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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

[Solutions to World's Problems Lie in Upholding Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Secretary-General emphasizes in Observance Message](#)

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10 December 2018

Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks at the high-level event to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Marrakesh, Morocco today:

The profound language and the symbolic significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights have made it the world's most widely translated document. Its adoption marked the first time that countries had ever come together to recognize that all people, everywhere, share fundamental, inalienable rights.

The economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights enshrined in this foundational document belong to everyone, regardless of race, colour, gender, language, faith or opinion. Over seven decades, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has inspired millions of women and men to demand their rights and contest the forces of oppression, exploitation, discrimination and injustice. It has given rise to a rich body of legally binding international human rights treaties and it continues to be an inspiration to people around the world.

But the Universal Declaration is much more than a source of inspiration and a statement of principles. Its 30 articles constitute practical measures for advancing peace and inclusive sustainable development. It has given birth to movements by groups of all kinds, from indigenous peoples to persons with disabilities. Its principles are embedded in national legislations and regional treaties, and more than 90 states have enshrined its language in their Constitutions.

No one ever loses their human rights, no matter what they do or who they are. So, it is apt that the first day of this conference to adopt the Global Compact for Migration is taking place on the seventieth anniversary of the General Assembly's adoption of the Universal Declaration.

The Compact is a new and important step towards safety and dignity for millions of people. It sets out in practical terms how Member States and other stakeholders can respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of all migrants, in line with the Universal Declaration.

Seventy years ago, after the Holocaust and the carnage of the Second World War, our forebears drafted 30 articles that lay out the "foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world". They

hoped the lessons of war would spare their children, and successive generations, from a similar fate. We ignore these lessons and this guidance at our peril.

It saddens me to say that, in this year marking the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the human rights agenda is losing ground and authoritarianism is on the rise. People all over the world still endure constraints on — or even total denial — of their human rights. Torture, extrajudicial killings, detention without trial and other egregious human rights violations still persist. Gender inequality remains a pressing issue — with untold women and girls facing daily insecurity, violence and violation of their rights. We are also seeing a groundswell of xenophobia, racism and intolerance, including anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim hatred.

I am particularly concerned about the growth of intolerance and the shrinking space for civil society. Today human rights and their defenders are under increasing pressure in all regions. This will not solve any of the challenges the world faces. The solutions to society's problems lie in staying bound to our shared commitment to uphold the human rights and the inherent dignity and equality of each human being.

Human rights are the cornerstone of State sovereignty; they are a tool to help States and societies grow and be resilient. They help empower women and girls. They help advance development. They help prevent conflict and ensure a just, equitable and prosperous world.

But much remains to be done to make human rights a reality for all. As true custodians of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, your continued commitment to the rights it enshrines is critical. Let us all keep the beacon of this towering document alight so it can guide us all on the path of peace, dignity, security and opportunity for all. Thank you.

70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet

Geneva (6 December 2018) –

On 10 December, we mark the 70th anniversary of that extraordinary document, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It is, I firmly believe, as relevant today as it was when it was adopted 70 years ago.

Arguably even more so, as over the passing decades, it has passed from being an aspirational treatise into a set of standards that has permeated virtually every area of international law.

It has withstood the tests of the passing years, and the advent of dramatic new technologies and social, political and economic developments that its drafters could not have foreseen...

...Born out of the devastation of two World Wars, the Great Depression of the 1930s, and the Holocaust, the Universal Declaration is geared to prevent similar disasters, and the tyranny and violations which caused them. It sets out ways to prevent us from continuing to harm each other, and aims to provide us with "freedom from fear and want."

It sets limits on the powerful, and inspires hope among the powerless.

Over the seven decades since its adoption, the Universal Declaration has underpinned countless beneficial changes in the lives of millions of people across the world, permeating some 90 national Constitutions and numerous national, regional and international laws and institutions.

But, 70 years after its adoption, the work the Universal Declaration lays down for us to do is far from over. And it never will be.

In 30 crystal-clear articles, the Universal Declaration shows us the measures which will end extreme poverty, and provide food, housing, health, education, jobs and opportunities for everyone.

It lights the path to a world without wars and Holocausts, without torture or famine or injustice. A world where misery is minimized and no one is too rich or powerful to evade justice.

A world where every human has the same worth as every other human, not just at birth but for the duration of their entire lives.

The drafters wanted to prevent another war by tackling the root causes, by setting down the rights everyone on the planet could expect and demand simply because they exist – and to spell out in no uncertain terms what cannot be done to human beings...

I am convinced that the human rights ideal, laid down in this Declaration, has been one of the most constructive advances of ideas in human history – as well as one of the most successful. But today, that progress is under threat.

We are born 'free and equal,' but millions of people on this planet do not stay free and equal. Their dignity is trampled and their rights are violated on a daily basis.

In many countries, the fundamental recognition that all human beings are equal, and have inherent rights, is under attack. The institutions so painstakingly set up by States to achieve common solutions to common problems are being undermined.

And the comprehensive web of international, regional and national laws and treaties that gave teeth to the vision of the Universal Declaration is also being chipped away by governments and politicians increasingly focused on narrow, nationalist interests.

We all need to stand up more energetically for the rights it showed us everyone should have – not just ourselves, but all our fellow human beings – and which we are at constant risk of eroding through our own, and our leaders' forgetfulness, neglect or wanton disregard.

I will end, where the Universal Declaration begins, with the powerful promise – and warning – contained in the first lines of its Preamble:

"...Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

"...Disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of

speech and belief, and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people.

"...It is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse as a last resort to rebellion against tyranny and oppression that human rights should be protected by the rule of law."

And we would do well to pay more attention to the final words of that same Preamble:

"...every individual and every organ of society keeping this Declaration constantly in mind shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction."

We have come a long way down this path since 1948. We have taken many of progressive measures prescribed by the Universal Declaration at the national and international levels.

But we still have a long way to go, and too many of our leaders seem to have forgotten these powerful and prophetic words. We need to rectify that, not just today, not just on the 70th anniversary next Monday, but every day, every year.

Human rights defenders the world over are on the frontlines of defending the Universal Declaration through their work, their dedication and their sacrifice. No matter where we live or what our circumstances are, most of us do have the power to make a difference – to make our homes, communities, countries, and our world better – or worse – for others. Each of us needs to do our part to breathe life into the beautiful dream of the Universal Declaration.

For this was the gift of our ancestors, to help us avoid ever having to go through what they went through.

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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the UN General Assembly at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris three years after the end of World War II. It was the product of 18 months' work by a drafting committee, with members and advisers from all across the world, and – in the words of one of its principal architects, René Cassin – "at the end of one hundred sessions of elevated, often impassioned discussion, was adopted in the form of 30 articles on December 10, 1948."

A series of [30 short articles](#) on each of the 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration

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[Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on International Human Rights Day](#)

December 10, 2018

Statement

On this International Human Rights Day, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) reaffirms our commitment to promoting and advancing human rights and human dignity around the world. As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims, the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace

in the world. On behalf of the American people, USAID works to advance those ideals each day. As we strive to promote democratic values abroad, and advance a free, peaceful, and prosperous world, we recognize that support for the human rights of all is critical towards advancing our mission.

The threats to human rights and liberty are not limited to one country or region. In my travels as Administrator, I have seen first-hand that our work in protecting the human rights of all mankind is far from over. When I visited Bangladesh, I met with Rohingya families who had suffered devastating violence in Burma merely because of their ethnicity and religious beliefs. In the Middle East, I spoke with survivors of the so-called Islamic State's brutality, and pledged that the United States would always be by their side as they seek to rebuild their communities.

On International Human Rights Day, we recommit ourselves towards meeting the shared commitments of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, reiterate our offer of assistance to those in need, and call on every country to respect the human rights and dignity of all people.

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Governance – Inflection Point in United States

[We are former senators. The Senate has long stood in defense of democracy — and must again](#)

By 44 Former U.S. Senators

Opinions

Washington Post, December 10, 2018

Dear Senate colleagues,

As former members of the U.S. Senate, Democrats and Republicans, it is our shared view that we are entering a dangerous period, and we feel an obligation to speak up about serious challenges to the rule of law, the Constitution, our governing institutions and our national security.

We are on the eve of the conclusion of special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation and the House's commencement of investigations of the president and his administration. The likely convergence of these two events will occur at a time when simmering regional conflicts and global power confrontations continue to threaten our security, economy and geopolitical stability. It is a time, like other critical junctures in our history, when our nation must engage at every level with strategic precision and the hand of both the president and the Senate.

We are at an inflection point in which the foundational principles of our democracy and our national security interests are at stake, and the rule of law and the ability of our institutions to function freely and independently must be upheld.

During our service in the Senate, at times we were allies and at other times opponents, but never enemies. We all took an oath swearing allegiance to the Constitution. Whatever united or divided us, we did not veer from our unwavering and shared commitment to placing our country, democracy and national interest above all else.

At other critical moments in our history, when constitutional crises have threatened our foundations, it has been the Senate that has stood in defense of our democracy. Today is once again such a time. Regardless of party affiliation, ideological leanings or geography, as former members of this great body, we urge current and future senators to be steadfast and zealous guardians of our democracy by ensuring that partisanship or self-interest not replace national interest.

Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), Bill Bradley (D-N.J.), Richard Bryan (D-Nev.), Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.), Max Cleland (D-Ga.), William Cohen (R-Maine), Kent Conrad (D-N.D.), Al D'Amato (R-N.Y.), John C. Danforth (R-Mo.), Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), David Durenberger (R-Minn.), Russ Feingold (D-Wis.), Wyche Fowler (D-Ga.), Bob Graham (D-Fla.), Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), Gary Hart (D-Colo.), Bennett Johnston (D-La.), Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.), John Kerry (D-Mass.), Paul Kirk (D-Mass.), Mary Landrieu (D-La.), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Ben Nelson (D-Neb.), Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), David Pryor (D-Ark.), Don Riegle (D-Mich.), Chuck Robb (D-Va.), Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.), Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.), Mark Udall (D-Colo.), John W. Warner (R-Va.), Lowell Weicker (I-Conn.), Tim Wirth (D-Colo.)

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Migration

[World Leaders Adopt First-Ever Global Compact on Migration, Outlining Framework to Protect Millions of Migrants, Support Countries Accommodating Them](#)

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MARRAKECH, Morocco, 10 December — World leaders adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration today, laying out the first-ever global cooperation framework for sharing responsibility to protect the world's 258 million people on the move — 3.4 per cent of its population — and supporting the host communities working to accommodate them...

[The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)

PDF: <http://undocs.org/en/A/CONF.231/3>

The Global Compact for Migration is the first-ever UN global agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions. The global compact is non-legally binding. It is grounded in values of state sovereignty, responsibility-sharing, non-discrimination, and human rights, and recognizes that a cooperative approach is needed to optimize the overall benefits of migration, while addressing its risks and challenges for individuals and communities in countries of origin, transit and destination.

The global compact comprises 23 objectives for better managing migration at local, national, regional and global levels. The compact:

- :: aims to mitigate the adverse drivers and structural factors that hinder people from building and maintaining sustainable livelihoods in their countries of origin;
- :: intends to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities migrants face at different stages of migration by respecting, protecting and fulfilling their human rights and providing them with care and assistance;

:: seeks to address the legitimate concerns of states and communities, while recognizing that societies are undergoing demographic, economic, social and environmental changes at different scales that may have implications for and result from migration;

:: strives to create conducive conditions that enable all migrants to enrich our societies through their human, economic and social capacities, and thus facilitate their contributions to sustainable development at the local, national, regional and global levels.

The list of the 23 objectives can be found in paragraph 16 of the Global Compact for Migration:

Objectives for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

...16. With the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants we adopted a political declaration and a set of commitments. Reaffirming that Declaration in its entirety, we build upon it by laying out the following cooperative framework comprised of 23 objectives, implementation, as well as follow-up and review. Each objective contains a commitment, followed by a range of actions considered to be relevant policy instruments and best practices. To fulfil the 23 objectives, we will draw from these actions to achieve safe, orderly and regular migration along the migration cycle.

- (1) Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
- (2) Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
- (3) Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
- (4) Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
- (5) Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
- (6) Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
- (7) Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
- (8) Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
- (9) Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
- (10) Prevent, combat
- (11) Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
- (12) Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
- (13) Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives
- (14) Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
- (15) Provide access to basic services for migrants
- (16) Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
- (17) Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
- (18) Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
- (19) Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
- (20) Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
- (21) Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
- (22) Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned

benefits

(23) Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

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Governance – UNAIDS

Sweden suspends funding for UN Aids agency as Britain urged to follow suit

Swedish minister calls for Michel Sidibé to step down after report alleging harassment and favouritism at agency

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Rebecca Ratcliffe

The Swedish government has announced it is to withhold funding to a UN agency until its director resigns in a row over his “dysfunctional leadership”.

UNAids, which spearheads the global fight against Aids and HIV, will receive no further funding until its executive director, Michel Sidibé, stands down, said Isabella Lövin, Sweden’s minister for international development cooperation and climate.

The warning follows a scathing report that condemned a patriarchal culture within the organisation. Britain has been attacked by campaigners for not taking a similarly strong stance. The UK’s Department for International Development (DfID), is also a key donor.

Sweden, UNAid’s second biggest donor after the US, contributed 260m Swedish krona (£22m) in 2017.

UNAids was thrown into an unprecedented crisis after an independent review released on Friday warned of “a patriarchal culture tolerating harassment and abuse of authority”.

Calling for a change of leadership, the report said Sidibé had set a tone of “favouritism, preferment, opaqueness, license for wrongdoing, and retaliation against those who speak up against such practices”.

The report, commissioned following multiple allegations of sexual harassment and bullying, is being discussed by the agency’s oversight body, the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), this week.

During the session, which began on Tuesday, Sidibé announced that the next board meeting, in June 2019, would be his last, but did not specify when he plans to step down...

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UNAIDS Board calls for immediate implementation of UNAIDS agenda for change

Press release

GENEVA, 13 December 2018—The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) has called on UNAIDS to fully implement the management response ([UNAIDS agenda for change](#)) to address harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power, at the UNAIDS Secretariat which was presented to Board members by the Executive Director of UNAIDS on Tuesday 11 December.

The decision was agreed by the members of the PCB at the conclusion of the 43rd meeting of the PCB in Geneva, Switzerland, today. The PCB agreed to establish a working group to oversee the immediate implementation of the management response and to discuss the report of the Independent Expert Panel in a special PCB meeting before March 2019. The PCB also welcomed the statement of the

UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association and the critical role they played in bringing to the PCB's attention the issue of harassment at the workplace.

"We don't have a moment to lose in moving forward our management response. Our actions will make UNAIDS stronger and better," said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. "I look forward to working with all staff to make UNAIDS a model workplace for staff in all their diversity. I look forward to an inclusive, transparent and open dialogue and collaboration with staff in shaping a new UNAIDS."

The Executive Director of UNAIDS also told the PCB that he wanted to have an orderly transition of leadership at UNAIDS in the final year of his term. He informed the UNAIDS Board that its meeting in June 2019 would be his last Board meeting and he would complete his duties at the end of June 2019.

"I am proud of the successes of UNAIDS. In the past 10 years we have been instrumental in saving millions of lives and averting millions of new HIV infections. The staff of UNAIDS are our greatest asset and I am privileged to serve alongside them," said Mr Sidibé. "I will work to ensure a smooth transition and pledge to keep my focus on our staff and delivering results for the people we serve."

UNAIDS' agenda for change will be critical in ensuring that the staff of UNAIDS can continue to build on these successes and deliver maximum results for people living with and affected by HIV. It focuses on five action areas: a staff-centred approach, compliance and standards, leadership and governance, management and capacity. Each area outlines key actions that the UNAIDS Secretariat will undertake.

UNAIDS reiterates its commitment to lead by example in eliminating all forms of harassment, bullying and abuse of power by creating a respectful, transparent and accountable environment that enables all staff to contribute their full potential to deliver for the people they serve.

[UNAIDS Executive Director's report to PCB-43](#)

13 December 2018 :: 16 pages

PDF: http://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/PCB43_EXD_report_en.pdf

[Agenda item 3.1 Report on the work of the Independent Expert Panel on Prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment; bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat](#)

11 December 2018 :: 19 pages

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD BUREAU

PDF:

http://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/20181209_UNAIDS_PCB43_IEP_Bureau_paper_EN.pdf

[43rd Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board](#)

Geneva, Switzerland

11-13 December 2018

Decisions

[Excerpt]

Agenda item 3: Prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at the UNAIDS Secretariat

5.1 *Recognizes* the important contribution and commitment of the UNAIDS Secretariat staff to implement the UNAIDS Strategy and support Member States to achieve the 2016 Political Declaration on Ending AIDS;

5.2 *Commits* to zero tolerance against harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power to ensure the highest standards in order to create an exemplary workplace in the UNAIDS Secretariat;

5.3 *Welcomes* the earlier request of the Executive Director to establish the Independent Expert Panel (IEP) on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at the UNAIDS Secretariat;

5.4 *Recalls* that the PCB endorsed the steps taken by the PCB Bureau in response to this request and agreed that the priority should be for the IEP to be enabled and empowered to provide an authoritative review and a comprehensive set of recommendations pertaining to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at the UNAIDS Secretariat;

5.5 *Notes* that the IEP has presented its report and recommendations to the PCB;

5.6 *Notes* that the UNAIDS Secretariat has presented its Management Response to the PCB;

5.7 *Welcomes* the statement by the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association (USSA), and *recognizes* the critical role of the USSA in bringing the PCB's attention to this important issue;

5.8 *Highlights* both, the limited circulation time of these important reports and the divergent, varied and differing views expressed by the PCB members and observers;

5.9 *Emphasizes* that there is consensus on the need for action to address harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power;

5.10 Recognizes with remorse the negative impact of harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power on the staff of the UNAIDS Secretariat and their ability to deliver on the critical mandate of the Joint Programme;

5.11 *Notes* that some of the recommendations of the IEP and the Management Response have broader implications for the United Nations system;

5.12 *Notes* that, as part of the Joint Programme's commitment to transparency and accountability, the IEP report is in the public domain and has been transmitted to the UN Secretary-General by the UNAIDS Secretariat;

5.13 *Decides* that, at a special session of the PCB no later than March 2019, the PCB after complete consideration of the IEP report may elect or choose to bring specific recommendations to the attention of the UN Secretary-General;

5.14 *Decides* to establish a working group of the PCB to oversee the immediate implementation of the management response and to further review the conclusions and recommendations contained in the IEP report, and the management response, proposing options to the next PCB meeting, for strengthening the PCB's monitoring and evaluation role on the UNAIDS Secretariat with the view of ensuring zero tolerance against harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at the UNAIDS Secretariat;

5.15 *Calls* on the UNAIDS Secretariat to:

a. Fully implement the actions set out in the Management Response, and develop a more detailed, fully costed Management Action plan, complete with review mechanisms and timeline, with regards to the IEP recommendations, which are under its responsibility, in a robust, measurable, timely and ambitious way for consideration by the PCB by intersessional decision making;

b. Operate to the highest standards to tackle harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power;

c. Provide a Progress Report to the next regular session of the PCB on the implementation of the above actions;

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Blockchain

[UNICEF's Innovation Fund announces first cohort of blockchain investments in emerging markets](#)

Press release

New York/ 10 December 2018 - Six companies in developing and emerging economies will receive investment from UNICEF's Innovation Fund to solve global challenges using blockchain technology.

The UNICEF Innovation Fund will invest up to \$100,000 USD in the six companies; [Atix Labs](#), [Onesmart](#), [Prescripto](#), [Statwig](#), [Utopixar](#) and [W3 Engineers](#) to deliver open-source prototypes of blockchain applications within 12-months.

Selected from more than 100 applications across 50 countries, these six companies will build prototypes and systems for global problems like transparency in health-care delivery, affordable access to mobile phone connectivity, and the ability to direct finances and resources to social-impact projects. They join 20 other technology startups currently under management by the Fund in fields from data science and machine learning, to virtual reality, to drones.

"Blockchain technology is still at an early stage -- and there is a great deal of experimentation, failure, and learning ahead of us as we see how, and where, we can use this technology to create a better world," said Chris Fabian, Principal Adviser, UNICEF Innovation. "That's exactly the stage when UNICEF Innovation Fund invests: when our financing, technical support, and focus on vulnerable populations can help a technology grow and mature in the most fair and equitable way possible."

:: Atix Labs (Argentina) will develop a platform for small to medium-sized enterprises to gain access to funding while creating traceability into where the funds are used and measuring the impact.

:: Onesmart (Mexico) will address the misappropriation of funds in emerging markets with the scale of its prototype application, which ensures the delivery of state-provided social services to children and young people.

:: Prescripto (Mexico) will provide a digital solution to the lack of electronic prescriptions in developing countries with a platform that allows medical services providers to view one common history of a patient, and improve the level of care.

:: Statwig (India) will use blockchain solutions to ensure the efficient delivery of vaccines through an enhanced supply-chain management system.

:: Utopixar (Tunisia) will deliver a social collaboration tool for communities and organisations to facilitate participative decision-making and value transfer.

W3 Engineers (Bangladesh), will improve connectivity within the refugee and migrant communities through an offline mobile networking platform without the use of sim cards and internet connection. These investments are part of UNICEF's larger blockchain explorations of using smart-contracts for organizational efficiencies, creating distributed decision-making processes, and working to build knowledge and understanding of distributed ledger technology both in the United Nations and in the countries where UNICEF works.

In addition to funding the start-up companies, UNICEF's Innovation Fund will provide product and technology assistance, support with business growth, and access to a network of experts and partners. The Fund also actively seeks second-round investment and support for companies it has invested in, as well as the opportunity to scale-up these technologies, when they are successful, in the more than 190 countries and territories where UNICEF operates...

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Gavi and Germany partner to harness blockchain technology

German government and the Vaccine Alliance to explore the application of blockchain technology to increase efficiency of immunisation programmes.

Abu Dhabi, 11 December 2018 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), through the KfW Development Bank, announced at Gavi's high-level 2018 [mid-term review](#) conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE, that they will partner to explore the application of blockchain technology to Gavi's cash support and supply chain management systems.

Before a vaccine can protect a child, immunisation programmes involve complex planning and procedures. Outdated vaccine supply and distribution systems can delay and limit the impact that vaccines have on people's health. BMZ, KfW and Gavi recognise that blockchain technology could radically transform health systems by reducing wastage and creating trust amongst development partners, funders and countries.

"Blockchain technology could help us understand in real-time all the steps taken while a vaccine is being delivered," said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "This technology has the potential to increase efficiency and reduce costs for developing countries but, most importantly, it could save lives."

Starting in 2019, the joint project will focus on exploring practical areas of application for this technology in the immunisation space to, for example, effectively track funds and vaccines...



Health – Neonatal Interventions

Press release

[Nearly 30 million sick and premature newborns in dire need of treatment every year](#)

Global coalition calls for better care and stronger legislation to save babies on the brink of death

NEW DELHI/ GENEVA /NEW YORK, 13 December 2018: Nearly 30 million babies are born too soon, too small or become sick every year and need specialized care to survive, according to a new report by a global coalition that includes UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO).

“When it comes to babies and their mothers, the right care at the right time in the right place can make all the difference,” said Omar Abdi, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director. “Yet millions of small and sick babies and women are dying every year because they simply do not receive the quality care that is their right and our collective responsibility.”

The report, [Survive and Thrive: Transforming care for every small and sick newborn](#), finds that among the newborn babies most at risk of death and disability are those with complications from prematurity, brain injury during childbirth, severe bacterial infection or jaundice, and those with congenital conditions. Additionally, the financial and psychological toll on their families can have detrimental effects on their cognitive, linguistic and emotional development.

“For every mother and baby, a healthy start from pregnancy through childbirth and the first months after birth is essential,” said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Deputy Director General for Programmes at WHO. “Universal health coverage can ensure that everyone – including newborns – has access to the health services they need, without facing financial hardship. Progress on newborn health care is a win-win situation – it saves lives and is critical for early child development thus impacting on families, society, and future generations.”

Without specialized treatment, many at-risk newborns won’t survive their first month of life, according to the report. In 2017, some 2.5 million newborns died, mostly from preventable causes. Almost two-thirds of babies who die were born premature. And even if they survive, these babies face chronic diseases or developmental delays. In addition, an estimated 1 million small and sick newborns survive with a long-term disability.

With nurturing care, these babies can live without major complications. The report shows that by 2030, in 81 countries, the lives of 2.9 million women, stillborns and newborns can be saved with smarter strategies. For example, if the same health team cares for both mother and baby through labour, birth and beyond, they can identify problems early on.

In addition, almost 68 per cent of newborn deaths could be averted in 2030 with simple fixes such as exclusive breastfeeding; skin-to-skin contact between the mother or father and the baby; medicines and essential equipment; and access to clean, well-equipped health facilities staffed by skilled health

workers. Other measures like resuscitating a baby who cannot breathe properly, giving the mother an injection to prevent bleeding, or delaying the cutting of the umbilical cord could also save millions.

According to the report, the world will not achieve the global target to achieve health for all unless it transforms care for every newborn. Without rapid progress, some countries will not meet this target for another 11 decades. To save newborns, the report recommends:

- :: Providing round-the-clock inpatient care for newborns seven days a week.
- :: Training nurses to provide hands-on care working in partnership with families.
- :: Harnessing the power of parents and families by teaching them how to become expert caregivers and care for their babies, which can reduce stress, help babies gain weight and allow their brains to develop properly.
- :: Providing good quality of care should be a part of country policies, and a lifelong investment for those who are born small or sick.
- :: Counting and tracking every small and sick newborn allows managers to monitor progress and improve results.
- :: Allocating the necessary resources, as an additional investment of US\$ 0.20 cents per person can save 2 of every 3 newborns in low- and middle-income countries by 2030.

Almost three decades ago, the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) guaranteed every newborn the right to the highest standard of health care, and it is time for countries around the world to make sure the legislative, medical, human and financial resources are in place to turn that right into a reality for every child, the report says.

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Featured Journal Content

PLoS Medicine

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

Research Article

[Associations between sex work laws and sex workers' health: A systematic review and meta-analysis of quantitative and qualitative studies](#)

Sex workers are at disproportionate risk of violence and sexual and emotional ill health, harms that have been linked to the criminalisation of sex work. We synthesised evidence on the extent to which sex work laws and policing practices affect sex workers' safety, health, and access to services, and the pathways through which these effects occur...

Together, the qualitative and quantitative evidence demonstrate the extensive harms associated with criminalisation of sex work, including laws and enforcement targeting the sale and purchase of sex, and activities relating to sex work organisation. There is an urgent need to reform sex-work-related laws and institutional practices so as to reduce harms and barriers to the realisation of health.

Lucy Platt, Pippa Grenfell, Rebecca Meiksin, Jocelyn Elmes, Susan G. Sherman, Teela Sanders, Peninah Mwangi, Anna-Louise Crago

| published 11 Dec 2018 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1002680>

Author summary

Why was this study done?

:: To our knowledge there has been no evidence synthesis of qualitative and quantitative literature examining the impacts of criminalisation on sex workers' safety and health, or the pathways that realise these effects.

:: This evidence is critical to informing evidenced-based policy-making, and timely given the growing interest in models of decriminalisation of sex work or criminalising the purchase of sex (the latter recently introduced in Canada, France, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, and Serbia).

What did the researchers do and find?

:: We undertook a mixed-methods review comprising meta-analyses and qualitative synthesis to measure the magnitude of associations, and related pathways, between criminalisation and sex workers' experience of violence, sexual (including HIV and sexually transmitted infections [STIs]) and emotional health, and access to health and social care services.

:: We searched bibliographic databases for qualitative and quantitative research, categorising lawful and unlawful police repression, including criminal and administrative penalties within different legislative models.

:: Meta-analyses suggest that on average repressive policing practices of sex workers were associated with increased risk of sexual/physical violence from clients or other partners across 9 studies and 5,204 participants.

:: Sex workers who had been exposed to repressive policing practices were on average at increased risk of infection with HIV/STI compared to those who had not, across 12,506 participants from 11 studies. Repressive policing of sex workers was associated with increased risk of condomless sex across 9,447 participants from 4 studies.

:: The qualitative synthesis showed that in contexts of any criminalisation, repressive policing of sex workers, their clients, and/or sex work venues disrupted sex workers' work environments, support networks, safety and risk reduction strategies, and access to health services and justice. It demonstrated how policing within all criminalisation and regulation frameworks exacerbated existing marginalisation, and how sex workers' relationships with police, access to justice, and negotiating powers with clients have improved in decriminalised contexts.

What do these findings mean?

:: The quantitative evidence clearly shows the association between repressive policing within frameworks of full or partial sex work criminalisation—including the criminalisation of clients and the organisation of sex work—and adverse health outcomes.

:: Qualitative evidence demonstrates how repressive policing of sex workers, their clients, and/or sex work venues deprioritises sex workers' safety, health, and rights and hinders access to due process of law. The removal of criminal and administrative sanctions for sex work is needed to improve sex workers' health and access to services and justice.

:: More research is needed in order to document how criminalisation and decriminalisation interact with other structural factors, policies, and realities (e.g., poverty, housing, drugs, and immigration) in different contexts, to inform appropriate interventions and advocacy alongside legal reform.



Featured Journal Content

Pediatrics

December 2018, VOLUME 142 / ISSUE 6

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/142/6?current-issue=y>

From the American Academy of Pediatrics

The Effects of Armed Conflict on Children

Sherry Shenoda, Ayesha Kadir, Shelly Pitterman, Jeffrey Goldhagen, SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL CHILD HEALTH

Pediatrics Dec 2018, 142 (6) e20182585; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2018-2585

Abstract

Children are increasingly exposed to armed conflict and targeted by governmental and nongovernmental combatants. Armed conflict directly and indirectly affects children's physical, mental, and behavioral health. It can affect every organ system, and its impact can persist throughout the life course. In addition, children are disproportionately impacted by morbidity and mortality associated with armed conflict. A children's rights-based approach provides a framework for collaboration by the American Academy of Pediatrics, child health professionals, and national and international partners to respond in the domains of clinical care, systems development, and policy formulation. The American Academy of Pediatrics and child health professionals have critical and synergistic roles to play in the global response to the impact of armed conflict on children.

The Effects of Armed Conflict on Children

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Pediatrics Dec 2018, 142 (6) e20182586; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2018-2586

Abstract

More than 1 in 10 children worldwide are affected by armed conflict. The effects are both direct and indirect and are associated with immediate and long-term harm. The direct effects of conflict include death, physical and psychological trauma, and displacement. Indirect effects are related to a large number of factors, including inadequate and unsafe living conditions, environmental hazards, caregiver mental health, separation from family, displacement-related health risks, and the destruction of health, public health, education, and economic infrastructure. Children and health workers are targeted by combatants during attacks, and children are recruited or forced to take part in combat in a variety of ways. Armed conflict is both a toxic stress and a significant social determinant of child health. In this Technical Report, we review the available knowledge on the effects of armed conflict on children and support the recommendations in the accompanying Policy Statement on children and armed conflict.

State-of-the-Art Review Article

Ethical Issues in Gender-Affirming Care for Youth

Laura L. Kimberly, Kelly McBride Folkers, Phoebe Friesen, Darren Sultan, Gwendolyn P. Quinn, Alison Bateman-House, Brendan Parent, Craig Konnoth, Aron Janssen, Lesha D. Shah, Rachel Bluebond-Langner, Caroline Salas-Humara

Pediatrics Dec 2018, 142 (6) e20181537; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2018-1537

In this review, we identify and assess the ethical issues associated with providing gender-affirming care to TGNC youth.

Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 11 December 2018 [GPEI]

:: Featured on www.polioeradication.org: [Mohamed Shire, polio expert from Somalia: from smallpox to polio, a life spent pursuing eradication of diseases](#); [Going the distance to end polio in Papua New Guinea: a video diary of vaccination teams travelling for days by road and helicopter to reach even the most remote areas.](#)

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan – one new case of wild poliovirus (WPV1).

Papua New Guinea – one circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) and two cVDPV1-positive environmental samples

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Editor's Note:

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

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 15 Dec 2018]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: 19: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 12 December 2018

:: DONs Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 13 December 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: Weekly Situation Report 54 - 9 December 2018

[Excerpt]

Highlights

:: The 9th round of water quality surveillance in refugee settlements started from 26 November 2018 and planned to be completed by 12 December 2018.

:: Four days training on Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) was conducted from 26-29 November 2018. The training targeted health partners providing health services to GBV survivors in the Rohingya refugee camps.

:: Health sector completed the review of JRP projects in the online project system.

:: Third week of the OCV campaign covered 257 682 doses (78.4%) of the targeted beneficiaries.

South Sudan

:: South Sudan set to vaccinate targeted healthcare and frontline workers operating in high risk states against Ebola

Juba 8 December, 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Myanmar - No new announcements identified

Nigeria - No new announcements identified

Somalia - 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 15 Dec 2018]

Sudan

:: [WHO Member States sign Khartoum Declaration on Sudan and Bordering Countries: Cross-Border Health Security](#)

4 December 2018 – Six countries in WHO’s Eastern Mediterranean and African Regions have signed a declaration committing themselves to strengthening preparedness and response to public health threats and events across borders in an effort to further the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and enhance global health security. The Khartoum Declaration on Sudan and Bordering Countries: Cross-Border Health Security was signed by Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan and Sudan on 22 November 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan...

Niger

:: [Le Niger vaccine 152 000 personnes contre le choléra dans les zones à haut risque](#)
06 décembre 2018

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

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

[Central African Republic](#) - *No new announcements identified*

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

[Hurricane Irma and Maria in the Caribbean](#) - *No new announcements identified*

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

[occupied Palestinian territory](#) - *No new announcements identified*

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

[MERS-CoV](#) - *No new announcements identified*

[Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis \(2017\)](#) - *No new announcements identified*

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

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

[WHO-AFRO: Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 49: 01-07 December 2018](#)

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 57 events in the region. This week’s edition covers key ongoing events, including:

- :: Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Lassa fever in Nigeria
- :: Measles in Mauritius
- :: Humanitarian crisis in South Sudan.

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[WHO Grade 1 Emergencies](#) [to 15 Dec 2018]

[Afghanistan](#)

[Chad](#)

[Indonesia - Sulawesi earthquake 2018](#)

[Kenya](#)

[Lao People's Democratic Republic](#)

[Mali](#)

Namibia - viral hepatitis

Peru

Philippines - Typhoon Mangkhut

Tanzania

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 69 | 25 November - 9 December 2018

Some 8 million people are projected to continue to receive humanitarian assistance in 2019, requiring US\$1.2 billion.

Somalia - *No new announcements identified.*

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“Other Emergencies”

Indonesia: Central Sulawesi Earthquake – *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 15 Dec 2018]

<https://www.un.org/press/en>

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GA/12106

General Assembly Adopts 4 Resolutions Aimed at Strengthening Coordination of Humanitarian, Disaster Relief Assistance

The General Assembly today adopted four resolutions on coordinating humanitarian and disaster relief aid, as Member States echoed concerns that global crises and attacks on humanitarian personnel continue to increase as millions of people are forcibly displaced worldwide.

13 December 2018

SC/13620

[Security Council, Adopting Resolution 2449 \(2018\), Authorizes One-Year Extension of Cross-Border Aid Deliveries Targeting 13 Million in Syria](#)

Ahead of a briefing later in December on assistance to civilians in Syria, the Security Council today renewed its authorization of the delivery of humanitarian supplies to the devastated country across borders and lines of conflict for a further 12 months, until 10 January 2020.

13 December 2018

GA/12105

[Adopting 7 Resolutions, General Assembly Calls for Recorded Vote on Texts Addressing Global Health, Ties with Organization of Islamic Cooperation](#)

As the General Assembly considered seven draft resolutions today on issues ranging from the return of cultural property to education for democracy, speakers held a contentious debate, resulting in a recorded vote on two texts tackling global health, as well as one on the fortifying of ties between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

10 December 2018

SG/SM/19402-HR/5418-OBV/1851

[Solutions to World's Problems Lie in Upholding Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Secretary-General emphasizes in Observance Message](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[30 articles on the 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[DRC: UN Human Rights Chief calls for measures to prevent further violence ahead of crucial election](#)

[Poland: UN experts condemn measures to stop human rights defenders join climate talks](#)

[UN human rights experts condemn Belarus executions](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 15 Dec 2018]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL_14/12/2018

[UN human rights experts say South Sudan leaders should seize the opportunity of the revitalized peace process to ensure accountability and help victims of the conflict rebuild their lives](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/media/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 15 Dec 2018]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextremepovertyindex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 2018]

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

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14 December 2018

[UN humanitarian, development chiefs join forces towards Libya recovery from crisis ...](#)

13 December 2018

[South Sudan: Aid agencies appeal for \\$1.5 billion to reach 5.7 million people with life saving assistance ...](#)

12 December 2018

[CERF allocates \\$10 million to support regional Ebola response ...](#)

[The United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator calls for urgent political solution to end suffering of millions of people in eastern Ukraine](#)

10 December 2018

[High-Level UN officials travel to Libya to support aid and s ...](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Statement

[Yemen peace talks and Hudaydah ceasefire signal hope for country's children](#)

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore

13/12/2018

Statement

[Two sick children from Rukban die in less than one week](#)

Statement from Geert Cappelaere, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa

13/12/2018

Press release

[Half of Syria's children have grown up only seeing violence as conflict nears eight-year mark: UNICEF](#)

UNICEF Chief wraps up five-day visit to war-torn country, says reaching all children, wherever they are, and meeting their needs remains critical

13/12/2018

Press release

[15,000 children without parents or missing, five years after out-break of fighting in South Sudan](#)

13/12/2018

Press release

[Nearly 30 million sick and premature newborns in dire need of treatment every year](#)

Global coalition calls for better care and stronger legislation to save babies on the brink of death

13/12/2018

[See Milestones above for detail]

Press release

[Children account for more than one third of Ebola cases in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo – UNICEF](#)

11/12/2018

Statement

[UNICEF statement on the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)

Statement from UNICEF Director of Data, Research and Policy Laurence Chandy

10/12/2018

[See Milestones above for detail]

Press release

[UNICEF's Innovation Fund announces first cohort of blockchain investments in emerging markets](#)

10/12/2018

[See Milestones above for detail]

Press release

[Latest threat to displaced children in Iraq: winter](#)

UNICEF racing against time to protect over 151,000 internally displaced children

10/12/2018

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Briefing notes

[UNHCR warns of massive shelter needs of DR Congo's displaced](#) 14 Dec 2018

Press releases and news comments

[Emergency plan for refugees and migrants from Venezuela launched](#) 14 Dec 2018

[Peace needed in South Sudan to end five years of displacement](#) 14 Dec 2018

[Violence displaces more than 50,000 in western Niger this year](#) 13 Dec 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

[Emergency Plan for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela Launched](#)

2018-12-14 15:28

Geneva - Faced with the largest population outflow in Latin America of recent years, 95 organizations covering 16 countries have been working together to establish a comprehensive response to the urgent needs of millions of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, and host...

[Libya: Essential Humanitarian Support Reaches Communities in Tawergha, Nearby Areas](#)

2018-12-14 15:25

Tripoli – This week (12/12), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in cooperation with Libya's Ministry of State for Displaced Affairs and the Local Council of Tawergha delivered essential humanitarian assistance to communities in Tawergha, 200 kilometres southeast...

[IOM Launches Policy Framework for Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration](#)

2018-12-14 15:18

Geneva — Today (14/12), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is releasing A Framework for Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) to guide policymakers and practitioners' work in this important field.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 111,237 in 2018; Deaths Reach 2,216](#)

2018-12-14 15:05

Geneva – IOM, the International Organization for Migration, reports that 111,237 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 12 December.

[IOM Lauds Adoption of Global Compact for Migration](#)

2018-12-11 16:32

Marrakesh, Morocco – On 10 December, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) hailed the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, calling it an historic achievement by the international community.

UNAIDS [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

[See Week in Review above]

WHO & Regional Offices [to 15 Dec 2018]

News Release

[Nearly 30 million sick and premature newborns in dire need of treatment every year](#)

Global coalition calls for better care and stronger legislation to save babies on the brink of death
13 December 2018 NEW DELHI/ GENEVA /NEW YORK

[Tanzania is first African country to reach an important milestone in the regulation of medicines](#)

News Release

Brazzaville / 10 December 2018: Tanzania is the first confirmed country in Africa to achieve a well-functioning, regulatory system for medical products according to the World Health Organization (WHO). This means that the Tanzania Food and Drug authority (TFDA) has made considerable improvements in recent years in ensuring medicines in the healthcare system are of good quality, safe and produce the intended health benefit.

"This is a major African milestone and we are very proud of Tanzania's achievement, which we hope will inspire other countries in the region," says Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. "Access to medicines alone, without quality assurance, is not enough. With this milestone Tanzania makes a big step towards improving the quality of its health care services."

Medicines are used to prevent illnesses and treat diseases, helping many people to lead full and productive lives. However, if produced, stored or transported improperly, if falsified, or used incorrectly or abused, medicines can be hazardous and can lead to hospitalization and even death. For these reasons, it is important to have effective regulatory systems that also serve to promote timely access to quality medicines.

Fewer than 30% of the world's medicines regulatory authorities are considered to have the capacity to perform the functions required to ensure medicines, vaccines and other health products actually work and do not harm patients. For that reason, WHO and African governments have intensified efforts to bolster the capacity of regulating medicines in the region.

Over the past years WHO has been supporting African countries, including Tanzania to strengthen their regulatory entities.

"The core of WHO's work is to empower countries through support and knowledge transfer so that they can expand access to health services for their populations," says Mariangela Simao, WHO Assistant Director General for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals. "If countries want to improve health outcomes, they first need to ensure access to safe and quality medical products that actually work and benefit patients."...

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: WHO reviews the Expanded Programme on Immunization/ Polio Eradication Initiative to improve immunization and surveillance strategies [South Sudan] 15 December 2018

:: Members of Parliament commit to advocating for the attainment of Universal Health Coverage in Uganda 13 December 2018

:: Liberia Commemorates World Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Week 12 December 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: PAHO urges collective action to ensure that everyone, everywhere can access health care (12/13/2018)

:: As talks get underway at COP24, MERCOSUR Ministers of Health commit to prioritize health in climate change adaptation plans (12/10/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new announcement identified*

WHO European Region EURO

:: Milestones on the road to universal health coverage 11-12-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO delivers surgical supplies to meet the needs in the occupied Palestinian territory
14 December 2018

:: Moroccan House of Representatives votes for a 50% increase in the tax on sugar-sweetened beverages 13 December 2018

:: A life pursuing eradication 11 December 2018

Mohamed Shire, a polio eradication expert from Somalia, speaks about lessons from a life tirelessly working to eradicate first smallpox, then polio

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Exercise Crystal: Ten years of strengthening communication between countries and WHO during emergencies 14 December 2018

A highly infectious strain of deadly bacteria has been released at a music festival and other public events in multiple countries—this is the fictional scenario that confronted participants in Exercise Crystal from 4 to 5 December.

Representatives from 29 countries and areas across the Western Pacific Region took part in the annual simulation exercise, testing their communication and coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO) during outbreaks or public health emergencies...

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Posted on December 15, 2018

Unlock the Potential of all Migrants for Development

Statement delivered at the 11th GFMD Summit, Marrakesh, Morocco, 5-7 Dec 2018

Posted on December 11, 2018

UN And Partners Launch Plan To Support Syrian Refugees And Countries Hosting Them As Number Of Syrian Refugee New-Borns Reaches One Million Mark

“These one million children have largely been born into a situation where poverty and unemployment are common, early marriage and child labour occur, and an education is not always secure” said Amin...

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

12 Dec 2018 *Press release*

[Leading international organizations commit to climate action](#)

Katowice, 12 December 2018 – Today, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 24) in Poland, 15 international organizations jointly announced a commitment to make their operations climate neutral.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14 Dec 2018

[Bringing DRR to the local-level in Asia and the Pacific](#)

Delegates at the ISDR-Asia Partnership Forum, a two-day gathering of 100 representatives from 20 governments, intergovernmental organizations, stakeholder groups, the United Nations and international organizations, organized by UNISDR Asia Pacific Office, agree that countries in the region need to accelerate action to reduce disaster risks and achieve the goals of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

13 December 2018, New York

[Shifting the way the world powers economic growth](#)

As economic activity expands, the level of global CO2 emissions is still rising. After three years of remaining flat, global energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions increased by 1.5 per cent in 2017 and are estimated to have risen further in 2018. This puts even greater policy importance on the forthcoming 24th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is scheduled to be held on 3-14 December in Katowice, Poland. Implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change requires a fundamental shift in the way the world powers economic growth, including rapid and far-reaching transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities.

The latest [World Economic Situation and Prospects Monthly Briefing](#) reviews the role of fossil fuels, and coal in particular, in economic activity in different regions.

10 December 2018, New York

[Governments adopt global migration pact to help 'prevent suffering and chaos'](#)

The [Global Compact for Migration](#) was adopted on Monday by leading representatives from 164 Governments at an international [conference](#) in Marrakesh, Morocco, in an historic move [described](#) by UN Chief António Guterres as the creation of a "roadmap to prevent suffering and chaos...

[See Week in Review for detail]

UNESCO [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14 December 2018

[The imperative of protecting documentary heritage from disasters highlighted in Bhutan](#)

12 December 2018

[UNESCO hosts a global policy forum on disaster risk reduction for preserving documentary heritage](#)

10 December 2018

[Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict inscribes four cultural properties on the International List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

12/12/2018 –

[ASEAN region a crucial partner in global efforts to counter crime, terrorism challenges, says UNODC Executive Director](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Posted December 11, 2018

[UN Habitat Commits to Implementing the Global Compact on Migration](#)

On the back drop of the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Migration for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, UN-Habitat contributed to the 5th Mayoral Forum Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development and...

Statement of the Executive Director On the occasion of Human Rights Day, 10 December 2018

Today marks the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognises, among other things, the universal right to adequate housing. UN-Habitat is mandated to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements for all. In...

Posted December 10, 2018

Statement of the Executive Director On the occasion of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact for Migration Marrakech, Morocco, 10-11 December 2018

UN-Habitat commends the consultative efforts led by the International Organization for Migration and the Government of Morocco as world leaders adopt a Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration at the Intergovernmental Conference on the Global...

Posted December 10, 2018

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/14-12-2018>

FAO and WFO to help farmers drive global agricultural agenda

The World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) today reaffirmed their commitment to help farmers become the drivers of the global agricultural agenda.

FAO urges to scale up response to climate change in agricultural sectors

The world must scale up the response to climate change, particularly in agricultural sectors, FAO Deputy Director-General Maria Helena Semedo said at the UN Climate Conference today. It will require investing in multi-sectoral policy design, implementation design, people, data, innovations and leadership.

13-12-2018

NASA and FAO launch next-generation geospatial tool

Seeing both forests and trees is about to get easier, thanks to a new open-access tool developed by NASA and FAO, with support from the Google Earth Engine Team and the US Government's SilvaCarbon Program - allowing anyone to track land-use and landscape changes anywhere.

12-12-2018

New report raises hopes for Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries

Although the main commercial fish species in the Mediterranean and Black Sea are still over-fished, pressure has reduced over the past years, raising hopes – for the first time - for the recovery of fish stocks, according to new FAO-GFCM report launched today.

11-12-2018

Unabated climate change will cause more conflict and hunger

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva today warned of increased conflict and hunger if climate change is left unabated. He made the remarks at the Nobel Peace Prize Forum 2018 panel discussion on how to solve the climate crisis, with 2007 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former US Vice-President Al Gore.

11-12-2018

Progress on food security and nutrition stagnates in Europe and Central Asia

More than 14 million adults, and some 4.7 million children in Europe and Central Asia suffer from severe food insecurity – as defined by the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) - the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations said in a report released today.

11-12-2018

Slow Food and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat to bolster mountain people's livelihoods

Slow Food and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, hosted by FAO, have signed an agreement to improve the livelihoods of mountain people, with special focus on Cordillera's mountain community in the Philippines.

10-12-2018

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Nadia Murad joins FAO's efforts to end hunger

The Iraqi Yazidi human rights activist and 2018 Nobel Peace Laureate Nadia Murad today joined FAO's efforts to tackle the twin problems of hunger and violence by becoming a new member of FAO's Nobel Peace Laureates Alliance for Food Security and Peace.

10-12-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14/12/18

Qatar Symposium highlights need to increase aviation training capacity effectiveness and intelligence in face of forecast growth

10/12/18

Regulatory liberalization and increased multilateralism key to sustainable aviation growth

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

10/12/2018

Safe and sustainable ship recycling project in Bangladesh - second phase launched

Second phase of an IMO-implemented project to enhance safe and environmentally sound ship recycling in Bangladesh launched at stakeholders meeting in Dhaka.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Publish Date: 11 December 2018

Support grows for early warning systems initiative

Switzerland has announced a major contribution to an international initiative to strengthen early warning systems in vulnerable low-income countries to support climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. The announcement of 9 million Swiss francs in new funding came at the United Nations climate change conference in Katowice, Poland (COP24).

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14.12.2018

[UPU selects first countries to benefit from new financial inclusion programme](#)

- The Universal Postal Union (UPU) announced it would roll out digital financial services projects reaching as many as 800,000 people and businesses across Africa, Asia and the Pacific under its Financial Inclusion Technical Assistance Facility (FITAF) in 2019.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 14 December 2018

[Injecting quality into software development with industry-specific guidance on ISO 9001](#)

Developing software is not always a straightforward procedure. An International Standard to apply the principles of the world's most widely used quality management system enables engineers to smooth out the process. It has just been updated.

By Clare Naden on 10 December 2018

[ISO at COP24: International Standards as essential tools for climate action](#)

International Standards help to mainstream climate change actions in transitioning to a low-carbon, climate-resilient future, according to leading sustainability experts who will speak at an ISO side event at the COP24 in Katowice, Poland.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14 December 2018

[UNWTO/UNESCO Conference: Cultural Tourism Sustains Communities and Living Heritage](#)

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) provided its support at the inauguration in Argentina of the first specialized hub for tourism in the Americas: Unidigital, with which a collaboration agreement was signed to promote innovation in tourism. Madrid, Spain, 13 December 2018 - Unidigital is the result of the collaboration between the public and private sectors to promote innovation in tourism. It will offer services, products and training in digital transformation in order to allow the most disruptive entrepreneurs in tourism in the Americas to develop their projects. The Hub was presented as part of the UNWTO Tourism Tech Adventure Forum, held on 11-13 December 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 14, 2018

[USAID Recognizes Winners of 2018 Digital Development Awards](#)

Today, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced the winners of its 2018 Digital Development Awards (Digi Awards), which recognize USAID projects' innovative use of digital technologies and data to advance international development. USAID helps developing countries with their journey to self-reliance by empowering them with digital tools that enable them to build their commitment and capacity to solve their own development challenges.

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green Panel Discussion on the Launch of USAID's New Private Sector Engagement Policy](#)

December 12, 2018

What we try to do is reach out and tap into the private sector for ingenuity and innovation. So, with some of the offerings that we have, we simply turn to the private sector and say, "Give us your best idea. Whatever you've got, let's see it." And when we try to put together the most innovative ideas and the most effective ideas, you know, using our development measurement impact tools, and that's how we make our decisions. And also, you know, I will say, as a conservative -- a former conservative member of Congress, let's be under no illusion about how the world is working these days. China, which is not a libertarian country that bleeds into the private sector, is in just about every country in the world. And what they are doing, I don't classify as "development." It's predatory financing, and what they are seeking to do is to lock up strategic assets and strategic resources, not necessarily in ways that are in the interests of the United States of America and our close allies and partners. We're in a time of competition. Our force and advantage is in tapping into private enterprise and tapping into markets. So, we don't pick winners and losers. We do try to harness the energy of private enterprise. We do that, I'm not worried about the competition.

[Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on the Signing of H.R. 390, the Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act of 2018](#)

December 12, 2018

Statement

Yesterday, President Trump signed into law the Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act of 2018, sponsored by Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA). The bill, which received broad bipartisan support in the Congress, is another tangible demonstration of the United States' support for international religious freedom and survivors of genocide in Iraq and Syria.

Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on the Mid-Term Review of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

December 10, 2018

Statement

On behalf of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), I would like to congratulate Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, on the substantial progress made in the first two years of its 2016-2020 Strategy, as highlighted in the Mid-Term Review (MTR) that is taking place in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, from December 10-11, 2018. By then, funding from Gavi will have helped the world's poorest countries immunize 700 million people, which has helped to save 10 million lives since the Alliance's establishment in 2000.

Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on International Human Rights Day

December 10, 2018

Statement

On this International Human Rights Day, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) reaffirms our commitment to promoting and advancing human rights and human dignity around the world. As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims, the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world. On behalf of the American people, USAID works to advance those ideals each day. As we strive to promote democratic values abroad, and advance a free, peaceful, and prosperous world, we recognize that support for the human rights of all is critical towards advancing our mission.

DFID [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

UK aid for children caught up in Cameroon conflict

13 December 2018 DFID *Press release*

The UK is to supply new emergency aid to help tackle a humanitarian crisis in Cameroon, as the Minister for Africa, Harriett Baldwin calls for full humanitarian access to save thousands of children's lives.

ECHO [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

13/12/2018

The EU provides further humanitarian funding for Ukraine

The European Union has allocated an additional €4 million to continue delivering much needed humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine at the onset of winter. This brings EU humanitarian assistance in Ukraine to €116 million since 2014.

rescEU: Commission welcomes provisional agreement to strengthen EU civil protection

12/12/2018

The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union have taken key steps today towards political agreement on rescEU, the plan to strengthen EU civil protection response to disasters. Multiple natural disasters have affected all parts of...

Additional EU aid reaches Bangladesh for the Rohingya crisis

10/12/2018

The European Commission has committed an additional €5 million to provide life-saving food assistance to Rohingya communities stranded in Bangladesh. This comes on top of the €40 million in humanitarian aid announced in May in response to the...

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African Union [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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December 12, 2018 to December 14, 2018

[High Level Consultation on the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa \(Maputo Protocol\) and the 15th Anniversary of the Maputo Protocol](#)

December 10, 2018

[Statement of the Chairperson of the Commission on the Occasion of the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[ASEAN launches Safe Migration Campaign; top ASEAN, EU officials discuss safe labour migration](#)

JAKARTA, 12 December 2018 - The ASEAN Safe Migration Campaign was launched today at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta to raise public awareness on safe labour migration that benefits all. More than 120 participants representing governments of ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, employers, workers, civil society groups and media attended the launch...

European Commission [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

16/12/2018

[UN Climate talks: EU plays instrumental role in making the Paris Agreement operational](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 16 December 2018 The UN climate conference (COP24) in Katowice, Poland, concluded today with the adoption of a clear rulebook to make the Paris Agreement on climate change work in practice across the world.

[EU Trust Fund for Africa: new actions adopted to support vulnerable migrants, foster socio-economic development and improve border management in North of Africa](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 14 December 2018 The operational committee of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, North of Africa window has adopted four new migration-related programmes totalling €115 million. The new actions under the EU Emergency Trust for Africa will reinforce assistance to vulnerable migrants, foster labour...

[Emergency Trust Fund for Africa: new support for the Horn of Africa worth €134 million](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 12 December 2018 The European Commission has adopted eleven new programmes for the Horn of Africa under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica said: "These new EU programmes, worth over €134 million in all, will help...

Commission presents its response to Antisemitism and a survey showing Antisemitism is on the rise in the EU

European - Press release Commission Brussels, 10 December 2018 Today, the Commission responds to a new survey by the EU Fundamental Rights Agency which finds that 9 out of 10 European Jews feel Antisemitism has increased over the past five years.

OECD [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 12, 2018

Statement of the OAS General Secretariat on Russian Military Aircraft with possible Nuclear Capacity in Venezuela

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) takes note with the greatest concern of the news coming from Venezuela about the possibility that aircraft capable of using nuclear weapons from Russia are in its territory. The presence of this foreign military mission violates the Venezuelan Constitution because it has not been authorized by the National Assembly, as required by Article 187, paragraph 11. Therefore, we consider such an act harmful to Venezuelan sovereignty. Likewise, this action may also be in violation of fundamental norms of international law...

December 10, 2018

OAS Permanent Council Follows-up on the Visit of Member States to the Colombia-Venezuela Border and Receives Report of the Permanent Council Working Group on Nicaragua

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

12/12/2018

Saudi Experience a Role Model for Muslim World against Classification and Exclusion, Al-Othaimen says

Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimen, the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), stressed that the success of Saudi Arabia's experience in the face of the advocates of classification, exclusion, and aberrant ideologies conducive to extremism, violence, and terrorism has made it the reliable reference for Islam-related issues. He pointed out that the Saudi experience has become a source of appreciation and interest of the Muslim countries, which benefit and have recourse to it. "This has made scholars of the Ummah consider the Land of the Two Holy Mosques the reference

in renewing the religious discourse, fighting extremism, and spreading moderation and tolerance,” added Al-Othaimen.

Group of 77 [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Karim Ismail, First Secretary, at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, on agenda item 148: First performance report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018-2019, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 11 December 2018\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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14 Dec 2018 –

[**UNCTAD issues Nairobi Manifesto on the Digital Economy and Inclusive Development In Africa**](#)

13 Dec 2018 –

[**International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation and UNCTAD sign eTrade Assessment Agreement**](#)

13 Dec 2018 –

[**East African bloc agrees to make regional trade cheaper, faster and simpler**](#)

10 Dec 2018 –

[**Mauritius tops Africa online shopping readiness ranking in 2018**](#)

[**Netherlands tops global online shopping rankings for first time in 2018**](#)

[**Madagascar, Uganda and Zambia set to exploit digital economy opportunities**](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

14 December 2018

[**The First WCO Regional Workshop Ever on Data Analytics**](#)

The first WCO Regional Workshop ever on data analytics took place in Doha, Qatar from 2 to 6 December with the financial support from Qatar Customs to improve data analytics capabilities of Customs Administrations from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region and discuss data analytics as an extremely powerful tool for improving the way Customs Administrations are operating...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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11 December 2018

[WTO-World Bank joint publication highlights need for policies to maximize trade gains for extreme poor](#)

Trade has made a significant contribution to poverty reduction but further integration of developing countries into international markets and policies to share the gains from trade more widely will be essential for further reducing poverty and ensuring that no one is left behind, according to a joint publication by the World Bank Group and the World Trade Organization launched today (11 December).

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

13 December 2018

[Youth representation in parliament nudges up according to new IPU report](#)

The global proportion of MPs under 30 has increased in two years from 1.9 per cent to 2.2 per cent according to the IPU's biannual report ...

International Court of Justice [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 15 Dec 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release 13 December 2018 Trust Fund for Victims

[Norway Contributes over €500,000 to the Trust Fund for Victims earmarked to the reparations programme in the Al Mahdi case](#)

[Finland Contributes €200,000 to the Trust Fund for Victims to Support Survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence](#)

Press Release 13 December 2018 Trust Fund for Victims

[Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, following the recent arrests of suspects concerning the situation of Central African Republic: "Our investigation into the conduct of all sides to the conflict continues"](#)

Statement 13 December 2018 Office of the Prosecutor

[Statement to the United Nations Security Council on the Situation in Darfur, pursuant to UNSCR 1593 \(2005\)](#)

Statement 13 December 2018 Office of the Prosecutor

[Situation in Central African Republic II: Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona arrested for crimes against humanity and war crimes](#)

Press Release 11 December 2018

[Assembly of States Parties concludes its seventeenth session](#)

Press Release 11 December 2018 Assembly of States Parties

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World Bank [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[New US\\$140 Million Support for Ongoing Emergency Cash Transfers in Yemen](#)

Washington, December 14, 2018 - The World Bank announced a new US\$140 million grant to maintain the delivery of emergency cash transfers to 1.5 million poor and most vulnerable Yemeni households, covering...

Date: December 14, 2018 Type: Press Release

[Caribbean and Central American Countries to Improve Insurance Coverage against Earthquakes and Climate Risks](#)

Germany, through KfW, contributes an additional €15 million to the Central America and Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Program KATOWICE, December 12, 2018 - KfW and the World Bank signed an agreement...

Date: December 12, 2018 Type: Press Release

[Trade and Poverty Reduction: New Evidence of Impacts in Developing Countries](#)

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Date: December 11, 2018 Type: Publication

[Report: Disrupting the Gender Divide in Mali, Chad, Niger, and Guinea](#)

BAMAKO, December 10, 2018—With a projected growth rate of 5.9% in Guinea, 5.1% in Mali, 4.9% in Niger, and 3% in Chad in 2018, the sixth edition of the AFCW3* Economic Update published today by the World...

Date: December 10, 2018 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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December 11, 2018

[Is Latin America Prepared for an Aging Population?](#)

By [Lorenzo Figliuoli](#), [Valentina Flamini](#), [Frederic Lambert](#), and [Rosalind Mowatt](#)

Latin America, while still comparatively young, is aging fast. Our research finds that population aging is challenging the fiscal sustainability of public pension and health care systems in the region. Policymakers will need to ensure adequate benefits for the rising share of older people—notably their social acceptability—by supporting formal employment and gradually reforming pension and healthcare systems...

African Development Bank Group [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[African Development Bank's Board approves Bank's borrowing program for 2019](#)

14/12/2018 - The Board of the African Development Bank has approved the institution's 2019 borrowing program to the tune of US\$7.24 billion to be raised from the capital markets.

The African Development Bank accesses a wide array of capital markets with the majority of its borrowing in US dollars and Euros as well as issuances in other public markets such as Australian dollars and Pound sterling.

Asian Development Bank [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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13 Dec 2018

[Debt Management, Investment Planning Critical for Pacific — ADB](#)

Countries in the Pacific should improve their debt monitoring systems and strengthen investment prioritization to better manage the risk of debt distress, says the latest issue of ADB's Pacific Economic Monitor.

12 Dec 2018

[New ADB Platform to Help Boost Financing for Climate Action](#)

ADB has launched a new platform aimed at helping its developing member countries in Asia and the Pacific mobilize funding to meet their goals under the Paris Agreement.

11 Dec 2018

[United States Joins Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility](#)

ADB has welcomed the United States as the newest member of the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) during a PRIF agency member leaders meeting today.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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Top News

[Focus on Cooperation and Connectivity at AIIB Annual Meeting in Luxembourg](#)

Luxembourg, December 11, 2018

Luxembourg will host the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) first Annual Meeting outside of Asia on July 12-13, 2019.

Beijing, China, December 10, 2018

[AIIB Reaffirms Commitment to Fight Corruption](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) reaffirmed its commitment to keep its operations "Clean" - as part of its "Lean, Clean and Green" core values - during a weeklong ...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 15 Dec 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Friday, 14 December 2018

[Amref Group CEO Receives Presidential Commendation for Promoting Health in Kenya](#)

Amref Health Africa Group Chief Executive Officer, Dr Githinji Gitahi on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 received the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS) from the President of Kenya, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta.

Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS) is a presidential commendation given to recipients on the advice of the National Honours and Awards Committee in the Office of the President...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14th Dec 2018

[CARE scales up its response to the Venezuela crisis and warns that Venezuelan women are facing unprecedented suffering across Latin America](#)

CARE scales up its response to the Venezuela crisis, with fears of an increase in people fleeing the country in the New Year.

[CARE International responds to Yemen peace talks](#)

4th Dec 2018

The agreement from Sweden is incredibly encouraging to all of us who seek an end to the war and suffering in Yemen.

[Fate of humanity weighing heavy on ministerial shoulders at UN Climate Change Conference](#)

10th Dec 2018

Ministers arriving in Katowice will need extreme courage and conviction to make life-saving decisions if humanity is to be saved from the worst impacts of climate change, Oxfam and CARE International said today.

[CARE condemns attack on women and girls in Bentiu](#)

10th Dec 2018

As the world reacts with shock to the horrific attacks on 157 women and girls in Bentiu on November 30, CARE International has weighed in calling for the perpetrators of the sexual violence to be brought to book.

Clubhouse International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

14.12.2018

[EU Humanitarian Aid project benefits 350,000 refugees and hosts in Uganda](#)

An EU Humanitarian Aid funded project led by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in Uganda comes to an end this December having benefitted 350,000 refugees and members of the host community.

[Vulnerable asylum seekers returned to Italy risk inadequate reception facilities](#)

It is arbitrary how vulnerable asylum seekers transferred to Italy are received upon arrival. That's among the conclusions in a new report from the Swiss Refugee Council and the Danish Refugee Council, just released. This means states transferring vulnerable asylum seekers to Italy infringe on their obligations under European and international law – and risk exposing asylum seekers to indignity.

13.12.2018

[UN migration compact shows the world still believes in dialogue and international cooperation](#)

The adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) by such an overwhelming number of countries in Marrakech is a historic milestone, a tremendous achievement by member states and the international community and a moment to celebrate multilateralism. The Global Compact will be the future point of reference on migration for years to come, the Danish Refugee Council and its Mixed Migration Center said today in a statement.

10.12.2018

ECPAT [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

News & Updates

[US: New law will ensure full compensation for victims of online child sexual exploitation](#)

14/12/2018

...Every child victim will receive at least \$3,000 from every offender

But a new federal law, called the Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act, signed this week by the US President, seeks to resolve this thorny legal issue. Under the Act, which is named after three victims of online child sexual exploitation, every child victim will receive at least US\$3,000 from every offender. Because the rate of restitution has been standardized, it will now be easier for courts to establish an amount for compensatory damages. The new law also gives child victims access to the images that the convicted criminals possessed...

[Bosnia and Herzegovina: Children at increasing risk of trafficking and sexual exploitation](#)

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A new report reveals that trafficking of children in Bosnia and Herzegovina is on the rise and could reach alarming levels unless action is taken. The report also highlights that criminals are training children to beg and offer "sexual services", that child victims sometimes are treated as criminals by the police and that the weak legislation in the country is exacerbating the problem...

Fountain House [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[Yemen | Joint INGO statement on agreements reached by warring parties](#)

Heifer International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Posted: 14 December 2018

Ukraine crisis disproportionately affecting older people

The ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine between the Government and armed groups is disproportionately harming older people, especially older women and older people with disabilities.

ICRC [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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Millions of people enduring conflict need tradition of humanitarian multilateralism to continue

ICRC Statement to the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, 53rd Plenary Meeting on Agenda item 75 (a) to (c): Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special ec

14-12-2018 | Statement

Ethiopia: Historic reforms encouraging; country's displaced must not be forgotten

Addis Ababa (ICRC) – In the wave of historic reforms that have swept Ethiopia this year, the needs of the country's displaced people must not be forgotten, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Friday on a visit to

14-12-2018 | News release

IFRC [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Palestine

IFRC President praises Palestine Red Crescent volunteers and calls for more support

Ramallah, 14 Dec 2018: For the past 50 years, volunteers at Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) have been providing humanitarian services not only in the occupied Palestinian territory but also to the Palestinian diaspora in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and ...

14 December 2018

"The work starts now" – world's largest humanitarian network reacts to adoption of Global Compact for Migration

Marrakesh, 10 December 2018 – Today's adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration is an important step towards fixing a "broken" approach to migration. But it must be followed by decisive and tangible action that makes a diff ...

10 December 2018

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Europe

Migrants near Bosnian-Croatian border ill-equipped to survive freezing temperatures, Red Cross warns

Budapest/Geneva, 10 December 2018 – Thousands of people trapped in Bosnia and Herzegovina desperately need humanitarian assistance ahead of freezing winter temperatures, says the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). ...

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International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 15 Dec 2018]

<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/>
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IRC International Rescue Committee [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[The IRC applauds US Senate for historic vote on War Powers Resolution in Yemen](#)

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[IRC welcomes outcomes of Sweden peace negotiations in Yemen War](#)

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[Signpost digital initiative reaches 1 million people across three continents](#)

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IRCT [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[New issue of Torture Journal examines the impact of sexual torture](#)

News 14 Dec 2018

[IRCT Secretary-General will step down on 30 June 2019](#)

Secretary-General Victor Madrigal-Borloz has notified the Executive Committee of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims that he will step down on 30 June 2019.

News 10 Dec 2018

[UN calls on Nigeria to provide rehabilitation to torture victims](#)

On 9 November, the [UN Human Rights Council](#) called on Nigeria to provide rehabilitation to victims of [torture](#). This follows intense efforts by IRCT member, Prisoners Rehabilitation And Welfare Action (PRAWA), to draw attention to the issue so that victims can get the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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["We need allies across the spectrum to fight gender discrimination"](#)

Published: 14 December, 2018

[Joint INGO statement on agreements reached by warring parties on Yemen](#)

Landsea [to 15 Dec 2018]

<http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>
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Medecins du Monde [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/>
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MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://www.msf.org/>
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[Diffa's young minds damaged by the conflict](#)
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[Lives haunted by violence](#)
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["It takes a lot to bring these children back to something appro...](#)
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Libya

[Open letter to the UN on the fate of refugees trapped in...](#)

Open Letter 10 Dec 2018

Mercy Corps [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Press Releases

[Mercy Corps Responds to Trump Administration's Africa Strategy](#)

Commenting on the Trump Administration's new Africa strategy, unveiled by National Security Advisor John Bolton, Richmond Blake, Mercy Corps Director of Policy and Advocacy...

[Signpost Digital Initiative Reaches 1 Million People Across Three Continents](#)

NEW YORK and PORTLAND, Ore. — Signpost, a partnership between the global humanitarian organizations Mercy Corps and the International Rescue Committee, has reached 1 million refugees, asylum seekers and crisis-affected communities with critical information across seven countries and three continents.

[Yemen: Mercy Corps: Measure Of Yemen Agreement Will Be In Action, Not Words](#)

Commenting on the announcement, Abdikadir Mohamud, Mercy Corps Country Director in Yemen said: "While we are hopeful that the ceasefire agreement regarding the Hodeidah port will benefit the Yemeni people, this is just a first step. "The measure of the agreement will be taken in action on the ground, not words in a conference room. We need lifesaving supplies to reach the millions of people in need, and we need safe passage for the humanitarians who will distribute them.

Operation Smile [to 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[Oxfam condemns cancellation of legal registration of the Nicaraguan Centre for Human Rights](#)

13 December 2018

Oxfam condemns the Nicaraguan National Assembly's decision yesterday to cancel the legal registration of the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights (CENIDH), the country's most prominent human rights organization.

[Ebola cases in DRC reach 500, as country faces threat of more violence ahead of elections](#)

12 December 2018

The Democratic Republic of Congo is battling to keep Ebola under control; cases are increasing at a quicker rate and the virus has spread further.

Fate of humanity weighing heavy on ministerial shoulders at UN Climate Change Conference

10 December 2018

Ministers arriving in Katowice for the UN Climate Change Conference, COP24, will need extreme courage and conviction to make life-saving decisions if humanity is to be saved from the worst impacts of climate change, Oxfam and CARE International said today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Latest news from NRC

Yemen | 13. Dec 2018

NRC welcomes Yemen agreements

Statement in reaction to agreements reached on Yemen in Stockholm – by Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council.

South-Sudan | 13. Dec 2018

Five years into conflict, South Sudanese leaders must make peace prevail

Since 2013, South Sudan has been plagued by armed conflicts marked by widespread sexual violence, forced displacements and food insecurity. The Norwegian Refugee Council calls for full implementation of the revitalised peace agreement.

Somalia | 11. Dec 2018

As Somalis flee to cities, Mogadishu becomes most crowded city in Africa

Conflict and natural disasters from 2017 – 2018 caused massive displacement to cities – says new report from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).

10. Dec 2018

Universal Declaration of Human Rights and NORDEM reach anniversary milestone

This week marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 2018 is also the 25-year anniversary of the establishment of the Norwegian Resource Bank for Democracy and Human Rights, NORDEM. Though separated by 45 years, the link between the declaration's vision and NORDEM's work is close.

Global | 10. Dec 2018

What is the Global Compact for Migration?

We have witnessed heated debates on whether countries should approve the Global Compact for Migration or not. What is the compact? What are the legal and political obligations we commit to – and what are the consequences?

Iraq | 10. Dec 2018

Peace Prize 2018: NRC on the ground in Sinjar

Three years after the Iraqi town of Sinjar was recaptured from Islamic State group, the Yazidis have begun to return. The town is in ruins and the population has largely been left to its own devices. The Norwegian Refugee Council is the only international humanitarian organisation with a permanent presence in the town.

Global | 10. Dec 2018

[UN migration pact brings hope for people displaced by disasters and climate change](#)

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) welcomes the Global Compact for Migration, which is set to be endorsed in Marrakesh today. "The compact recognises the rising threats of disaster displacement and impacts of climate change, and brings hope for the people affected," argued Nina Birkeland, NRC's Senior Adviser on Disaster Displacement and Climate Change.

Pact [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 10, 2018

[Pact impact investment group inks two new corporate partnerships as FY19 kicks off](#)

Pact, an international, non-profit development organization, announced today that its newly revamped impact investment group, [Pact Ventures](#), has finalized its second corporate partnership since the start of fiscal year 2019.

The announcement came after an agreement with Nigeria-based [MDaaS Global](#) – a tech-enabled medical diagnostics company, specializing in imaging, cardiac, and laboratory services – to provide modern diagnostics services to Pact's beneficiaries...

Partners In Health [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Dec 12, 2018

[Dr. Joia Mukherjee writes about Universal Health Coverage in Devex](#)

In a recent op-ed for online development journal Devex, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joia Mukherjee writes that we know what universal health coverage looks like. We know how to get there. And we know the cost of inaction. Read More

PATH [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[Tamer Kirolos, Save the Children's Yemen Country Director, said: "The warring parties must implement the steps agreed in Sweden, in line with international humanitarian law. The world will be watching. A ceasefire in Hodeidah, and the reopening of Sanaa](#)

Tamer Kirolos, Save the Children's Yemen Country Director, said: "The warring parties must implement the steps agreed in Sweden, in line with international humanitarian law. The world will be watching. A ceasefire in Hodeidah, and the reopening of Sanaa airport to domestic flights, are important first steps to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Yemen.

Monday 10 December 2018

[Save the Children welcomes adoption of historic pact on global migration](#)

Save the Children welcomes the adoption today in Marrakech of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by the overwhelming majority of UN member states. This historic document establishes a solid platform for collaboration between countries to protect the rights of millions of migrant children – many of whom have faced unimaginable journeys, especially when travelling alone.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

India – 11 December 2018

[Abandoned sisters find a new home at SOS Children's Villages India](#)

A shopkeeper spotted the two girls wandering alone at the train station in Faridabad, India. He kept an eye on them, wondering if their parents or relatives were close by. Three hours passed. No one came.

Tostan [to 15 Dec 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 10, 2018

[Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad to Accept the Nobel Peace Prize Today](#)

World Vision [to 15 Dec 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | December 10, 2018

[Social Justice Organizations Challenge Retention of DNA Collected from Hundreds of Thousands of Innocent Californians](#)

San Francisco - Two social justice organizations—the Center for Genetics and Society and the Equal Justice Society—and an individual plaintiff, Pete Shanks, have filed suit against the state of California

for its collection and retention of genetic profiles from people arrested but never convicted of any crime.

Freedom House [to 15 Dec 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

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[U.S. Senate Condemns Saudi Crown Prince for Khashoggi Murder](#)

December 13, 2018

Freedom House issued the following statement in response to the vote by the United States Senate condemning Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as responsible for the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

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[Ethiopia: MCC Recognizes Opportunity for Democratic Reform](#)

December 13, 2018

Transparency International [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[European Commission suspends subsidies to Agrofert, recognizing complaint of Czech chapter](#)

- TI Czech Republic welcomes Commissioner Günther Oettinger's announcement at the European Parliament's Strasbourg plenary session yesterday that the European Commission will not pay any subsidies to Agrofert until Prime Minister Andrej Babiš's conflict of interests have been resolved.

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Bond [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

13 December 2018

[From promises to action: DFID's Disability Strategy](#)

DFID's new Disability Strategy contains ambitious commitments across different areas of work and has the potential to impact many lives if implemented fully.

[Tamsin Langford](#)

[The future of big INGOs: ways forward in a fast-changing world](#)

Penny Lawrence looks at the structural and cultural changes multi-mandate NGOs can make to keep up with future trends.

[Penny Lawrence](#)

11 December 2018

[One year on from the UK's Anti-Corruption Strategy: what next?](#)

The Bond Anti-Corruption Group reflects on progress made and next steps for six of the key themes covered in the UK's Anti-Corruption Strategy.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 15 Dec 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

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CONCORD [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Dec 12, 2018

[Future EU Budget delay? Funding gap could put vital development aid at risk](#)

Brussels, 12 December 2018 – Ahead of the European Council during which the external relations part of the future EU budget will be discussed, CONCORD, the European Confederation of Development NGOs, urges EU leaders to safeguard the amount dedicated to Heading VI (external relations) and agree on the political timeline. The future development aid budget and the European Union's engagement in addressing global challenges is at stake.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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The Elders [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[Trip Report: Elders delegation to Kuwait in July 2018](#)

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In July 2018, The Elders visited Kuwait at the invitation of the country's Emir, to exchange views on regional political and security issues, especially the tensions around Iran, the Yemen conflict and the year-old dispute inside the GCC.

[Opinion](#)

[Why public finance is key to delivering the human right to health](#)

12 Dec 2018

Writing for the Thomson Reuters Foundation, Ban Ki-moon calls on leaders to demonstrate the political will required to achieve public financed health systems.

[Steps Toward a Lasting Peace on the Korean Peninsula](#)

11 Dec 2018

On 28 September 2018, the National Committee on North Korea (NCNK) and The Elders convened a meeting of distinguished experts and practitioners to discuss the evolving situation concerning North Korea.

Reports

[The Elders challenge leaders to confront migration lies and make UN deal a success](#)

11 Dec 2018

The Elders welcome the signing of the United Nations Global Compact for Migration, and urge politicians, media and civil society to recognise the realities of our globalised world and respect the human rights of people on the move.

Press release

[What does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights mean in today's fractured world?](#)

10 Dec 2018

Graça Machel reflects on 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the continued abuses tearing lives apart from Yemen to Venezuela.

Access to Justice, Climate Change, Conflict, Ethical Leadership, Refugees & Migration, UHC

Opinion

[Ignore the lies about the UN Migration pact. It's the only responsible solution to a changing world](#)

10 Dec 2018

Writing in TIME, Mary Robinson calls on leaders to recognise the realities of our globalized world and embrace the sovereignty that the UN Global Compact on Migration provides.

END Fund [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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Evidence Aid [to 15 Dec 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

December 11, 2018

[Refugee child oral health](#)

*Request the full review here (journal not open access, but this request goes direct to the author)
Evidence concerning the oral health status of children is limited. Oral health care is deemed important by the parents, however, the target group experiences barriers accessing oral hygiene. This is particularly important when refugee children first arrive in their new country.*

Fifty to 90% of children globally are affected by dental caries. Refugee children are at increased risk of poor oral health due to the adversity they have experienced early in life. The aim of this review is to report the oral health status of children of refugee background resettled in high-income refugee-receiving countries and to describe the oral health beliefs, knowledge and practices of them and their families, as well as oral health interventions taking place in such countries. Twelve studies were identified that reported on the oral health of children of likely refugee background or their parents out of which only one study an oral healthcare professional was involved in the screening. Evidence surrounding the current oral health status of resettled refugee children is limited. Parents acknowledged the importance of maintaining good oral practices, however, barriers in accessing traditional forms of oral hygiene were noted. All studies suggest that there is a high need for dental care when children first arrive in their new country. Impact of interventions was not reported in the studies reviewed.

Gavi [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[Japan to send Junior Professional Officers to work at Gavi](#)

Japanese government will fund placements for talented young professionals at the Vaccine Alliance.

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[Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation turns to IFFIm to accelerate funding for new vaccine development](#)

IFFIm's frontloading capacity will boost CEPI's efforts to fight the deadliest diseases.

[Global health leaders hail immunisation as shortest path to healthy lives](#)

Gavi Mid-Term Review closes with commitments to accelerate immunisation programmes in the poorest countries to reach more children with lifesaving vaccines.

11 December 2018

[Gavi and Mastercard join forces to reach more children with lifesaving vaccines](#)

Strengthening efficiency and reach of health services in developing countries with digital immunisation records.

11 December 2018

[Serum Founder wins inaugural 'Vaccine Hero' award](#)

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla congratulated for life-long commitment to boosting vaccine coverage in the world's poorest countries.

11 December 2018

[Gavi and Germany partner to harness blockchain technology](#)

German government and the Vaccine Alliance to explore the application of blockchain technology to increase efficiency of immunisation programmes.

10 December 2018

[Parsyl and Gavi announce supply chain strengthening partnership](#)

Gavi to make Parsyl's quality assurance platform available in Uganda and Senegal to address last mile distribution challenge.

10 December 2018

[South Korea pledges US\\$15 million to immunise children in world's poorest countries](#)

New funding will help Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, vaccinate millions of children against deadly diseases.

10 December 2018

[UAE and Gavi convene leaders to focus on health for next generation](#)

High-level meeting to review access to vaccines in low-income countries and how to accelerate impact.

Global Fund [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

News

[Making Uzbekistan Malaria Free is Major Achievement](#)

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Hilton Prize Coalition [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 15 Dec 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

[ICVA statement on the Global Compact for Migration: Harnessing the multiplier effect of partnerships for the way forward](#)

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INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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InterAction [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News; Blog Entries

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[NGO Statement of Support: International Food Assistance Programs in the Final 2018 Farm Bill](#)

As U.S.-based charities, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations working to end hunger, poverty, and malnutrition around the world, we express our deep gratitude to the Conference Committee for producing the bipartisan compromise H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 ("Farm Bill"). This compromise not only reaffirms Congressional support for international food security programs authorized in the Farm Bill, but also strengthens them with common sense changes that will make them more effective...

Start Network [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[Sean Lowrie announces intention to leave the Start Network](#)

by Helen James

On 30th November the Start Network Board of Trustees was informed of Sean Lowrie's intention to leave the Start Network in mid-2019. Mr. Lowrie has been the Director of the Start Network since its inception in 2010, facilitating its growth in scale and ambition to over 40 members from 15 countries now involved and a focus on changing the global humanitarian system...

[Start Fund: highest number of awarded responses in a single month](#)

by Fatima Khonat

11 Dec 18

Blog Post

The month of October saw the highest number of Start Fund awarded responses in one single month. From awarding responses to cross-border displacement in Ecuador and Peru to anticipating a volcanic eruption in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) it was the highest alerting and activated month in the history of the Start Fund, where 13 alerts from 15 were activated. In comparison, the previous highest alerting month which was August 2016 had 11 alerts, of which 7 were activated...

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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[CHS Alliance elects new Vice-Chair and two Board members](#)

On 10th December the CHS Alliance announced the results of its Board elections, which took place electronically from 3rd to 7th December, at a webinar. The new Vice-Chair is Shama Mall, Deputy-Director of Community World Service Asia (CWSA). In addition, the member organisations of the CHS Alliance elected two new Board members, namely Allan Calma, Regional Program Coordinator at The Lutheran World Federation, and Makena Mwobobia, Head of Policy and Programs at ActionAid International Kenya.

Development Initiatives [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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Groupe URD [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

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International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 15 Dec 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 15 Dec 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

[Prepare for your legal frameworks certification on DisasterReady.org](#)

13 December 2018

Whether you are working in situations of armed conflict, natural disaster response, or in refugee and forced migration contexts, international law plays a central role for humanitarian work. For those seeking to demonstrate their professional competency in this area, PHAP created the certification

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Brookings

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

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Latest Research

Housing Markets & Finance

[The Goldilocks problem of housing supply: Too little, too much, or just right?](#)

Jenny Schuetz

December 14, 2018

Technology & Innovation

[How to adjust to automation](#)

Robert E. Litan

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Technology & Innovation

[The impact of artificial intelligence on international trade](#)

Joshua P. Meltzer

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Report

[Do social protection programs improve life satisfaction?](#)

Talajeh Livani and Carol Graham

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Developing Economies

[Africa's consumer market potential](#)

Landry Signé

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Center for Global Development [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 14, 2018

[Development Impact Bonds Targeting Health Outcomes](#)

Using publicly available information, we describe all seven DIBs, and evaluate the three “health DIBs” in more detail, comparing their stakeholders, implementation, and outcome structures. We offer three recommendations to improve evaluation and inform development of DIBs in the future.

Lorcan Clarke , Kalipso Chalkidou and Cassandra Nemzoff

December 14, 2018

[Global and Local Challenges in Argentina and Brazil](#)

The last presidential elections in Argentina (2015) and in Brazil (2018), represent a change from populism towards more orthodox economic policies in two important countries in the region. This shift is not only economic but also reflects other fundamental changes in the electorate, in particular the growing dissatisfaction of the population with issues such as weak security and growing corruption in political institutions.

Guillermo Calvo , Augusto de la Torre , Roque Fernandez , Pablo Guidotti , Paulo Leme , Guillermo Perry and Liliana Rojas-Suarez

December 12, 2018

[Joint Humanitarian Operations: How to Bring US Humanitarian Assistance into the 21st Century](#)

The US has long sought enhanced coherence, quality, and efficiency from its UN and NGO partners; it is time that the US government place these same demands upon itself. As the US Government grapples with how best to reconfigure its humanitarian engagement, it should adopt a Goldwater-Nichols approach: a strategy that does not collapse together the distinctive institutional roles and strengths of USAID and State, but rather unifies US humanitarian field operations and policy engagement and builds dramatically greater interoperability between their models.

Jeremy Konyndyk

CSIS [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Reports

Transcript

[The Humanitarian and National Security Crisis in Yemen: An Update and Path Forward](#)

December 14, 2018 The transcript of the recent event with Senator Todd Young (R-IN) and David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Programme, on how to improve the humanitarian situation in Yemen through policy solutions and actions is now available.

Commentary

[Bad Idea: Relying on Bad Schedule Estimates to Promote Agile Programs](#)

December 14, 2018 | Gregory Sanders

A group of reformers in both Congress and the executive branch have a common diagnosis of the Department of Defense's (DoD) weapon system acquisition process: it is too slow and rigid.

Commentary

[Bad Idea: Creating a U.S. Department of Cybersecurity](#)

December 14, 2018 | [Suzanne Spaulding](#)

The success of a cybersecurity solution requires clarity about the problem that one is trying to solve. As we look at particular challenges, many already have an approach suited to the problem, and none of them involve a Department of Cybersecurity.

Commentary

[Five Risks to Watch in 2019](#)

December 13, 2018 | [Samuel Brannen](#)

Sam Brannen, who leads the Risk and Foresight Group and is a senior fellow with the International Security Program at CSIS, outlines five risks to watch both domestically and globally in the upcoming year in his commentary.

Commentary

[Lessons from Venezuela for Nicaragua](#)

December 13, 2018 | [Moises Rendon](#) While recent events in Nicaragua certainly differ from Venezuela's experiences of the past four years, there is a clear consensus that the Ortega regime is following a similar path to that of Nicolas Maduro, writes Moises Rendon with the CSIS Americas Program.

Commentary

[Erdogan, Trump, and the Khashoggi Murder](#)

December 12, 2018 | [Bulent Aliriza](#) The terrible fate of Khashoggi set in motion a major diplomatic gambit by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in the pursuit of a number of related objectives impacting U.S.-Turkish relations, writes CSIS Turkey Project director Bulent Aliriza.

Report

[After the Killing of Jamal Khashoggi: Muhammad bin Salman and the Future of Saudi-U.S. Relations](#)

December 12, 2018

Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman's recent foreign policy decisions affect Saudi Arabia's broader interests and its relationship with the United States.

Report

[Central American Power Markets](#)

December 12, 2018

Lessons Learned and Policy Recommendations on Competitive Procurement.

Report

[The Arab Gulf States and Iran: Military Spending, Modernization, and the Shifting Military Balance](#)

December 12, 2018 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#), [Nicholas Harrington](#)

The report compares a range of sources to trace the history of the Gulf arms race in terms of military modernization.

ODI [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Outcome monitoring and learning in large multi-stakeholder research programmes: lessons from the PRISE consortium](#)

Research reports and studies | December 2018 | Tiina Pasanen, Kaia Ambrose, Samavia Batool, Lancelot Ehode Soumelong, Robina Abuya, Helen Mountfort and Nathalie Nathe

This paper focuses on outcome monitoring and learning in multi-stakeholder research programmes by highlighting lessons from the PRISE research consortium.

[Implementing the commitment to “leaving no one behind” in cities: what it means in practice](#)

Working and discussion papers | December 2018 | Paula Lucci

The 2030 Agenda pledges to leave no one behind – but what does that actually mean in practice for cities?

Urban Institute [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 5, 2018

[NNIP's Guide to Involving Students in Data Services](#)

Students can play a significant role at data intermediaries, organizations that provide data and analytic services to their community. This guide is based on the experiences of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, which includes data intermediaries from over 30 cities. The guide presents a five-stage process for data intermediaries or similar organizations to successfully involve students in the provision of

[Olivia Arena](#), [Kathryn L.S. Pettit](#)

December 13, 2018

Brief

[Expanding Medicaid Access to Halfway House Residents](#)

Prior to Connecticut's 2016 Medicaid policy change, people placed in the state's halfway houses as part of their reentry preparation had to return to jails and prisons to receive health care. This qualitative brief describes how residents and staff experienced and perceived the transition to Medicaid in access to care, health care usage, and program operations. We found that access to community-based care is a substantial

[Kamala Mallik-Kane](#), [Ellen Paddock](#), [Rochisha Shukla](#)

December 13, 2018

Research Report

[Welfare Rules Databook: State TANF Policies as of July 2017](#)

The Welfare Rules Databook provides tables containing key Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) policies for each state as of July 2017, as well as longitudinal tables describing selected state policies from 1996 through 2017. The tables are based on the information in the Welfare Rules Database (WRD), a publicly available, online database tracking state cash assistance policies over time and across the 50 states and

[Christine Heffernan](#), [Ben Goehring](#), [Ian Hecker](#), [Linda Giannarelli](#), [Sarah Minton](#)

December 13, 2018
Research Report

[The Uninsured in Texas](#)

While every state has seen coverage growth since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) coverage reforms in 2014, the states choosing to expand Medicaid eligibility have seen the largest increases in coverage. Texas has the highest uninsurance rate in the country with 4.7 million people under age 65 estimated to be uninsured in 2018. We estimate that 19 percent of people in that age group are uninsured in 2018,

[Matthew Buettgens](#), [Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Clare Wang Pan](#)

December 11, 2018

Brief

[The Rise of Master's Degrees](#)

Master's degree programs have changed dramatically in the past decade. Journalists have touted the master's degree as "the new bachelor's degree," and roughly 785,000 master's degrees were awarded in 2015–16. But beyond the rise in the number of master's degrees awarded, there have been substantial changes in the enrollment demographics, field offerings, and delivery of master's degree programs that deserve policymakers'

[Kristin Blagg](#)

December 11, 2018

Brief

[How to Design Carbon Dividends](#)

A robust carbon tax would generate considerable revenue. Some carbon tax advocates have suggested returning those revenues to Americans through direct payments, often called carbon dividends. We examine how to design these dividends considering two, sometimes conflicting, principles. Carbon dividends can be viewed as shared income from a communal property right, much as Alaskans share in income from the state's oil resources.

[Donald Marron](#), [Elaine Maag](#)

December 11, 2018

Research Report

[Characteristics of the Uninsured in Texas](#)

While every state has seen coverage growth since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) coverage reforms in 2014, the states choosing to expand Medicaid eligibility have seen the largest increases in coverage. Texas has the highest uninsurance rate in the country with 4.7 million people under age 65 estimated to be uninsured in 2018. We estimate that 19 percent of people in that age group are uninsured in 2018,

[Matthew Buettgens](#), [Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Clare Wang Pan](#)

December 11, 2018

Highlights

[Will Living Standards Decline for Future Retirees?](#)

This brief shows how changing patterns of lifetime earnings, retirement plan participation, and wealth accumulation will shape future economic well-being at older ages. Our projection results are mixed. As economic growth raises earnings and retirement benefits and women work more, boomers and Gen

Xers will receive more income at age 70 than pre-boomers, born between 1936 and 1945. That income, however, will replace a smaller

[Damir Cosic](#), [Richard W. Johnson](#), [Karen E. Smith](#)

December 10, 2018

Research Report

Findings from the 2018 Massachusetts Health Reform Survey

The 2018 Massachusetts Health Reform Survey is a reminder that the goals of health reform are not achieved by simply reducing the number of uninsured. Despite sustained near-universal health insurance coverage since the Massachusetts' landmark health reform law in 2006, Massachusetts residents, including those with health insurance coverage all year, have faced persistent barriers to care and difficulty affording health care.

[Sharon K. Long](#), [Joshua Aarons](#)

December 10, 2018

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

World Economic Forum Announces 2019 Crystal Award Winners

News 10 Dec 2018

:: Marin Alsop, Haifaa Al-Mansour, and Sir David Attenborough named as 2019 Crystal Award recipients
Crystal Awards celebrate the achievements of leading artists and cultural figures whose leadership inspires inclusive and sustainable change

:: The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2019 will take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, on 22-25 January under the theme, "Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution"

World Economic Forum Report Addresses Crisis of Trust, Slowing Growth in Our Digital World

News 10 Dec 201

:: The digital world is facing a crisis with slowing internet growth and declining levels of trust that urgently need to be addressed

:: 60% of global GDP is expected to be digitized by 2022, with very little distinction between the digital economy and the economy, or between digital society and society

:: The Forum highlights six priority areas for action: Access and adoption, identity, positive societal impact, security, governance, and data

:: Read the full report [here](#)

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian

response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Press Release

[Announcing the Allen Institute for Immunology, a new research endeavor focused on human immune health and disease](#)

December 12, 2018

Seeded by \$125 million donation by the late Paul G. Allen, the Allen Institute for Immunology will study human immune health, cancer, and autoimmune diseases

The Allen Institute today announced the launch of the Allen Institute for Immunology, a new division of the Institute that is dedicated to studying the human immune system. Seeded by a generous commitment of \$125 million by Allen Institute founder, the late Paul G. Allen, the new Institute will work to understand the dynamic balancing act of the human immune system, how it senses friend from foe and what goes wrong when we're ill.

"Paul Allen always challenged us to go after the really hard problems, to do work that would have a significant impact in our scientific fields," said Allan Jones, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Allen Institute. "Understanding the human immune system in detail and figuring out what goes wrong in disease is an incredibly complex but solvable problem. I'm thrilled to see us launch into this new area of complexity in biology with a real opportunity to directly impact human health."

The Allen Institute for Immunology's goal is to improve human immune health and lay the groundwork for better ways to diagnose, treat and prevent immune-related diseases. In its initial phase, the Institute will focus on studies of two cancers, multiple myeloma and melanoma, and three autoimmune disorders, rheumatoid arthritis and inflammatory bowel disease, specifically, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. The researchers will also take a deep dive into the immune systems of healthy volunteers with the goal of understanding what makes a "normal" immune baseline and how to help patients return to that healthy state.

Thomas F. Bumol, Ph.D., is the Executive Director for the Allen Institute for Immunology. Bumol joins the Institute from Lilly Research Laboratories where he worked for more than 35 years, most recently as Senior Vice-President of the Biotechnology and Immunology Research component and the Site Head of Lilly's Biotechnology Center of San Diego. His work at Lilly focused on drug discovery and early clinical development of treatments for many disease areas including diabetes, pain and immune-related diseases such as psoriasis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and inflammatory bowel disease.

"By unraveling the mysteries of the dynamic immune system in healthy individuals and focusing the same cutting-edge tools on patients in various disease states, we believe we will find new ways to diagnose and ultimately treat disease," Bumol said. "We are looking at problems that have large unmet needs. Patients are not only suffering from these immune-based illnesses, patients are dying from some of these disorders, and we would like to change that."

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 2018]

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

Press Release

December 12, 2018

[The LaundryCares Foundation, Too Small to Fail, and Libraries without Borders Launch New Coalition to Promote Early Literacy through Laundromats Nationwide](#)

Three national non-profit groups, the LaundryCares Foundation, the Clinton Foundation's Too Small to Fail initiative, and Libraries Without Borders have launched a new Laundry Literacy Coalition.

Co Impact [to 15 Dec 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 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 15 Dec 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

December 13, 2018

[GHIT Fund Announces New Investments in Vaccines for Dengue and Leishmaniasis, and Drug Screening for Malaria and Tuberculosis](#)

TOKYO, JAPAN (December 13, 2018)—The Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund announced today a total of 520 million yen (US\$4.6 million*) to support four partnerships to develop

new lifesaving drugs and vaccines for malaria, tuberculosis, dengue and leishmaniasis. This includes three new projects and one that will receive continued funding. (Appendix 1)

"At the GHIT Fund, we are delighted to accelerate open innovation between Japanese and non-Japanese R&D entities across the globe," BT Slingsby, the CEO of GHIT said. "With the new partnerships developed through this investment, we are further strengthening our work through global collaboration to meet the needs of neglected populations worldwide."

Including the investment projects announced today, GHIT has invested approximately 14.1 billion yen (US\$124 million*) in 77 global product development partnerships that leverage Japanese science and capabilities in pharmaceutical research and development. Currently, 23 discovery projects, 13 preclinical projects, and eight clinical trials are under way in low- and middle-income countries.

Grameen Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Latest Updates

[**Four ways funders can support better health services in low-income countries**](#)

By Pat Scheid

December 12, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Our News

[**Celebrating the Impact of Art on Transition Age Foster Youth**](#)

Foster Youth December 10, 2018

On June 26-27, 2018, our Foster Youth Strategic Initiative grantees and partners convened in New York City to discuss ways to best support transition age youth in foster care...

IKEA Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 12, 2018 *News Release*

[**Updated Health Spending Explorer Features the Latest National Data**](#)

The latest data on U.S. health spending are now available on the Health Spending Explorer, an interactive tool that allows users to explore trends in health expenditures by federal and local governments, insurers, service providers, and individuals. The data, which span from 1960 to 2017, are based on the just-released national...

December 11, 2018 *News Release*

[4.2 Million Uninsured People Could Get a Bronze Plan in the ACA Marketplace with \\$0 Premiums After Tax Credits](#)

We have data on the number and share of uninsured in each state who have access to free bronze plans.

December 10, 2018 *News Release*

[The Number of Uninsured People Rose in 2017, Reversing Some of the Coverage Gains Under the Affordable Care Act](#)

The number of uninsured people rose by nearly 700,000, to 27.4 million people, in 2017, reversing some of the coverage gains achieved under the Affordable Care Act, according to latest analysis of uninsured data by KFF (the Kaiser Family Foundation). It was the first uptick in the uninsured since implementation of...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Dec. 14, 2018

[A new council and safe lettuce](#)

BC Sprout is ramping up local food systems with WKKF support. In just under a decade, Sprout has become a formidable supplier, sourcing naturally grown vegetables, fruits and other foods from 45 local food producers in the Battle Creek area. With healthier and more fresh options to local communities, Sprout says: Go ahead, eat our lettuce! ...

MacArthur Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 14, 2018 *Grantee Research*

[Coal Ash Leaching Pollutants into Illinois Water](#)

[AI and Equity in Hiring](#)

December 13, 2018

Grantee Research

[AI Report Recommends Stronger Ethical Safeguards](#)

December 12, 2018

Grantee Research

[Opportunities for More Inclusive Venture Capital](#)

December 12, 2018
Grantee Research

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 11, 2018

[A long-term effort to understand the role of marine microbes in the world's oceans](#)

Fifteen years ago, ocean scientists were wrestling with a fundamental ecological challenge: how can we catalog the tremendous microbial diversity in the world's oceans and begin to comprehend how these microbes affect global nutrient cycles? At the same time, the life sciences were entering a new era of DNA sequencing and genomics, expanding possibilities for scientific research – including for the nascent field of marine microbial ecology. Through conversations with pioneers inside and outside the field, an opportunity was identified: to apply these new sequencing tools to advance knowledge of marine microbial communities and reveal how they support and influence ocean ecosystems. In 2004, our Marine Microbiology Initiative was launched, becoming the first initiative of the foundation's Science Program.

"When we started the foundation, we knew we wanted to support basic scientific research and select an area where we could have a significant impact," said Ken Moore, foundation trustee. "Our path to marine microbiology was a confluence of new technology that could accelerate science and an opportunity to support a field that was not well funded, so we took a chance. We also saw the long-term potential for research in this field to benefit other areas of science, including the environment."

Through the initiative, we will have invested more than \$250 million over 17 years to deepen understanding of the diversity, ecological activities and evolution of marine microbial communities...

Open Society Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Press Releases & Statements

December 12, 2018

[Pew Applauds Congress for Protecting Tennessee Wilderness](#)

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts today praised Congress for passing a measure that would designate as wilderness roughly 20,000 acres of public land in Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

December 10, 2018

[African Civil Society Organization \(CSO\) Excellence Awards Announces Panel of Evaluators](#)

DAKAR, Sénégal, December 11, 2018– EPIC-Africa (www.epic-africa.org), the pan-African organization using innovations in technology to bring greater visibility and transparency to the African philanthropy...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

[Comments from Richard Besser, MD, on Guidance Relating to Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act](#)

12/14/2018 *News Release*

The following comments were submitted by Richard Besser, MD, in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services request for comments relating to Section 1332 of the ACA.

[Social and Emotional Development Matters](#)

12/14/2018 *Brief*

There is wide agreement from educators, parents and policymakers that children should receive a broad education that prepares them to be active, engaged citizens who make contributions to support their families and communities.

[Early Childhood Education and Care](#)

12/11/2018 *Report*

This report summarizes 17 selected federal programs that are particularly important for early childhood education and care.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 15 Dec 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..."

December 14, 2018

[Philanthropy: A Critical Player in Supporting Scientific Research \[Alliance blog\]](#)

Marc Kastner is president of the Science Philanthropy Alliance

As former dean of science at MIT and now as president of the Science Philanthropy Alliance, I have spent a lot of time thinking about how to support the best, most innovative science. The role that various funders, including government, industry, academia, and philanthropy play in funding scientific research is thus very important to me.

Three authors have recently published books questioning philanthropists' influence in our society. David Callahan, author of "[The Givers](#)," discusses the sway of big philanthropy. Anand Giriharadas, author of "[Winners Take All](#)," says that philanthropy may simply be a way for the rich to preserve the status quo. Rob Reich, in "[Just Giving: Why Philanthropy is Failing Democracy and How It Can Do Better](#)," considers how philanthropy can undermine democratic values.

What about philanthropic funding of scientific research? Is science philanthropy, and specifically philanthropy to support basic science, as negative a story as these authors claim for philanthropy as a whole? My experience tells me that that this is not the case, that philanthropy plays a critical role in funding science...

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).

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 15 Dec 2018]

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

News

[We're changing the way we fund early career researchers](#)

14 December 2018

We are extending our partnership with the Academy of Medical Sciences to £8.3 million to support early career researchers moving into an independent role. Alongside this, we're going to close our Seed Awards in Science in March 2019.

Opinion

[Why we're supporting public engagement beyond the UK](#)

12 December 2018

The case for good public engagement in low- and middle-income countries is strong. But why, and what is Wellcome doing to ensure that our public engagement work makes a difference outside the UK?

News

[Sir David Weatherall, 1933-2018](#)

11 December 2018

A doctor and scientist of great compassion and intellect, Sir David Weatherall died on 8 December 2018. He was a member of Wellcome's Board throughout the 1990s, helping to shape our support for science, particularly research in tropical medicine and genetics.

Explainer

[With a mandate to develop new vaccines, CEPI needs global funding](#)

10 December 2018

Vaccines are a vital part of fighting epidemics, but developing new ones is challenging, costly and complex. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI) is a new model for funding

vaccine development which could drastically change the way we tackle epidemics. Global partnerships between government, industry and philanthropy are at the heart of it.

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Foundation Center [to 15 Dec 2018]
<http://foundationcenter.org/about-us/press-room>
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 15 Dec 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
December 2018 Volume 46, Issue 12, p1319-1424, e75-e90
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
December 2018 Volume 55, Issue 6, p759-944
<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health
December 2018 108(12)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Volume 99, Issue 6, 2018
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/99/6>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

December 2018 - Volume 3 - 6

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

Research article [Open Access]

[Economic evaluations in community aged care: a systematic review](#)

This paper reports the methods and findings from a systematic review of economic evaluations conducted in the community aged care sector between 2000 and 2016...

Eleven studies reporting upon economic evaluations of service delivery interventions in community aged care were identified; the majority of which were undertaken in Europe. Critical appraisal of the identified studies highlighted the methodological rigour in these evaluations.

This systematic review highlights the paucity of economic evaluation studies conducted to date in the community aged care sector. The findings highlight the importance of cost utility analysis methodology as it allows for a uniform outcome measure, that facilitates the comparison of different interventions. In addition, multi-attribute utility measures that represent those quality of life domains that are most important to older people should be used and attention must be paid to the inclusion of informal care costs and outcomes as this is a key resource in community aged care service delivery.

Authors: Norma B. Bulamu, Billingsley Kaambwa and Julie Ratcliffe

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:967

Published on: 14 December 2018

Research article

[Standardized outcome measures for pregnancy and childbirth, an ICHOM proposal](#)

Value-based health care aims to optimize the balance of patient outcomes and health care costs. To improve value in perinatal care using this strategy, standard outcomes must first be defined. The objective of...

Authors: Malini Anand Nijagal, Stephanie Wissig, Caleb Stowell, Elizabeth Olson, Isis Amer-Wahlin, Gouke Bonsel, Allyson Brooks, Matthew Coleman, Shamala Devi Karalasingam, James M N Duffy, Tracy Flanagan, Stefan Gebhardt, Meridith E Greene, Floris Groenendaal, J Ravichandran R Jeganathan, Tessa Kowaliw...

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:953

Published on: 11 December 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

Research article

[Bibliometric analysis of global Lassa fever research \(1970–2017\): a 47 – year study](#)

Lassa fever has been a public health concern in the West African sub-region where it is endemic and a latent threat to the world at large. We investigated the trend in Lassa fever research using bibliometric a...

Authors: Henshaw Uchechi Okoroiwu, Francisco López-Muñoz and F. Javier Povedano-Montero

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2018 18:639

Published on: 10 December 2018

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

Research article

[Male involvement in the maternal health care system: implication towards decreasing the high burden of maternal mortality](#)

One of the essential components of antenatal care (ANC) is birth preparedness and complication readiness (BP/CR). Strengthening BP/CR measures is one of the principal strategies to reduce maternal mortality an...

Authors: Amanual Getnet Mersha

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:493

Published on: 14 December 2018

Research article

[Examining trends in inequality in the use of reproductive health care services in Ghana and Nigeria](#)

Equitable use of reproductive health care services is of critical importance since it may affect women's and children's health. Policies to reduce inequality in access to reproductive health care services are ...

Authors: Oluwasegun Jko Ogundele, Milena Pavlova and Wim Groot

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:492

Published on: 13 December 2018

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

Research

[Transboundary nomadic population movement: a potential for import-export of poliovirus](#)

Nomadic populations have a considerably higher risk of contracting a number of diseases but, despite the magnitude of the public health risks involved, they are mostly underserved with few health policies or p...

Authors: Samuel Bawa, Mojisola Afolabi, Khalid Abdelrahim, Goni Abba, Adamu Ningi, Salome Yakubu Tafida, Sisay G. Tegegne, Charity Warigon, Terna Nomhwange, Sadiq Abubakar Umar, Aron Aregay, Ahmed Fanti, Bakoji Ahmed, Peter Nsubuga, Usman Adamu, Fiona Braka...

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18(Suppl 4):1316

Published on: 13 December 2018

Research article

[Undocumented adult migrants in Sweden: mental health and associated factors](#)

Undocumented migrants (UMs) in Europe constitute a heterogeneous group. They are typically in a vulnerable and marginalised situation, since most of them have exhausted their options for gaining asylum and pro...

Authors: Lena M.C. Andersson, Anders Hjern and Henry Ascher

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1369

Published on: 12 December 2018

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 15 Dec 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

December 2018 - Volume 8 - 12

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 12, December 2018, 797-864

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/12/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 1 Pages: 1-145 January 2019

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

RESEARCH ARTICLES

[Recommended practices to organize and deliver school-based services for children with disabilities: A scoping review](#)

[Dana R. Anaby](#), [Wenonah N. Campbell](#), [Cheryl Missiuna](#), [Steven R. Shaw](#), [Sheila Bennett](#), [Sitara Khan](#)

Stephanie Tremblay, Jean-Claude Kalubi-Lukusa, Chantal Camden, GOLDs (Group for Optimizing Leadership and Delivering Services)

Pages: 15-27

First Published: 27 September 2018

Displaced Rohingya children at high risk for mental health problems: Findings from refugee camps within Bangladesh

Naila Z. Khan, Asma Begum Shilpi, Razia Sultana, Shaoli Sarker, Sultana Razia, Bipasha Roy, Abu Arif Misbah Uddin Ahmed, Subas Chandra Saha, Helen McConachie

Pages: 28-35

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Review

Pharmacovigilance: An Overview

Paul Beninger

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Published online: August 17, 2018

Abstract

Purpose

Pharmacovigilance (PV) is a relatively new discipline in the pharmaceutical industry. Having undergone rapid growth over the past 2 decades, PV now touches many other disciplines in the research and development enterprise. With its growth has come a heightened awareness and interest in the medical community about the roles that PV plays. This article provides insights into the background and inner workings of PV.

Methods

This narrative review covers the core PV activities and other major areas of the pharmaceutical enterprise in which PV makes significant contributions.

Findings

Drug safety monitoring activities were organized by the US Food and Drug Administration and academic medical centers in the early 1950s in response to growing concern over the occurrence of aplastic anemia and other blood dyscrasias associated with the use of chloramphenicol. This experience was codified in the 1962 Kefauver-Harris Amendments to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as adverse event evaluation and reporting requirements. The ensuing decades have seen the development of core PV functions for pharmaceutical companies: case management, signal management, and benefit-risk management. A broader scope of PV has developed to include the following major activities: support of patient safety during the conduct of clinical trials through assuring proper use of informed consent and institutional review boards (ethics committees); selection of the first safe dose for use in humans, based on pharmacologic data obtained in animal studies; development of the safety profile for proper use of a new molecular entity and appropriate communication of that information to the range of relevant stakeholders; attendance to surveillance activities through a set of signal management processes; monitoring the manufactured product itself through collaborative activities with manufacturing professionals; management of benefit–risk to assure appropriate use in medical care after marketing; and maintenance of inspection readiness as a corporate cultural process.

Implications

The extent and pace of change promise to accelerate with the integration of biomedical informatics, analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. This progress has implications for the development of the next generation of PV professionals who will need to be trained in entirely new skill sets to lead continued improvements in the safe use of pharmaceuticals.

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Jennifer Ilo van Nuil, Evelyne Kestelyn, Grace Umutoni, Lambert Mwambarangwe, Marie M. Umulisa, Janneke van de Wijgert, Raffaella Ravinetto

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Volume 13, Issue 8, 2018

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[Primary health care 40 years after Alma Ata 1978: addressing new challenges in a changing society](#)

[Jan De Maeseneer](#); [Sally Kendall](#)

Extract

In the 40 years since the Alma Ata Declaration the world has changed enormously. On the one hand, the world is much richer and healthier. On the other hand, those advances are unevenly spread, with growing numbers of people living precarious existences, many displaced from their homes. Health care has also changed. Advances in technology, including the advent of Big Data, coupled with adoption of evidence-based models of care have been transformational, especially for primary health care...

[The neglect of migrant oral health: setting a research agenda for Europe](#)

[Denise Duijster](#); [Charles Agyemang](#)

Child and adolescent health

[Online sexual victimization in youth: predictors and cross-sectional associations with depressive symptoms](#)

The aim was to analyze (i) the prevalence of online unwanted sexual solicitation (USS) victimization, (ii) predictors of online USS and (iii) the associations between online USS and depressive symptoms in Swedish pupils in grades 7–9.

[Heléne Zetterström Dahlqvist](#); [Katja Gillander Gådin](#)

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[Healthcare services for Syrian refugees in Jordan: a systematic review](#)

[R El Arab](#); [M Sagbakken](#)

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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.

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

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[Rachel Irwin & Richard Smith](#)

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[Unni Gopinathan](#), [Nick Watts](#), [Alexandre Lefebvre](#), [Arthur Cheung](#), [Steven J. Hoffman](#) & [John-Arne Røttingen](#)

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[Projecting future demand for informal care among older people in China: the road towards a sustainable long-term care system](#)

Bo Hu

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Abstract

The long-term care system in China relies heavily on informal care provided by family members. This study makes projections on the demand for informal care among Chinese older people between 2015 and 2035 and quantifies the level of long-term care resources needed to meet their needs. The data come from longitudinal information in a nationally representative sample, China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Survey 2011 and 2013. The macrosimulation approach (PSSRU model) and the Markov approach are integrated into one Bayesian modelling framework. The Monte Carlo simulation technique is used to capture parameter uncertainty. We project that the demand for informal care will increase from 41.3 million people (95% CI: 39.9–42.7) in 2015 to 82.6 million people (95% CI: 78.3–86.9) in 2035. The long-term care system faces unbalanced pressure of demand for informal care from different groups of older people. The projected demand is sensitive to changes in older people's disability trajectory and the availability of formal care provided by the government, but less sensitive to an increase in singleton households in the future. We discuss possible policy measures to alleviate the mounting pressure on the demand for informal care.

[Trends in ageing and ageing-in-place and the future market for institutional care: scenarios and policy implications](#)

Peter Alders, Frederik T. Schut

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Published online: 21 May 2018, pp. 82-100

Abstract

In several OECD countries the percentage of elderly in long-term care institutions has been declining as a result of ageing-in-place. However, due to the rapid ageing of population in the next decades future demand for institutional care is likely to increase. In this paper we perform a scenario analysis to examine the potential impact of these two opposite trends on the demand for institutional elderly care in the Netherlands. We find that the demand for institutional care first declines as a result of the expected increase in the number of low-need elderly that age-in-place. This effect is strong at first but then peters out. After this first period the effect of the demographic trend takes over, resulting in an increase in demand for institutional care. We argue that the observed trends are likely to result in a growing mismatch between demand and supply of institutional care. Whereas the current stock of institutional care is primarily focussed on low-need (residential) care, future demand will increasingly consist of high-need (nursing home) care for people with cognitive as well as somatic disabilities. We discuss several policy options to reduce the expected mismatch between supply and demand for institutional care.

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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.

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An Identity without a Home?

By: Paul Harpur and Michael Ashley Stein

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Abstract

This article analyses how disability human rights protections and processes under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (crpd) have responded to the heightened vulnerability created when disability intersects with indigeneity. It considers the evolution of international human rights law instruments for indigenous persons with disabilities. It further examines the drafting history of the crpd related to indigenous-specific content and examines the crpd Committee's engagement with the human rights protections and violations of indigenous persons with disabilities. It demonstrates that the crpd Committee has advanced these rights by acknowledging the rights of indigenous persons in the general course of its work, but has fallen short of adequately recognising the special vulnerabilities that are created when disability and indigeneity intersect. This evaluation is illustrated by expounding on the crpd Committee's recommendation in *Noble v Australia*, a communication brought by an indigenous person with a 'mental and intellectual disability' whose indigenous status was not engaged.

Building National and Regional Accountability for Conflict Related Sexual Violence

From Prosecutions in the Former Yugoslavia to the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples' Rights

By: Kirsten Campbell

Pages: 201–224

Abstract

The jurisdiction of the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples' Rights (acjhpr) will include international crimes of conflict-related sexual violence (crsv). This article explores the challenges the Court is likely to face in building regional and national accountability for crsv, by considering the lessons that might be learnt from the experiences of the former Yugoslavia in prosecuting these crimes. The article focuses on the two key challenges of developing 'best practice' within regional and national courts, and of linking these prosecutions to peace processes and post-conflict reconstruction. To address these challenges, the article argues for a 'gender justice framework' of guiding principles to ensure effective and equitable crsv prosecutions.

Strengthening the Preventive Role of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa

By: Isobel Renzulli

Pages: 249–273

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Abstract

The article provides a critical insight into the legal framework for the prevention of torture in Africa, with specific reference to the Robben Island Guidelines (rig) and its special mechanism, the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa (cpta). The Guidelines undoubtedly represent a milestone in the development of a torture preventive work in Africa. They bring together a number of provisions covering different aspects of the prohibition and prevention of torture. However they do not elaborate and clarify what is meant by prevention as a concept and what it entails as a legal obligation. Furthermore the cpta's interpretative drive has largely focused on the other, normatively more robust, areas of intervention, namely the prohibition of torture and redress for victims, at times conflating prevention with the prohibition of torture. If it is to live up to its name, the cpta needs to expand its understanding of prevention of torture. This in turn will allow it to play an important role in detecting, collecting, analysing data and information on situations of risk in Africa, and formulating new and appropriate context-sensitive strategies for the effective prevention of torture.

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Viewpoint

[Institutional Conflicts of Interest and Public Trust](#)

Francisco G. Cigarroa, MD; Bettie Sue Masters, PhD; Dan Sharphorn, JD

JAMA. 2018;320(22):2305-2306. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.18482

This Viewpoint discusses recent problems with undisclosed conflicts of interest and proposes broadening disclosure requirements beyond individuals to include the institutions funding the research.

Should Failure to Disclose Significant Financial Conflicts of Interest Be Considered Research Misconduct?

Jeffrey R. Botkin, MD, MPH

JAMA. 2018;320(22):2307-2308. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.17525

This Viewpoint proposes that failure of authors to completely disclose conflicts of interest (COIs) should be considered a form of research misconduct subject to institutional review and sanctions if appropriate to establish a basic standard of consistent COI reporting.

Editorial

Conflicts of Interests, Authors, and Journals - New Challenges for a Persistent Problem

Howard Bauchner, MD; Phil B. Fontanarosa, MD, MBA; Annette Flanagan, RN, MA

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N. Barney Pitso

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Margaret Mutu

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Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

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Dec 15, 2018 Volume 392 Number 10164 p2515-2654, e16

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Editorial

[Mental health law: still no parity of esteem](#)

The Lancet

[The right to health](#)

The Lancet

Human Rights Day is recognised annually on Dec 10, and this year is especially important since it is the 70th anniversary of the day that the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Declaration, through its 30 Articles, proclaims the rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Today, Lawrence Gostin and colleagues, including the director-general of WHO, look back at the evolution of human rights in global health over the past 70 years and outline key messages for the future of health as a human right.

Gostin and colleagues describe how human rights became embedded in global health governance, beginning with WHO's Constitution in 1946, which enshrined "the highest attainable standard of health" as one of the fundamental rights of every human being. But the Cold War superpowers took divergent positions on human rights and although the Declaration of Alma-Ata reaffirmed health as a right in 1978, many governments proved unable to implement appropriate policies. Gostin and colleagues describe how it was not until the AIDS pandemic in the 1980s that momentum grew behind universal access to treatment. Global health law, such as the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and security, through the International Health Regulations, helped to embed health-related rights.

Now, WHO considers universal health coverage through strengthened primary health care as core to the right to health and to achieving the sustainable development goals.

Recognition of the importance of human rights in protecting health is fundamental and is as crucial today as it was in 1948. As a common standard of achievement for all nations, promoting respect for these rights and freedoms is critical. But with constant rights violations taking place worldwide, and global threats such as climate change, armed conflict, and mass migration, the future of rights-based global health efforts is in the balance.

Articles

[Global patterns of mortality in international migrants: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Robert W Aldridge, Laura B Nellums, Sean Bartlett, Anna Louise Barr, Parth Patel, Rachel Burns, Sally Hargreaves, J Jaime Miranda, Stephen Tollman, Jon S Friedland, Ibrahim Abubakar

Open Access

258 million people reside outside their country of birth; however, to date no global systematic reviews or meta-analyses of mortality data for these international migrants have been done. We aimed to review and synthesise available mortality data on international migrants.

[Health impacts of parental migration on left-behind children and adolescents: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Gracia Fellmeth, Kelly Rose-Clarke, Chenyue Zhao, Laura K Buser, Yunting Zheng, Alessandro Massazza, Hacer Sonmez, Ben Eder, Alice Blewitt, Wachiraya Lertgrai, Miriam Orcutt, Katharina Ricci, Olaa Mohamed-Ahmed, Rachel Burns, Duleeka Knipe, Sally Hargreaves, Therese Hesketh, Charles Opondo, Delan Devakumar

Open Access

Globally, a growing number of children and adolescents are left behind when parents migrate. We investigated the effect of parental migration on the health of left behind-children and adolescents in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The Lancet Commissions

[The UCL–Lancet Commission on Migration and Health: the health of a world on the move](#)

Ibrahim Abubakar, Robert W Aldridge, Delan Devakumar, Miriam Orcutt, Rachel Burns, Mauricio L Barreto, Poonam Dhavan, Fouad M Fouad, Nora Groce, Yan Guo, Sally Hargreaves, Michael Knipper, J Jaime Miranda, Nyovani Madise, Bernadette Kumar, Davide Mosca, Terry McGovern, Leonard Rubenstein, Peter Sammonds, Susan M Sawyer, Kabir Sheikh, Stephen Tollman, Paul Spiegel, Cathy Zimmerman on behalf of the UCL–Lancet Commission on Migration and Health

Executive summary [excerpt]

With one billion people on the move or having moved in 2018, migration is a global reality, which has also become a political lightning rod. Although estimates indicate that the majority of global migration occurs within low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs), the most prominent dialogue focuses almost exclusively on migration from LMICs to high-income countries (HICs). Nowadays, populist discourse demonises the very same individuals who uphold economies, bolster social services, and contribute to health services in both origin and destination locations. Those in positions of political and economic power continue to restrict or publicly condemn migration to promote their own interests. Meanwhile nationalist movements assert so-called cultural sovereignty by delineating an us versus them rhetoric, creating a moral emergency.

In response to these issues, the UCL-Lancet Commission on Migration and Health was convened to articulate evidence-based approaches to inform public discourse and policy. The Commission undertook analyses and consulted widely, with diverse international evidence and expertise spanning sociology, politics, public health science, law, humanitarianism, and anthropology. The result of this work is a report that aims to be a call to action for civil society, health leaders, academics, and policy makers to maximise the benefits and reduce the costs of migration on health locally and globally. The outputs of our work relate to five overarching goals that we thread throughout the report...

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[Debate ethics of embryo models from stem cells](#)

International discussion must guide research...

Nicolas Rivron, Martin Pera,[\[...\]](#) & Rosario Isasi

Article | 14 November 2018

[Widespread but heterogeneous responses of Andean forests to climate change](#)

With global warming, Andean forests are changing to include more trees of low-elevation, heat-loving species but rates of compositional change are not uniform across elevations and are insufficient to keep species in equilibrium with climate.

Belén Fadrique, Selene Báez[\[...\]](#) & Kenneth J. Feeley

Abstract

Global warming is forcing many species to shift their distributions upward, causing consequent changes in the compositions of species that occur at specific locations. This prediction remains largely untested for tropical trees. Here we show, using a database of nearly 200 Andean forest plot inventories spread across more than 33.5° latitude (from 26.8° S to 7.1° N) and 3,000-m elevation (from 360 to 3,360 m above sea level), that tropical and subtropical tree communities are experiencing directional shifts in composition towards having greater relative abundances of species from lower, warmer elevations. Although this phenomenon of 'thermophilization' is widespread throughout the Andes, the rates of compositional change are not uniform across elevations. The observed heterogeneity in thermophilization rates is probably because of different warming rates and/or the presence of specialized tree communities at ecotones (that is, at the transitions between distinct habitats, such as at the timberline or at the base of the cloud forest). Understanding the factors that determine the directions and rates of compositional changes will enable us to better predict, and potentially mitigate, the effects of climate change on tropical forests.

Nature Medicine

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New England Journal of Medicine

December 13, 2018 Vol. 379 No. 24

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Perspective

[History of Medicine: Influenza Cataclysm, 1918](#)

David M. Morens, M.D., and Jeffery K. Taubenberger, M.D., Ph.D.

This year marks the centennial of an influenza pandemic that killed 50 million to 100 million people globally — arguably the single deadliest event in recorded human history. Evidence suggests that another pandemic at least as severe may occur one day.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 47 Issue 6, December 2018

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Research Article

[Associations between sex work laws and sex workers' health: A systematic review and meta-analysis of quantitative and qualitative studies](#)

Sex workers are at disproportionate risk of violence and sexual and emotional ill health, harms that have been linked to the criminalisation of sex work. We synthesised evidence on the extent to which sex work laws and policing practices affect sex workers' safety, health, and access to services, and the

pathways through which these effects occur... Together, the qualitative and quantitative evidence demonstrate the extensive harms associated with criminalisation of sex work, including laws and enforcement targeting the sale and purchase of sex, and activities relating to sex work organisation. There is an urgent need to reform sex-work-related laws and institutional practices so as to reduce harms and barriers to the realisation of health.

Lucy Platt, Pippa Grenfell, Rebecca Meiksin, Jocelyn Elmes, Susan G. Sherman, Teela Sanders, Peninah Mwangi, Anna-Louise Crago

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PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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Research Article

Economic impact of dengue in Mexico considering reported cases for 2012 to 2016

Adriana Zubieta-Zavala, Malaquias López-Cervantes, Guillermo Salinas-Escudero, Adrian Ramírez-Chávez, José Ramos Castañeda, Sendy Isarel Hernández-Gaytán, Juan Guillermo López Yescas, Luis Durán-Arenas

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Abstract

Background

Given that dengue disease is growing and may progress to dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), data on economic cost and disease burden are important. However, data for Mexico are limited.

Methodology/Principal findings

Burden of dengue fever (DF) and DHF in Mexico was assessed using official databases for epidemiological information, disabilities weights from Shepard et al, the reported number of cases and deaths, and costs. Overall costs of dengue were summed from direct medical costs to the health system, cost of dengue to the patient (out-of-pocket expenses [medical and non-medical], indirect costs [loss of earnings, patient and/or caregiver]), and other government expenditures on prevention/surveillance. The first three components, calculated as costs per case by a micro-costing approach (PAATI; program, actions, activities, tasks, inputs), were scaled up to overall cost using epidemiology data from official databases. PAATI was used to calculate cost of vector control and prevention, education, and epidemiological surveillance, based on an expert consensus and normative construction of an ideal scenario.

Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) for Mexico in 2016 were calculated to be 2283.46 (1.87 per 100,000 inhabitants). Overall economic impact of dengue in Mexico for 2012 was US\$144 million, of which US\$44 million corresponded to direct medical costs and US\$5 million to the costs from the patient's perspective. The estimated cost of prevention/surveillance was calculated with information provided by federal government to be US\$95 million. The overall economic impact of DF and DHF showed an increase in 2013 to US\$161 million and a decrease to US\$133, US\$131 and US\$130 million in 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively.

Conclusions/Significance

The medical and economic impact of dengue were in agreement with other international studies, and highlight the need to include governmental expenditure for prevention/surveillance in overall cost analyses given the high economic impact of these, increasing the necessity to evaluate its effectiveness.

Author summary

Dengue fever is caused by a flavivirus transmitted predominantly by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*. Infection causes a broad spectrum of clinical signs and symptoms, from mild disease, such as dengue fever to a life threatening form known as dengue hemorrhagic fever. The disease is widespread in tropical regions. Measures such as vector control can slow the spread of infection, and most countries where the disease is endemic, Mexico included, have programs in place to this end. However, faced with other health issues that also require attention, it is important to quantify the suffering caused by dengue and also its economic costs. In this study, we aimed to produce detailed figures for Mexico to complement and refine those available from international studies. Such information will help guide how the money budgeted for health in dengue is spent.

PLoS One

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Research Article

[Supportive interventions to improve retention on ART in people with HIV in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review](#)

Amy W. Penn, Hana Azman, Hacsí Horvath, Kelly D. Taylor, Matthew D. Hickey, Jay Rajan, Eyerusalem K. Negussie, Margaret Doherty, George W. Rutherford

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Research Article

[Social identity mediates the positive effect of globalization on individual cooperation: Results from international experiments](#)

Gianluca Grimalda, Nancy Buchan, Marilynn Brewer

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Abstract

Globalization is defined for individuals as their connectivity in global networks. Social identity is conceptualized as attachment and identification with a group. We measure individual involvement with global networks and local, national, and global social identity through a questionnaire. Propensity to cooperate is measured in experiments involving local and global others. Firstly, we analyze possible determinants of global social identity. Overall, attachment to global identity is significantly lower than national and local identity, but there is a significant positive correlation between global social identity and an index of individual global connectivity. Secondly, we find a significant mediating effect of global social identity between individual global connectivity and propensity to cooperate at the global level. This is consistent with a cosmopolitan hypothesis of how participation in global networks reshapes social identity: Increased participation in global networks increases global social identity and this in turn increases propensity to cooperate with others. We also show that this model receives more support than alternative models substituting either propensity to associate with others or general generosity for individual global connectivity. We further demonstrate that more globalized individuals do not reduce contributions to local accounts while increasing contributions to global accounts, but rather are overall more generous. Finally, we find that the effect of global social identity on cooperation is significantly stronger in countries at a relatively low stage of globalization, compared to more globalized countries.

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

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[Global synthesis of conservation studies reveals the importance of small habitat patches for biodiversity](#)

Brendan A. Wintle, Heini Kujala, Amy Whitehead, Alison Cameron, Sam Veloz, Aija Kukkala, Atte Moilanen, Ascelin Gordon, Pia E. Lentini, Natasha C. R. Cadenhead, and Sarah A. Bekessy
PNAS published ahead of print December 10, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1813051115>

Significance

Expansive development for urbanization, agriculture, and resource extraction has resulted in much of the Earth's vegetation existing as fragmented, isolated patches. Conservation planning typically deprioritizes small, isolated patches, as they are assumed to be of relatively little ecological value, instead focusing attention on conserving large, highly connected areas. Yet, our global analysis shows that, if we gave up on small patches of vegetation, we would stand to lose many species that are confined to those environments, and biodiversity would decline as a result. We should rethink the way we prioritize conservation to recognize the critical role that small, isolated patches play in conserving the world's biodiversity. Restoring and reconnecting small isolated vegetation patches should be an immediate conservation priority.

Abstract

Island biogeography theory posits that species richness increases with island size and decreases with isolation. This logic underpins much conservation policy and regulation, with preference given to conserving large, highly connected areas, and relative ambivalence shown toward protecting small, isolated habitat patches. We undertook a global synthesis of the relationship between the conservation value of habitat patches and their size and isolation, based on 31 systematic conservation planning studies across four continents. We found that small, isolated patches are inordinately important for biodiversity conservation. Our results provide a powerful argument for redressing the neglect of small, isolated habitat patches, for urgently prioritizing their restoration, and for avoiding simplistic application of island biogeography theory in conservation decisions.

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From Local Action to National Progress on 5 Major Health Challenges: The Bloomberg American Health Initiative

Guest Editor: Joshua M. Sharfstein, Jessica Leighton, Alfred Sommer and Ellen J. MacKenzie

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Review

[**Assessment of country policies affecting reproductive health for adolescents in the Philippines**](#)

Adolescents in the Philippines face many legal, social and political barriers to access sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, putting them at higher risk of unplanned pregnancy, abortion, sexually tra...

Authors: Junice L. D. Melgar, Alfredo R. Melgar, Mario Philip R. Festin, Andrea J. Hoopes and Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli

Citation: Reproductive Health 2018 15:205

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Science

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Introduction to special issue:

[Revealing the brain's molecular architecture](#)

Policy Forum

[Tragedy revisited](#)

By Robert Boyd, Peter J. Richerson, Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Tine De Moor, Matthew O. Jackson, Kristina M. Gjerde, Harriet Harden-Davies, Brett M. Frischmann, Michael J. Madison, Katherine J. Strandburg, Angela R McLean, Christopher Dye

Science 14 Dec 2018 : 1236-1241

Summary

"Freedom in a commons brings ruin to all." So argued ecologist Garrett Hardin in "[The Tragedy of the Commons](#)" in the 13 December 1968 issue of Science (1). Hardin questioned society's ability to manage shared resources and avoid an environmentally and socially calamitous free-for-all. In the 50 years since, the essay has influenced discussions ranging from climate change (see page [1217](#)) to evolution, from infectious disease to the internet, and has reached far beyond academic literature—but not without criticism. Considerable work, notably by Nobelist Elinor Ostrom (2), has challenged Hardin,

particularly his emphasis on property rights and government regulatory leviathans as solutions. Instead, research has documented contexts, cases, and principles that reflect the ability of groups to collectively govern common resources. To mark this anniversary and celebrate the richness of research and practice around commons and cooperation, Science invited experts to share some contemporary views on such tragedies and how to avert them. —Brad Wible

Perspectives

Reimagining the human

By Eileen Crist

Science 14 Dec 2018 : 1242-1244 Full Access

A human-centric worldview is blinding humanity to the consequences of our actions

Summary

Earth is in the throes of a mass extinction event and climate change upheaval, risking a planetary shift into conditions that will be extremely challenging, if not catastrophic, for complex life (1). Although responsibility for the present trajectory is unevenly distributed, the overarching drivers are rapid increases in (i) human population, (ii) consumption of food, water, energy, and materials, and (iii) infrastructural incursions into the natural world. As the “trends of more” on all these fronts continue to swell, the ecological crisis is intensifying (2–4). Given that human expansionism is causing mass extinction of nonhuman life and threatening both ecological and societal stability, why is humanity not steering toward limiting and reversing its expansionism?

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 219 Pages 1-86 (December 2018)

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Fall 2018 Volume 16, Number 4

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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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Protocol

[Evidence of promoting prevention and the early detection of breast cancer among women, a hospital-based education and screening interventions in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review protocol](#)

Given the increasing burden of breast cancer in the low- and middle-income countries, cost-effective approaches are needed to improve the early detection of breast cancer in these continents. Global policies a...

Authors: Adwoa Bemah Bonsu and Busisiwe Purity Ncama

Citation: Systematic Reviews 2018 7:234

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Protocol

[A systematic review of the risk factors for suicidal ideation, suicidal attempt and completed suicide among children and adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa between 1986 and 2018: protocol for a systematic review of observational studies](#)

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death among children and adolescents. Most studies about the burden and risk factors for suicide have been conducted in high-income countries. However, there is a dearth...

Authors: Godfrey Zari Rukundo, Elizabeth Kemigisha, Moses Ocan, Wilson Adriko and Dickens Howard Akena

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Torture Journal

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Special section: Sexual, gender-based and genderized torture

Editorial

[From sexualized torture and gender-based torture to genderized torture: The urgent need for a conceptual evolution](#)

Pau Pérez-Sales, Maggie Zraly

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[2030 Agenda](#)

Vol. LV No. 2 2018 August 2018

This issue focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, which commits United Nations Member States to work towards a sustainable future for all. The articles, by Senior Officials of the United Nations system, examine the Organization's lead role in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and in promoting peace, social equality and human rights.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 13, Issue 4, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

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World Heritage Review

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

World Heritage n°89 - October 2018

[World Heritage and Wetlands](#)

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

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

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