No new digest content identified.

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Press Release

The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group Announces 10 New Allen Distinguished Investigators

October 30, 2018

\$13.5 million awarded to tackle big questions in biology, medical research

...“Paul’s vision and insight have been an inspiration to me and to many others both here at the Institute that bears his name, and in the myriad of other areas that made up the fantastic universe of his interests. He will be sorely missed,” said [Allan Jones](#), Ph.D., President and CEO of the Allen Institute. “We honor his legacy by carrying out our mission of tackling the hard problems in bioscience, as evidenced by these new Allen Distinguished Investigator awards.”

The nine awards will support 10 investigators from several different research organizations in the U.S., Canada and Portugal. Each award confers \$1.5 million in research support over the course of three years, for a total of \$13.5 million in funding for studies of lymphoma, neuroscience, the immune system, aging and development, and basic biology. The specific award areas were selected in 2017 through a series of in-depth workshops, guided by Allen and other scientific advisors...

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 3 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 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 3 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 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 3 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 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

November 2, 2018

[Peter Rivera to join Hewlett Foundation as program officer for education](#)

MENLO PARK, Calif. — We are pleased to announce that Peter Rivera will be joining the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation as a program officer in the Education Program. Peter comes to us from the nation's second largest public school district - Los Angeles Unified - where he served as program and policy development advisor.

October 31, 2018

[Congress can do better oversight no matter who wins the election](#)

Whatever the outcome of the 2018 mid-term elections, oversight in the 116th Congress is likely to retain some partisan characteristics. If Democrats win a majority of seats in either the House of

Representatives or the Senate, we could see an uptick in oversight, including highly partisan investigations. If Republicans maintain control, oversight could remain quiet....

Madison Initiative

By Jean Parvin Bordewich

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Research Oct 31 2018

[Decoding How Brain Circuits Control Behavior](#)

Janelia and Allen Institute scientists team up, combining genetic analyses, anatomical maps, and detailed studies of neuronal activity to reveal brain cells' roles in controlling movement.

Research Oct 31 2018

[Neuropixels Technology Ready for Release](#)

A transformative technology for detecting and recording neural activity in the brain is now available for researchers to purchase through imec, a leading nanoelectronics research center in Belgium.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

October 31, 2018 *News Release*

[Short-Term Health Insurance Plans Charge Less than Half as Much in Premiums as ACA Plans By Excluding Pre-Existing Conditions and Severely Limiting Benefits](#)

Short-term health insurance plans offer a trade-off for consumers: substantially lower premiums than plans that comply with the Affordable Care Act, but much less protection if they get sick and need care. Just how much cheaper are the premiums and what are consumers giving up to get them? A new...

October 30, 2018 *News Release*

[Analysis: Workers Increasingly Have Access to Same-Sex Spousal Benefits](#)

While workplace health benefits for married same-sex spouses are becoming more common, new data from KFF's 2018 Employer Health Benefits Survey shows they still lag behind benefits available to opposite sex-spouses. In 2018, nearly two-thirds (63%) of employers offering health insurance coverage to opposite-sex spouses also provided coverage to same-sex...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

November 1, 2018 | *Grantee Publications* / *Impact Investments*

[SRI Investments Reach \\$12 Trillion in 2018](#)

Sustainable, responsible, and impact investing (SRI) increased 38 percent to \$12 trillion from 2016 to 2018, according to the [US SIF's 2018 report on U.S. SRI trends](#). Both asset managers and institutional investors increasingly use environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria, with top priorities being climate change, tobacco, and conflict risk. The report, supported by MacArthur, also noted that that recent surveys indicate a notable increase in investor dialogue on and support for ESG investments.

October 30, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Case Studies in Innovative Solutions to Reduce Jail Incarceration](#)

October 30, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Integrating Health and Conservation Work Improves Outcomes](#)

October 30, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Religious Perspectives on Combatting Corruption](#)

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

November 1, 2018

[The Moore Foundation invests \\$85 million to improve diagnostic performance](#)

... The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation will invest \$85 million during the next six years to improve diagnostic performance through its [Diagnostic Excellence Initiative](#). The initiative aims to reduce harm from erroneous or delayed diagnoses, reduce costs and redundancy in the diagnostic process, improve health outcomes and save lives.

"Achieving excellence in diagnosis goes beyond avoiding errors and includes consideration of cost, timeliness and patient convenience," said Harvey V. Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D., president of the Moore Foundation. "Designing an optimal diagnostic process will likely require a careful balancing among competing demands."

The initiative's first area of focus is strengthening accountability for diagnostic excellence by helping to develop and validate new measures for diagnostic performance...

Open Society Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Press Releases & Statements

November 2, 2018

[Pew Expresses Disappointment With Lack of New Protections for the Southern Ocean](#)

HOBART, Australia—The Pew Charitable Trusts said today it was disappointed that for the seventh straight year, member governments of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) failed to agree to marine protections in the waters off East Antarctica. For the third consecutive year, a separate proposal to safeguard the Weddell Sea was also not approved...

Opinion

October 29, 2018

[The Ohio Legislature Got Payday Loan Reform Right](#)

Press Releases & Statements

October 29, 2018

[New Caledonia Commits to Protecting More of Its Coral Sea Natural Park](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

[How States Can Better Engage Medicaid Patients](#)

October 29, 2018 *Blog Post* [Andrea Ducas](#)

Experts weigh in on practical approaches for engaging Medicaid beneficiaries to ensure that services are designed to meet their needs.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 3 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..."

November 2, 2018

[The Pleasure and Necessity of Finding Things Out \[via Simons Foundation\]](#)

John Pavlus' 2015 essay on why the reasons for doing basic research go well beyond the creation of new applications

October 30, 2018

[Bloomberg Philanthropies and Dalio Foundation's OceanX Announce \\$185 Million for New Partnership to Increase Ocean Exploration and Protection \[via Bloomberg\]](#)

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 3 Nov 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 3 Nov 2018]

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

31 October 2018

[How to make sense of the brain's billions of neurons](#)

A unique global collaboration has produced a new technology that will transform the way we study the brain. Neuropixels allow simultaneous recordings from many hundreds of neurons over multiple brain regions.

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Foundation Center [to 3 Nov 2018

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 3 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>

Major Articles

[Influenza vaccine coverage and predictive factors associated with influenza vaccine uptake among pediatric patients](#)

Celeste L.Y. Ewig, Ka Ming Tang, Ting Fan Leung, Joyce H.S. You
p1278–1283

Published online: May 23, 2018

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 4, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

September 2018 - Volume 3 - 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

Research article

[Health financing strategies to reduce out-of-pocket burden in India: a comparative study of three states](#)

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, Indian States have implemented different strategies to arrest high out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) and to increase equity into healthcare system. Tamil Nadu (TN) ...

Authors: Montu Bose and Arijita Dutta

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:830

Published on: 3 November 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

Research article

[Thresholds of socio-economic and environmental conditions necessary to escape from childhood malnutrition: a natural experiment in rural Gambia](#)

Childhood malnutrition remains highly prevalent in low-income countries, and a 40% reduction in under-5 year stunting is WHO's top Global Target 2025. Disappointingly, meta-analyses of intensive nutrition inte...

Authors: Mayya Hussein, Momodou K Darboe, Sophie E Moore, Helen M Nabwera and Andrew M Prentice

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:199

Published on: 1 November 2018

Research article

[Complex interactions between malaria and malnutrition: a systematic literature review](#)

Despite substantial improvement in the control of malaria and decreased prevalence of malnutrition over the past two decades, both conditions remain heavy burdens that cause hundreds of thousands of deaths in ...

Authors: D Das, R F Grais, E A Okiro, K Stepniewska, R Mansoor, S van der Kam, D J Terlouw, J Tarning, K I Barnes and P J Guerin
Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:186
Published on: 29 October 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 3 Nov 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

November 2018 - Volume 8 - 11

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

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

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

POLICY & PRACTICE

[Increasing transparency and accountability in national pharmaceutical systems](#)

– Anne Paschke, Deirdre Dimancesco, Taryn Vian, Jillian C Kohler & Gilles Forte

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.206516>

Abstract

Access to safe, effective, good-quality medicines can be compromised by poor pharmaceutical system governance. This system is particularly vulnerable to inefficiencies and to losses from corruption, because it involves a complex mix of actors with diverse responsibilities. A high level of transparency and accountability is critical for minimizing opportunities for fraud and leakage. In the past decade, the Good Governance for Medicines programme and the Medicines Transparency Alliance focused on improving accountability in the pharmaceutical system and on reducing its vulnerability to corruption by increasing transparency and encouraging participation by a range of stakeholders. Experience with these two programmes revealed that stakeholders interpreted transparency and accountability in a range of different ways. Moreover, programme implementation and progress assessments were complicated by a lack of clarity about what information should be disclosed by governments and about

how greater transparency can strengthen accountability for access to medicines. This article provides a conceptual understanding of how transparency can facilitate accountability for better access to medicines. We identified three categories of information as prerequisites for accountability: (i) standards and commitments; (ii) decisions and results; and (iii) consequences and responsive actions. Examples are provided for each. Conceptual clarity and practical examples of the information needed to ensure accountability can help policy-makers identify the actions required to increase transparency and accountability in their pharmaceutical systems. We also discuss factors that can hinder or facilitate the use of information to hold to account those responsible for improving access to medicines.

PERSPECTIVES

[Recognizing noncommunicable diseases as a global health security threat](#)

– Amrita Saha & George Alleyne

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.205732>

Child Care, Health and Development

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

October 2018 Volume 40, Issue 10, p1621-1788

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 15 Issue 6, December 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

Short report

| 29 October 2018

[**Bibliometric analysis of peer-reviewed literature on Syrian refugees and displaced people \(2011–2017\)**](#)

The Syrian conflict has created the worst humanitarian crisis of our time with approximately half of Syria's pre-war population killed or forced to flee their homes. The current study aimed to analyze peer-reviewed literature published on Syrian refugees and displaced people... The study highlighted some particular research gaps – most notably the limited research on NCDs. There was also modest international research collaboration and engagement from Arab countries aside from Lebanon and Jordan.

Authors: Waleed M. Sweileh

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 74 Pages 1-106 (November 2018)

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

December 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 6

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 28, Issue 8, 2018

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

Article

[Innovation platforms: a tool to enhance small-scale farmer potential through co-creation](#)

Mila Sell, Hilkka Vihinen, Galfato Gabiso & Kristina Lindström

Pages: 999-1011

Published online: 30 Aug 2018

Article

[Promoting the economic reintegration of returnees through vocational training: lessons from Liberia](#)

Naohiko Omata & Noriko Takahashi

Pages: 1022-1033

Published online: 30 Aug 2018

Article

[Impact pathways of a participatory local governance initiative in Uganda: a qualitative exploration](#)

Bjorn Van Campenhout, Emmanuel Bizimungu, Jennifer Smart & Nassul Kabunga

Pages: 1046-1056

Published online: 12 Sep 2018

Note

[Empowering women and communities to promote universal health coverage in rural Zambia](#)

Paula Quigley, Cathy Green, Miniratu Soyoola, Tendayi Kureya, Caroline Barber & Kenneth Mubuyaeta

Pages: 1094-1100

Published online: 30 Aug 2018

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 4 - August 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 42, Issue S2 Pages: S159-S327 October 2018

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

Disasters in Conflict Areas

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 19, Number 10 01 October 2018

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/10>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 10—October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 24 Pages 1-104 (September 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/24/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 146 - Issue 15 - November 2018

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Ethics & International Affairs

Summer 2018 (Issue 32.2)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2018/summer-2018-issue-32-2/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 80 Pages 1-112 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/80/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

October 2018, Issue 5, Pages 1143-1295

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/5/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 59 October 2018

<https://www.fmreview.org/GuidingPrinciples20/contents>

Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 45, Issue 3, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 1, Spring 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Geoheritage

Volume 10, Issue 3, September 2018

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

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

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

Global Health Action

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 6, No. 3 October 03, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 13, 2017 Issue 12

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

Review

[Best practices in scaling digital health in low and middle income countries](#)

Healthcare challenges in low and middle income countries (LMICs) have been the focus of many digital initiatives that have aimed to improve both access to healthcare and the quality of healthcare delivery.

Authors: Alain B. Labrique, Christina Wadhvani, Koku Awoonor Williams, Peter Lamptey, Cees Hesp, Rowena Luk and Ann Aerts

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:103

Published on: 3 November 2018

Review

[Expanding global access to essential medicines: investment priorities for sustainably strengthening medical product regulatory systems](#)

Access to quality-assured medical products improves health and save lives. However, one third of the world's population lacks timely access to quality-assured medicines while estimates indicate that at least 1...

Authors: Lukas Roth, Daniel Bempong, Joseph B. Babigumira, Shabir Banoo, Emer Cooke, David Jeffreys, Lombe Kasonde, Hubert G. M. Leufkens, John C. W. Lim, Murray Lumpkin, Gugu Mahlangu, Rosanna W. Peeling, Helen Rees, Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, Andy Stergachis, Mike Ward...

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:102

Published on: 1 November 2018

Health Affairs

Vol. 37 , No. 10 October 2018

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

Social Determinants, Drug & Device Prices & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 1, June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 13 - Special Issue 3-4 - July 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Equity

Issue in Progress

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 8, 1 October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Promotion International

Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 40, Number 3, August 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 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 7, No 2 (2017)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 10, Issue 6, November 2018

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

REVIEW

[**An overview of the case fatality of inpatient severe acute malnutrition in Ethiopia and its association with human immunodeficiency virus/tuberculosis comorbidity—a systematic review and meta-analysis**](#)

Fasil Wagnew; Wubet Worku; Getiye Dejenu; Animut Alebel; Setegn Eshetie
International Health, Volume 10, Issue 6, 1 November 2018, Pages 405–411,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihy043>

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[**Demographic and clinical characteristics of refugees seeking primary healthcare services in Greece in the period 2015–2016: a descriptive study**](#)

E Kakalou; E Riza; M Chalikias; N Voudouri; A Vetsika ...

International Health, Volume 10, Issue 6, 1 November 2018, Pages 421–429,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihy042>

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 7, Issue 1, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 5, No 10 (2018) October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 31 Pages 1-1384 (October 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 47, Issue 5, October 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/47/5>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 24, Issue 10 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 11 Issue 5 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

October 2018 Volume 75, p1-120

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(18\)X0010-1](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(18)X0010-1)

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Volume 52 Issue 3, September 2018

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

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

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

July 2018 Volume 16 | Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA Pediatrics

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

October 2018 - Volume 16 - Issue 10

<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Adolescent Health

November 2018 Volume 63, Issue 5, p519-662

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(17\)X0026-8](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(17)X0026-8)

Adolescent Health Briefs

[Reasons for Lack of HPV Vaccine Initiation in NIS-Teen Over Time: Shifting the Focus From Gender and Sexuality to Necessity and Safety](#)

Anna Beavis, Melinda Krakow, Kimberly Levinson, Anne F. Rositch

p652–656

Published in issue: November 2018

Journal of Community Health

Volume 43, Issue 6, December 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/43/6/page/1>

Original Paper

[Assessing and Improving Zoster Vaccine Uptake in a Homeless Population](#)

Laura Kaplan-Weisman, Eve Waltermaurer, Casey Crump

Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 33, Pages 1-302 (September–October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/33/suppl/C>

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

Edited by Marilena Vecco, Andrej Srakar

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2018: Volume 8 Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Pages 1-608 (November 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 13 Issue 4, October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

November 2018 - Volume 72 – 11

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/72/11?current-issue=y>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 14, Issue 1, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

Special Issue: Education and Migration

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)

Volume 29, Number 3, August 2018

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/38903>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 4, Issue 3, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 8 Issue 3 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Volume 20, Issue 5, October 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/20/5/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 16, 2018_ Issue 4

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 217, Issue 11, 3 Nov 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/jid/issue/217/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of International Development

Volume 30, Issue 7 Pages: 1069-1251 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Medical Ethics

November 2018 - Volume 44 - 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Medical Internet Research

Vol 20, No 10 (2018): October

<https://www.jmir.org/2018/9>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Operations Management

Volume 62 Pages 1-74 (September 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-operations-management/vol/62/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 5, Issue 4 (2018)

<https://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>

Patient Self-Management

[Refugees in Milwaukee: Demographic and Health-Related Characteristics Post-Immediate Resettlement](#)

Vy T. Dinh, Fabiana Kotovicz, and Natalie Sorenson

Journal of Pediatrics

October 2018 Volume 201, p1-304

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>

[Accessed 3 Nov 2018]

[No new digest content identified]

Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

September/October 2018 - Volume 24 - Issue 5

<https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 39, Issue 3, August 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/39/3/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

October 2018; volume 15, issue 147

<http://rsif.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 25, Issue suppl_1, 1 May 2018

https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/25/suppl_1

Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

Nov 03, 2018 Volume 392 Number 10158 p1599-1682 e13

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Lancet Global Health

Nov 2018 Volume 6 Number 11 e1139-e1252

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Lancet Infectious Diseases

Nov 2018 Volume 18 Number 11 p1161-1288 e339-e367

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Lancet Respiratory Medicine

Nov 2018 Volume 6 Number 11 p801-884 e54-e55

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/issue/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 22, Issue 11, November 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10995/22/11/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Volume 38 Issue 7, October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

The Milbank Quarterly

A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy

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

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680009/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Nature

Volume 563 Issue 7729, 1 November 2018

http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html

Editorial / 30 October 2018

[Brazil's new president adds to global threat to science](#)

The election of Jair Bolsonaro is bad for research and the environment.

Article | 24 October 2018

[The Moral Machine experiment](#)

Responses from more than two million people to an internet-based survey of attitudes towards moral dilemmas that might be faced by autonomous vehicles shed light on similarities and variations in ethical preferences among different populations.

Edmond Awad, Sohan Dsouza[...] & Iyad Rahwan

Nature Medicine

Volume 24 Issue 10, October 2018

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/24/issues/10>

[Reviewed earlier]

New England Journal of Medicine

November 1, 2018 Vol. 379 No. 18

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 47 Issue 5, October 2018

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[Does the Humanitarian Sector Use Evidence-informed Standards? A Review of the 2011 Sphere Indicators for Wash, Food Security and Nutrition, and Health Action](#)

October 30, 2018 · *Research Article*

Background: In 1997, the pursuit of greater accountability and effectiveness in humanitarian response prompted a multi-stakeholder collaboration to develop a set of indicators and standards to guide humanitarian practitioners, published later in the form of the Sphere Handbook. Twenty years after the first edition of the Handbook was developed, and in order to guide the 2018 revision, an assessment of the evidence base for current Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Food Security and Nutrition, and Health Action indicators, as compared to evidence collated by the 2015 LSHTM Humanitarian Health Evidence Review (HHER), was conducted.

Methodology: In order to assess the utility of the Sphere indicators as a tool with which to monitor and evaluate humanitarian activities, indicators from the WASH, Food Security and Nutrition, and Health Action chapters of the Sphere Handbook were analysed and classified according to the SMART criteria. Each indicator was then assessed based on existing evidence related to the effectiveness of humanitarian health interventions as compiled in the HHER.

Results: Of the 159 Sphere indicators intended to guide humanitarian response, only 2 met all of the SMART criteria. The remaining 157 did not provide any time indication for the measurement of the indicator. Furthermore, only 11 standards (23%) and 14 indicators (8%) are supported in part by 33 studies identified in the HHER. Less than one third of studies captured by HHER that explore interventions related to WASH, nutrition, or health could be linked to existing Sphere indicators.

Conclusion: It is not possible to adequately link the 2011 Sphere indicators and standards to their sources in their current constitution, and they are not sufficiently evidence-informed. In the absence of clear measurement definitions, they do not provide necessarily detailed guidance. While recognising that a number of indicators have emerged as a combination of empirical evidence, expert experience, and "common sense", a focus on fewer indicators, each better defined, is likely to enhance the practical application of the Sphere Handbook in humanitarian settings.

[Uganda at Glance of 5.7 Magnitude Earthquake: Lessons for Earthquake Risk Reduction](#)

October 30, 2018 · *Brief Report*

Introduction: Uganda remains seismically vulnerable to earthquakes, which constitute one of the most deadly naturally triggered disasters in the world. This is not surprising given the country's location in the East African Rift Valley System.

Method: This paper draws mainly on the authors' live event experience and some media reports to narratively outline the nature of a sizable earthquake, which measured a magnitude of 5.7 on the Richter scale that struck Uganda and other countries within the Lake Victoria Basin region on 10th September 2016 in the afternoon.

Results: Rakai – a district in central region was the worst affected in Uganda. It witnessed the death of four people; 20 people were admitted to the hospital with injuries; a total of 590 people were affected; and serious structural damages mainly in buildings were reported, leaving many either razed to the ground or left with cracks.

Discussions: Although this earthquake was less devastating in terms of injuries and fatalities compared to two previous earthquakes in Uganda, based on the Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale it was still considered to be severe. Therefore, this paper identified some proactive lessons as far as earthquake risk reduction in Uganda is concerned, which among others include: encouraging earthquake-resistant buildings; the safety of essential infrastructure; earthquake early warning systems supported by free global technologies; and the safety of rescue workers along with prioritizing the psychosocial needs of rescue teams. With all this in mind, the September 2016 earthquake should serve as a timely reminder that there is a real need for the proactive ex-ante earthquake preparedness rather than risking an expensive post-ante approach to responding to any future devastating earthquakes in Uganda.

Drought in the Semi-arid Region of Brazil: Exposure, Vulnerabilities and Health Impacts from the Perspectives of Local Actors

October 29, 2018 *Research Article*

Introduction: The objective of this study was to understand and assess the perception of communities, organized civil society, health professionals, and decision-makers of several governmental institutions, regarding vulnerabilities and health impacts in drought prone municipalities of Brazil.

Methods: This study was carried out through a qualitative investigation in eight municipalities in the Brazilian Semi-arid region. Data collection was done through semi-structure and structure interviews, and discussion with local actors, which included communities groups, health professionals, governmental managers and organized civil society.

Results: The results point to the local actors' concerns and to the fragility of the health sector in the planning of integrated actions directed towards risks and impacts associated with drought conditions on human health.

Discussion: The lack of a specific knowledge contributes to making invisible the process that determines the impacts of drought on health, leading to an acceptance of drought in those municipalities, reducing the capacity of the health system to respond to droughts.

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Health systems thinking: A new generation of research to improve healthcare quality

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Abstract

All life requires the capacity to recover from challenges that are as inevitable as they are unpredictable. Understanding this resilience is essential for managing the health of humans and their livestock. It has long been difficult to quantify resilience directly, forcing practitioners to rely on indirect static indicators of health. However, measurements from wearable electronics and other sources now allow us to analyze the dynamics of physiology and behavior with unsurpassed resolution. The resulting flood of data coincides with the emergence of novel analytical tools for estimating resilience from the pattern of microrecoveries observed in natural time series. Such dynamic indicators of resilience may be used to monitor the risk of systemic failure across systems ranging from organs to entire organisms. These tools invite a fundamental rethinking of our approach to the adaptive management of health and resilience.

[Haiti's biodiversity threatened by nearly complete loss of primary forest](#)

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Policy Forum

Editing nature: Local roots of global governance

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Environmental gene editing demands collective oversight

Summary

The end of malaria. Restored island habitats. Resiliency for species threatened by climate change. Many envisioned environmental applications of newly developed gene-editing techniques such as CRISPR might provide profound benefits for ecosystems and society. But depending on the type and scale of the edit, gene-edited organisms intentionally released into the environment could also deliver off-target mutations, evolutionary resistance, ecological disturbance, and extinctions. Hence, there are ongoing conversations about the responsible application of CRISPR, especially relative to the limitations of current global governance structures to safeguard its use [(1, 2); see table S1]. Largely missing from these conversations is attention to local communities in decision-making. Most policy discussions are instead occurring at the national or international level (3, 4), even though local communities will be the first to feel the context-dependent impacts of any release. To be fully representative, therefore, local inputs and perspectives must also be considered. As laboratories around the world develop and perfect gene-editing techniques with unprecedented capacity to alter wild species and, by extension, the ecological and cultural systems of which they are a part, we outline our vision for locally based, globally informed governance.

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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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2030 Agenda

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This issue focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, which commits United Nations Member States to work towards a sustainable future for all. The articles, by Senior Officials of the United Nations system, examine the Organization's lead role in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and in promoting peace, social equality and human rights.

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World Heritage and Wetlands

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

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

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